

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 20th, 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), Keith Buschow (District Four) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Absent: Lonnie Knehans (District Three). The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Buschow gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve the minutes of the August 6th, 2019 meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Lonnie Knehans. Motion carried.

Paul Stoner met with the Board at 8:35am. They have been busy cleaning ditches and culverts, and putting gravel on roads. The dirt roads are bad again because of all the rain and runoff but will be fixed by harvest time. The road crews are working on some bridges in various parts of the county that are needing attention also.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to award the Bridge Project C009123025 bid to Van Kirk Bros that had been presented at the previous meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Knehans. Motion carried. Chairman Buschow signed the Notice of Award document sent by Oak Creek Engineering.

At 9:00am, bids were opened for Bridge Project Structure Replacement C009114210. Bids received were Midwest Service for \$51,197.32 and Ace/Eaton Metals for \$45,668.00. Following discussion, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to award bid to Ace/Eaton Metals. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Knehans. Motion carried. This project is south of town on River Road off Highway 281. Delivery date is October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

At 9:15am, Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board on pledged securities. Resolution 33-2019 for Irrevocable Letter of Credit #57253 for \$4,100,000.00 with expiration date of 9/20/19 was presented to the Board. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to sign Resolution 33-2019. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Knehans. Motion carried. Resolution 33-2019 was signed by Chairman Buschow.

### RESOLUTION 33 - 2019

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that **South Central State Bank** be permitted to Pledge the following securities, held in escrow by the Webster County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

**FHL BANK-TOPEKA**

**IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT #57253**

**AMOUNT: \$4,100,000.00**

**EXPIRATION DATE: 09/20/2019**

**ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

Janet also asked the Board if it was all right to paint their vault. The Board approved of having Monica Schmitz do this.

At 9:20am, the Board approved of participating for the next 3 years in the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling Events organized by the Trailblazer RC & D. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to proceed with this. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Absent: Knehans. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Gene Boner met with the Board about a dirt road. Paul Stoner will check into the situation. The Board discussed the situation with Mr. Boner and felt every effort has been made through the years to resolve this issue.

At 9:45am, Mirya Hallock met with the Board and gave a very favorable and thorough report of hospital activities. They have made a lot of improvements that have been funded by the Foundation and other sources with no cost to the County.

Attorney Sara Bockstadter met with the Board at 11:00am to discuss a bill she received for services done by another Attorney acting as a PR on an Estate in Webster County. She felt the County is not responsible for this bill and will appeal the decision made by the County Judge if they want her to. After discussion of the situation, the Board told Attorney Bockstadter to proceed with the appeal.

Sarah James met with the Board at 11:30am to go over the Budget and finalize it. The Board will approve the final document at our September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Brad Schick stopped in to say "hi" to the Board.

The following claims and payroll were approved for payment with a motion by Shipman, seconded by Karr. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Payroll for 44 salaried employees at \$128,705.33.

**GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$6.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$6154.23; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$457.25; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska (Health)-\$2347.28; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$19,094.88; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$413.24; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$29.27; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$225.52; S.S. (FICA)-\$6717.60; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$7.75; First Concord Benefits Group (Medical)-\$1123.34; First Concord Benefits Group (Fee)-\$15.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1200.16; Hall County Sheriff (Fees)-\$20.64; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$121.00; J&A Auto Supply (Repairs)-\$14.60; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1077.78; Lancaster County Sheriff (Fee)-\$37.52; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$21.74; Med-Tech Resource Inc (Supply)-\$347.67; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Handibus)-\$1241.08; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Funding)-\$5136.00; Midwest Special Services (Fees)-\$489.00; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$2248.33; NACO (Registration)-\$200.00; Nebr Assn of County Clerks (Registration)-\$100.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$87.37; Neofunds by Neopost (Postage)-\$1000.00; Louise Petsch (Expense/Supplies)-\$308.24; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$634.16; Repco Marketing, Inc (Supply)-\$48.30; Ryan Law Office (Counsel)-\$428.74; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$2811.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$532.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$26.51; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1140.00; Verizon Wireless (Phones)-\$240.06; Web Co Clerk of District Court (Fees)-\$108.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$2507.81; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$38.95; Barton Pipe & Rod (Repairs)-\$84.12; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-

\$11,441.11; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$9092.80; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$1113.53; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1365.59; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$315.30; S.S. (FICA)-\$2869.42; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$154.93; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$270.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$10.00; GIS Workshop (Subscription)-\$4500.00; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$35.79; J&A Auto Supply (Repairs)-\$81.83; Jim's Ok Tires (Repairs)-\$181.50; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Repairs)-\$122.34; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.57; Mips Inc (Fees)-\$108.98; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$4058.61; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$995.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$182.92; Timm's Service (Repairs/Fuel)-\$2317.28; Wiarcom Inc (Phone)-\$275.40. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$644.28; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Gravel)-\$4902.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$87.04. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Kory L Bumgardner D.D.S. (Dental)-\$193.60; Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$165.60; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$176.80; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$25.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: Dept of Administrative Servs 1500 (Beatrice/Lincoln)-\$366.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$179.59; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$34.73; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$173.39; S.S. (FICA)-\$238.31; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$111.00. AMBULANCE FUND: Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$97.49; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$48.83; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$42.13. Employee Salary: \$128,705.33.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019  
Webster County Board of Commissioners  
ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk