

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, July 2, 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), and Keith Buschow (District Four). Gary Ratzlaff (District Five) was absent. The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Buschow gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Gary Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

At 8:45am, Paul Stoner met with the Board. L & M Contractors are working in northern Nebraska and upon completion will fix bridge at Guide Rock. Hopefully the Walnut Creek bridge will be done in October. New storms continue to play havoc with the roads and ditches and road crews are diligently working to keep up with this continual problem. A bridge south of Schuttes is being looked at for damage. Paul reported the road crews are doing an outstanding job with the continued rains causing more problems. Paul and the Board would like to thank the farmers for their patience and understanding in this existing problem that continues to plague the county. Paul also commented that Noxious Weed Supt Dennis VanWey is also doing an outstanding job helping the roads department with spraying the roadsides, etc.

The Sheriff's Quarterly Fee report was presented to the Board as well as the Clerk of District Court summary report for their review.

At 9:15am, the Board discussed the windows for the courthouse. More information needs to be obtained on this matter. Dan Shipman talked to the State Fire Marshal by phone conversation and will meet with him tomorrow, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm at the courthouse.

At 9:30am, Lance Harter, Highway Superintendent met with the Board along with Paul Stoner. The Board had previously discussed fixing the box culvert on Road L north of Guide Rock in Beaver Creek. It is ready for bids with estimate cost of \$180,000.00. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to proceed with Project Structure C00923025 for a triple concrete box culvert with completion date in spring of 2020. Voting in favor: Buschow, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

Treasurer Knehans and Clerk Petsch met with the Board on the Webster County Transportation Fund. As per our Auditor's request, this account will be transferred to the South Central State Bank and placed under the supervision of the Treasurer's office. Motion was made by Knehans, second by Karr to establish a 2200 separate fund for the Handibus. Voting in favor: Buschow, Knehans, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

At 10:15am, Ron Sunday met with the Board on the Emergency Manager Budget. Due to increased work load with FEMA and phone calls, he is requesting a wage increase from \$400 a month to \$700 starting July 1st, 2019. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to allow this increase in wages. Voting in favor: Buschow, Karr and Shipman. Voting no: Knehans. Absent: Ratzlaff.

Deputy Abbey Harig met with the Board on payroll cash-in-lieu of health insurance. Representative Jim Daubert will meet with the employees on July 10 at the courthouse.

Chairman Buschow signed the Nebraska Department of Transportation form sent for allocation funds.

At 12:30 p.m., the Board of Equalization reconvened. Members present: Buschow, Knehans, Karr, Assessor Krueger and Deputy Assessor Scheuneman. Absent: Ratzlaff and Shipman.

PROTEST OF VALUATION HEARINGS WERE:

Protest 2019-5 Robert & Cheryl Hennig, owners, Robert present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-21 Kevin & Michelle Kohmetscher, owners, Kevin present, valuation no change;  
Protest 2019-6 Thomas & Linda Hitchler, owners, no one present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-10 Howard & Teresa Andersen, owners, no one present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-11 Wayne & Cherie Bonifas, owners, no one present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-AP68 Sonja L Krueger, Assessor, owner-J-HAJ Entourage, LLC, Assessor present, valuation increased;  
Protest 2019-AP67 Sonja L Krueger, Assessor, owner-Oakridge Partners, LLC, Assessor present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-9 Jack & Anne Wilson, owners, no one present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-36 Mitchell & Sharon Woeste, owners, no one present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-32 GGP, LLC, owners, no one present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-33 Phil & Mary Hansen, owners, no one present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-7 Travis & Kristy Kennedy, owners, no one present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-8 Travis & Kristy Kennedy, owners, no one present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-12 Charles & Kayleen Meyers, owners, no one present, valuation decreased;  
Protest 2019-19 Gregory & Katrina Brenn, owners, no one present, valuation decreased.

Motion made by Buschow, seconded by Knehans, to approve the 15 protests. Voting in favor: Buschow & Knehans, Voting no: Karr, Absent: Ratzlaff & Shipman. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization meeting recessed @ 1:55 until the July 16<sup>th</sup> hearing date.

Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Knehans to approve claims and salaries for July 2, 2019. All members present voted in favor. Absent: Ratzlaff.

Salaries for 6 part-time and 16 EMTs totaled \$7956.83.

**GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$312.38; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt (Counsel)-\$712.18; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$514.43; Bockstadter Law Office (Contract)-\$1705.00; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$68.44; Ron Brumbaugh (Cleaning)-

\$1766.67; Busch Construction (Repairs)-\$660.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$448.00; FICA - \$349.05; Eakes Office Supply (Supply)-\$1232.32; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$705.81; Franklin County Sheriff (Fees)-\$18.50; Galls Incorporated (Supply)-\$71.95; Glenwood (Fee)-\$10.00; Alexa Hinrichs (Expense)-\$87.00; Holiday Inn Kearney (Lodging)-\$199.90; Hometown Leasing (Payment)-\$121.00; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$62.13; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$104.43; JDs (Fee)-\$2300.00; Janet Knehans (Expense)-\$118.32; Leaf Capitol Funding, LLC (Payment)-\$424.45; Mips Inc (Supply)-\$60.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Training)-\$150.00; Neofunds by Neopost (Postage)-\$1000.00; Postmaster (Box Rent)-\$150.00; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$116.68; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$99.89; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1168.65; Superior Publishing Company Inc (Supply)-\$60.00; Ken VanWey (Repairs/Mowing)-\$1255.00; Village Pharmacy (Supply)-\$75.34; Webster Co Clerk District Court (Fees)-\$206.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Fees)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Fee)-\$20.00; York County Sheriff (Fee)-\$98.22.

**ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$72.06; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$88.08; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$9833.56; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$91.21; Caterpillar Financial Services (Payment)-\$23,858.10; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$682.73; FICA - \$81.67; First National Bank Omaha (Repairs)-\$97.72; Fleetpride (Repairs)-\$66.22; GIS Workshop (Expense)-\$600.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phone)-\$257.27; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$73.70; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$32.17; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$523.31; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$72.13; L&M Tire (Supply)-\$18.58; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$22.21; NAPA Auto Parts (Repairs)-\$21.99; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$863.82; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$4327.65; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$33.00; Spic & Span Cleaners (Supply)-\$1008.00; Michael Todd & Company (Repairs)-\$288.63; Verizon Wireless (Phone)-\$34.68; Windstream (Phone)-\$70.74. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Fee)-\$9824.25.

**SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$331.20; Heartland Oral Surgery & Dental (Dental)-\$63.20; Island View Dental (Dental)-\$41.00; Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$815.00; Robert G Money, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$127.80. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Lincoln)-\$186.00. **AMBULANCE FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$34.15; FICA - \$176.46; Family Medical Center of Hastings (Medical)-\$134.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Oxygen Rental)-\$56.49; Stryker Sales Corporation (Supply)-\$223.63.

**Salaries for Employees: (Monthly)**

4 County Commissioners: \$1,800.00; 1 County Commissioner: \$1,215.00; 3 County Officials: \$4,416.67; 1 County Official: \$4,792.08; 1 County Official: \$4,749.99; 1 Official Jailer: \$400.00; 1 Chief Deputy Sheriff: \$3,500.00; 2 Deputy Sheriff: \$3,250.00; 2 Deputy Sheriff: \$3,050.00; 5 on-call compensation: \$50.00; 2 Deputy County Officials: \$3,091.67; 1 Deputy County Official: \$2,473.81; 5 County Officials Office Clerks: \$2,818.87; 1 Chief Dispatcher Jailer: \$3,050.00; 3 Dispatchers: \$2,850.00; 1 Dispatcher: \$2,430.00; 1 Vet Service Officer: \$1,148.74; 1 Emergency Manager: \$700.00; 1 Noxious Weed Supt: \$2,660.57; 1 Highway Supt: \$100.00; 1 Highway Supt Manager: \$4,166.66; 3 Road Operators: \$2,990.00; 3 Road Operators: \$2,946.67; 3 Road Operators: \$3,033.00; 1 Road Operator: \$3,120.00; 1 Office Manager/Road: \$2,856.67; 1 Office Deputy: \$16.88 an hour; 2 Office Clerks: \$15.86 an hour.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 10:45am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 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).

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2019  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk