

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 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), TJ Vance (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 Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to approve the minutes of the November 19th, 2019 meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board and gave an update on Walnut Creek Bridge. Paul said gravel is being stocked at each road shop so they can fill in places as needed. Paul spoke to the board about the County Bridge Match Program that he is applying for. He handed out maps that Lance Harter put together. Discussion was had on which bridges would be best to apply for. Buschow asked Paul to come back at 10:00a.m. to talk about the Tort claim.

At 9:10am, the board discussed the fresh air system. Energized said to take 9 months to decide whether we want to install this or not. Should we decide we do not want to install this, there will be a write off to compensate this.

At 9:20am, Chairman Buschow gave an update on the key fobs for the courthouse. Someone will need to be trained on how to program these when time comes.

At 9:30am, Noxious Weed Superintendent, Dennis VanWey met with the board. He handed out his NDA Evaluation to the board to review. Dennis also gave the board his resignation letter. His last day will be February 28, 2020. Dennis said he would be happy to help train his replacement. The board thanked Dennis for all he has done, he has been a great asset for the county.

9:35am, Deputy County Assessor, Tami Scheuneman met with the board to get permission to use Keith Buschow's signature stamp for permissive exemptions. Keith approved this request.

9:40am, Treasurer, Janet Knehans met with the board on approval of an Irrevocable Letter of Credit Motion was made by Shipman, second by Karr to approve Resolution 48-2019. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Resolution 48-2019 was signed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 48-2019**

**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 #59146**

**AMOUNT: \$3,000,000.00**

**EXPIRATION DATE: 02/14/2020**

**ADOPTED** by the Webster County Board of Commissioners this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019

Motion was made by Ratzlaff seconded by Shipman to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Motion was made by Shipman seconded by Vance to sign Exempt Tax Form 457 for a Head Start vehicle. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Motion by Vance seconded by Karr to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

10:00am, Sara Bockstadter presented the Tort claim from Windstream. She will look into this and report at the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting.

10:07am, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to go into executive session. All in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance and Karr. Shipman opposed. Motion carried. Board has requested the County Attorney to look into personnel issues. Ratzlaff motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by Shipman. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

11:20am, Ratzlaff discussed the lights around the courtyard. The city is going to all LED lights and is willing to do the labor for free if the county buys the bulbs. Motion by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to proceed with this. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

11:30am, the board reviewed the outstanding check report and discussed sending letters out to get this cleaned up.

The following claims and payroll were approved for payment by motion being made by Shipman and seconded by Karr. All members present voted in favor

**GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$406.23; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$31.50; Bockstadter & Glen Law, LLC (Contract)-\$1705.00; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$23.78; Ron Brumbaugh (Contract)-\$1766.67; Central Nebr Cremation/Mortuary (Fees)-\$800.00; CVSOAN (Dues)-\$110.00; Dataspec, Inc (Software)-\$449.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$460.39; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$80.15; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$61.82; First Concord Benefits (Health)-\$447.28; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$186.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$1037.90; Phillip Fisbeck (Phone)-\$120.00; Michael Goebel (Phone)-\$120.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1193.20; Helena Agri-Ent, LLC (Repairs)-\$279.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$250.00; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$51.62; Tanner Krizek (Phone)-\$120.00; Leaf Capital Funding, LLC (Lease)-\$424.45; Margaret Anne Meline (Prior Service)-\$42.00; Midland Area Agency on Aging (Funding)-\$4160.66; Neb Instit of Forensic Sciences Inc (Fees)-\$2000.00; Sydney O'Daniel (Expense)-\$59.16; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$23.20; Gary Ratzlaff (Supply)-\$10.96; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$791.25; Red Cloud EMT's (Supply)-\$94.50; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1485.02; Revive Ministries/Horizon Recovery (Funding)-\$2000.00; Spectrum Graphics & Signs (Supply)-\$167.85; Ronald L Sunday (Phone)-\$120.00; Clara Tietjen (Prior Service)-\$60.00; Ken VanWey (Repairs/Mowing)-\$530.00; Daniel Vodicka (Phone)-\$120.00; Webster County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$19.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$19.44; Heath Arterburn (Phone)-\$120.00;

Nevin Arterburn (Phone)-\$120.00; Auto Glass Experts LLC (Repairs)-\$175.00; Paul Bencken (Phone)-\$120.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$140.48; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$7789.22; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$115.61; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Repairs)-\$645.62; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$122.04; S.S. (Fica)-\$22.04; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$42.56; First Concord Benefits (Health)-\$227.70; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$84.53; Fleetpride (Repairs)-\$518.48; Monte Garvin (Phone)-\$120.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phone)-\$161.53; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Michael Hunt (Phone)-\$120.00; Jared's Auto Experts (Repairs)-\$158.00; Bruce Johnson (Phone)-\$120.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$20.00; Monica Montgomery (Phone)-\$120.00; David Niles (Phone)-\$120.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$2922.61; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$62.00; Michael Reiman (Phone)-\$120.00; Paul Stoner (Phone)-\$120.00; C. Ardell Talkington (Prior Service)-\$42.00; Verizon Wireless (Phone)-\$37.32; Marvin Webber (Phone)-\$120.00; Werner Construction Company (Repairs)-\$1709.25; Windstream (Phone)-\$72.08; Kary Winslow (Phone)-\$120.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Douglas P Baum, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$170.00; Sean M Daly, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$117.60; Kearney Pediatric Dentistry (Dental)-\$1440.00; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$176.80. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: APFEL Funeral Home (Fees)-\$1500.00; NE Health & Human Services System (Lincoln)-\$93.00. AMBULANCE FUND: Bound Tree Medical LLC (Medical)-\$136.48; S.S. (Fica)-\$287.53; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$48.89; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$350.00. Total wages -\$10,064.68.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</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 3rd day of December, 2019  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Abbey Harig  
Webster Deputy County Clerk