

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 3rd, 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). Vacant: (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 20th, 2019 meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Vacant: Commissioner District Three to be replaced at a later time. Motion carried.

At 8:30am, Paul Stoner met with the Board. He reported the Road Department is continuing to repair and fix roads and bridges. They will start on P Road west of Rob Wilson's. Paul ordered more tubes for inventory purposes. Repairs are being made on equipment. Monica, Office Administrator is keeping busy with doing all that FEMA is requiring for documentation. The Board of Commissioners appreciate the farmers cooperating with the Road Department in trying get the roads repaired and fixed correctly. They would also appreciate the farmers mowing their roadsides before winter sets in to prevent severe drifting since we may have a bad winter due to a lot of moisture this spring and summer. The Board discussed a different pickup for Paul since the other one is needing lots of repair and has high mileage. Paul also has stated they will be hiring another road employee and has already placed the ad in the newspapers.

Dan Shipman presented Keith Buschow with a copy of the by-laws for the Webster County Senior Citizens Committee.

Commissioner Ratzlaff, acting as the Veteran's Service Officer told the Board Keith Waechter's term had expired and that he was willing to continue to service on the Board. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve of this appointment. Voting in favor: Buschow, Karr and Shipman. Abstaining: Ratzlaff. Motion carried.

At 9:30am, Deputy Assessor Scheuneman met with the Board on the Assessor's car that is in need of repairs. Commissioners Karr and Shipman will take the car to Jared's and see what kind of expense it is going to take to repair it. If too much expense is required, the Board will look into replacing it with another vehicle.

Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve payment of payroll and claims. Motion carried with all four members voting in favor.

At 10:00am, Sarah Lutz met with the Board on finalizing the 2019-2020 Budget. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve the 1% increase in the restricted funds authority. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Vacant: District Three Commissioner. Motion carried. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations 34-2019. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. The Board also approved Resolution 35-2019 with a motion by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr for Setting the Property Tax Request. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION 34 – 2019

**WHEREAS**, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska as follows:

Section 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Webster County for said fiscal year.

Section 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020.

Section 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

**DATED AND PASSED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.

### RESOLUTION 35 – 2019

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of Webster County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance- setting the tax request at a different amount; and

**WHEREAS**, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the best interest of Webster County that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for prior year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Governing Body of Webster County, resolves that:

1. The 2019-2020 property tax request be set at \$3,836,911.51
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by -6%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.370709 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Webster County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.383701 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2019.

**DATED AND PASSED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.

At 10:30am, Ana Armstrong from the "On the Brix" met with the Board on her Special Designated Liquor License for September 22, 2019 at the Starke Round Barn from 2 to 8pm. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve this License. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

The Webster County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 all day in observance of the funeral of County Commissioner District #3, Lonnie Knehans .

The following claims and payroll are listed below.

**GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$327.73; Bockstadter Law Office (Contract)-\$1705.00; Katei Bolte (Expense)-\$67.86; Ron Brumbaugh (Contract)-\$1766.67; CEI Security (Repairs)-\$239.23; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fee)-\$448.00; S.S. (FICA)-\$371.42; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$228.39; Debra Fisbeck (Expense)-\$17.98; Glenwood (Fee)-\$10.00; Alexa Hinrichs (Expense)-\$111.61; Hometown Leasing (Leases)-\$250.00; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$121.80; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$361.42; Leaf Capital Funding, LLC (Lease)-\$424.45; Margaret Anne Meline (Prior Service)-\$42.00; Meyer Laboratory, Inc (Supply)-\$151.94; Mid-Nebraska Individual Services (Funding)-\$3812.00; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Funding)-\$5236.00; Mips Inc (Supplies)-\$353.43; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Fee)-\$135.00; Nebraska Labor Law Poster Service (Supply)-\$79.50; Sydney O'Daniel (Expense)-\$196.04; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1289.42; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2185.00; Clara Tietjen (Prior Service)-\$60.00; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Supply)-\$159.60; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$124.23; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Fee)-\$20.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance (Retire)-\$27.76; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$11,072.99; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$80.88; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$139.52; Diamond Lime, LLC (Gravel)-\$2464.85; S.S. (FICA)-\$31.46; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$162.25; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$16.29; L&M Contractors, INC (Surfacing)-\$13,825.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$22.21; Newman Traffic Signs (Signs)-\$1455.00; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$7802.20; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$44.50; C. Ardell Talkington (Prior Service)-\$42.00; Verizon Wireless (Phone)-\$37.32; Windstream (Phone)-\$71.58. **MODERN RECORDS:** Mips Inc (Support)-\$112.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Minden Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$442.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$258.40. **AMBULANCE FUND:** FICA - \$172.00; Optum360 (Supply)-\$43.95. Total Payroll: \$7514.51

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 10:45am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17th, 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 3rd day of September, 2019  
Webster County Board of Commissioners  
ATTEST: Louise Petsch  
Webster County Clerk