

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 for a regular business meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Dan Shipman (District One), Trevor Karr (District Two), Lonnie Knehans (District Three), Keith Buschow (District Four) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Buschow gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

Paul Stoner, Highway Foreman, met with the Board and reported nothing new except continuing with culverts, ditches, road work and repairs going on with the road crew. More gravel has been put on roads. Paul will check into this more. The crew is working on tube at Paul Krueger's property. Paul said the bridge on the feedlot road had some damage so that will be an issue to deal with also. The Bladen blacktop pot holes are a concern and will be addressed.

At 9:00am, the Board held their gravel bid letting with only one bid submitted. The bid from Bladen Sand and Gravel was given by Carmon Gross. After discussion, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve of this bid ranging from cost of \$10.00 pit price and average price of precincts at \$13.33. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

Clerk Petsch reported two budgets had gone over the requested expenses. Motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Shipman to exceed County Medical Expenses by \$2,076.46 with proceeds coming from the budgeted reserve. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

Clerk Petsch also reported the Elections Fund also had gone over budget. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to exceed Election Budget by \$10,502.15 with proceeds coming from the Miscellaneous General Budget. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Jared Fullerton from APHIS met with the Board to request an annual funding of \$6,921.19. He reported on all the work he had done with the animal damage control in the County. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve of this one year request. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

Clerk Petsch had asked Jolene Duffy, Clerk Magistrate, to report on Chief Justice Heavican coming to the Courthouse on August 12<sup>th</sup>. He is visiting all the counties in Nebraska. This is an honor for our county and hopefully we can make it a special time for him when he arrives.

At 9:45am, Region 3 Behavioral Health Services had sent a Letter of Request for funding of \$9,039,72 for FY 2019-2020. Motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this funding. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. This was not an increase in funding for Region 3.

The Board went over the specs for the new window project and will submit bids. Applications can be obtained at the County Clerk's Office. Bid Letting will be done at the July 16, 2019 meeting.

At 10:00am, Jo Springer from SASA met with the Board for funding request. Jo explained services being done at the crisis center and how it was benefiting a great amount of people who are victims of violence and abuse. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve of this request. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Voting no: Knehans. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve payment of salaries and claim. All members voted in favor.

At 10:30am, Abbey Harig, Deputy met with the Board on Cash in Lieu program approved at the previous meeting.

Treasurer Janet and Clerk Petsch met with the Board about removing the old carpets in their vaults and painting the floors. Was tabled until more information can be obtained.

The Board also discussed the south courthouse steps. Tabled until more information can be given from Knehans.

At 10:45am, Casey Muzic and Becky Simpson met on Annual membership with Midland Area Agency on Aging requesting \$5,136.00. Following a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve funding. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. The Board then discussed the checking account of Webster County Transportation. Lonnie reported that some of the transportation monies held by the Board should have gone to the Webster County Treasurer. Motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Shipman to place \$8,048.50 into the Treasurer's General Fund under a specified account.

At 11:45am, Janet met with the Board about a Letter of Credit. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve Resolution 23-2019 and sign this Letter of Credit to secure County Treasurer accounts. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Janet also discussed with the Board family health insurance. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve of budgeting 25% of the family/spousal share of premium and putting this in the budget of each office who has family coverage. Voting in favor: Knehans, Ratzlaff and Karr. Voting no: Buschow and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 12:05pm, Assessor Krueger met with the Board on personal policy handbook updates for the members to sign. Motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Board of Equalization for Assessor and taxpayer valuation protest forms. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Buschow to approve 4 taxpayer protests filed with the Assessor. Voting in favor: Buschow, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried. Motion was made by Knehans, seconded by Karr to approve 61 Assessor Protests based on technology transfers. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Sonja also gave the Board hearing protest dates of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> to hear from the taxpayers if they choose to attend them. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

Claims and salaries approved earlier in the meeting are wages of \$130,712.35 and claims listed:

**GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$6190.86; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health)-\$20,913.44; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$196.71; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$15.08; Bryan Heart (Medical)-\$252.36; Cobblestone Hotel & Suites (Lodging)-\$267.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1712.74; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$225.52; Fica - \$6593.97; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$2796.18; First Concord Benefits - \$1475.64; First Concord Benefits Group (Fee)-\$17.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$222.00; GIS Workshop (Fees/Support)-\$10,825.00; Glenn Plumbing & Heating (Repairs)-\$61.85; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1081.99; Holiday Inn Express (Lodging)-\$220.00; Hometown Leasing (Leases)-\$4361.70; Hometown Market (Supplies)-\$398.78; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$33.98; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment (Uniforms)-\$497.54; Carla Jameson (Expense)-\$166.52; Elizabeth Janning (Supplies)-\$303.85; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Repairs)-\$46.86; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$118.32; Sonja Krueger (Expense)-\$138.00; L-Tron (Supply)-\$172.00; La Quinta Inn & Suites (Lodging)-\$219.90; Madison County Sheriff (Fees)-\$19.83; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$17.17; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1801.17; MIPS (Supply/Equip)-\$8161.04; MIPS Inc. (Support)-\$2155.97; Morris Press (Supply)-\$164.06; Alisa Muhs (Expense)-\$177.27; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phone)-\$45.85; Neofunds by Neopost (Postage)-\$2000.00; Nuckolls County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$33.86; Casie Olson (Supply)-\$17.95; Red Cloud Chief (Subscription)-\$32.50; Regan Supply Company (Supply)-\$463.36; Sam's Club (Dues)-\$107.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund)-\$2811.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1734.28; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Teledigm Physician Service (Medical)-\$193.14; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1390.15; Turner Technology (Fees)-\$157.50; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Equipment)-\$8406.14; Verizon Wireless (Phones)-\$240.06; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$173.00; Webster County Ag Association (Passes)-\$900.00; Webster County Court (Court)-\$34.00; Webster County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$36.00; Webster County Treasurer (Postage)-\$160.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$2507.81; Bladen Sand & Gravel (Gravel)-\$7297.74; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$56.82; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health)-\$10,911.36; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$70.37; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$138.58; Century Lumber Center (Repairs)-\$53.34; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$3622.77; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$91.21; Diamond Lime, LLC (Gravel)-\$1231.62; Fica - \$2799.87; Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust (Payment)-\$34,376.82; Fastenal (Supply)-\$101.77; First Concord Benefits Group (Fee)-\$270.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fee)-\$10.00; Gilbert Electric (Repairs)-\$603.76; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$108.28; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$77.90; Hastings Outdoor Power LLC (Repairs)-\$149.94; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$41.90; Jim's OK Tires (Repairs)-\$257.50; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Repairs)-\$118.48; Meridian Agriculture Distribution (Chemical)-\$1223.88; MIPS Inc (Support)-\$108.98; NAPA Auto Parts (Repairs)-\$85.20; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$5792.99; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Fees)-\$3648.24; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$13,025.40; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$113.44; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$995.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$139.31; Timm's Service (Repairs)-\$1519.44; Wiarcum Inc (Phone)-\$275.40. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** MIPS Inc (Support)-\$108.75. **SELF INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Douglas P Baum, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$126.00; Robert G Money, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$239.00; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$403.40; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S, PC (Dental)-\$1034.20. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$179.59; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health)-\$909.28; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$679.21; Fica - \$203.54; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$32.99; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$111.00. **AMBULANCE FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$65.91; Fica - \$33.76; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$48.28; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$57.52; Ron's Pharmacy (Medical)-\$11.96; Stryker Medical (Supply)-\$946.63.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:35pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 8:30am. A current agenda and complete minutes are on file at the County Clerk's Office and at [www.co.webster.ne.us](http://www.co.webster.ne.us).

Dates this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019  
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ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk