

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 21st, 2020 for a regular business meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Dan Shipman (District One) by phone call, Trevor Karr (District Two) by phone call, TJ Vance (District Three) by phone call, Keith Buschow (District Four) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five) were present at the Courthouse. 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 April 7th, 2020 meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Vance to pay claims and bills. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner, Highway Manager met with the Board and reported Walnut Creek Project was done except for grass seeding. The Crews are tearing a bridge out on Rd 2100, putting tubes in on Rd 2100 and when completed with that will go to Guide Rock with dirt work. The Crews have been cleaning ditches and building the shoulders up throughout the County. Everything is working great!

At 8:45am, Clerk Petsch reported to the Board the Audit has been completed and placed on file in the Clerk's Office. She also stated that a voting drop box has been placed on the west side of courthouse for voters to put their ballots if they so choose. Clerk Petsch informed the Board the "Thank you gifts" for the Nurses at the Webster County Hospital have been gathered and delivered to them by TJ Vance. This is in appreciation for all they do to care for residents of Webster County.

The Board discussed the HVAC system fence.

At 9:00am, Treasurer Knehans presented an Irrevocable Letter of Credit for \$2,500,000.00 with an expiration date of 04/16/2021 for the Board to approve and Keith sign. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to approve of Resolution 15-2020. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Resolution 15-2020 was approved. Treasurer Knehans also reported to the Board that taxes have been coming in by mail or drop box. The public has been very supportive of the courthouse being closed for their safety as well as the employees inside the building.

At 9:10am, Deputy Clerk Harig met with the Board about the Vision Service option given to employees. Premiums will be raising a small amount but benefits are going to be better. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve of changes that will be starting July 1st. Voting in favor: All Members.

At 9:25 Assessor Krueger met with the Board of Equalization for Governmental Subdivision Protests. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go into the Board of Equalization. Assessor Krueger presented; GPS-1 City of Blue Hill, no appearance, CBOE decided Exempt. GPS-2 through GPS-14 City of Red Cloud and the City of Red Cloud Board of Trust, Kory McCracken appeared before the board on Zoom; GPS-3 through GPS-7 and GPS-8 through GPS-14, CBOE decided Exempt; GPS—8, Empty Lot no Public Purpose, CBOE decided Taxable, voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance and Shipman. Voting no: Karr. Motion carried. Motion made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to go out of the Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Board discussed status of courthouse being closed and consensus of the group was to keep courthouse closed going into May and the next board meeting will be May 5, 2020 at which time they will look into the situation again. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to proceed with this action. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held by zoom again.

GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$6376.36; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt (Counsel)-\$95.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$16,796.65; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$67.88; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$14.75; Coast to Coast Computer Products (Supply)-\$257.98; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1611.94; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$225.52; Dugan Printing & Promotions, LLC (Supply)-\$459.81; Fica (S.S.)-\$7135.19; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$304.31; Election Systems & Software (Ballots)-\$1633.87; Electronic Systems, Inc (Repairs)-\$75.00; First Concord Benefits (Health)-\$500.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$12.50; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$966.34; Marvin Hartman (Expense)-\$51.50; Troy Himmelberg (Expense)-\$40.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$121.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$494.34; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Repairs)-\$170.51; Jerry Langer (Expense)-\$40.00; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$34.34; Midwest Connect (Supply)-\$210.00; Nebr Clerk of Dist Court Assn (Fee)-\$75.00; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phone)-\$70.72; Protex Central (Repairs)-\$43.50; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postal)-\$2000.00; Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; Red Cloud (Chief)-\$455.87; Ryan Law Office (Counsel)-\$1315.14; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$30.96; Scott Schmidt (Expense)-\$40.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$2750.00; South Central State Bank (Supply)-\$68.23; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$52.65; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$1211.25; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services (Funding)-\$1435.16; Verizon Wireless (Phones)-\$240.06; Keith Waechter (Expense)-\$40.00; Webster County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$66.95; Garth Wentworth (Expense)-\$40.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$2587.04; Barton Pipe & Rod (Repairs)-\$70.89; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$9092.80; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$55.04; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Rock)-\$655.68; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1716.90; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$110.83; Fica (S.S.)-\$2973.18; First Concord Benefits (Fees)-\$1000.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fee)-\$10.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$84.75; J&A Auto Supply (Repairs)-\$414.22; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$2624.58; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Supply)-\$10.09; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$24.43; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$6.15; Napa Auto Parts (Repairs)-\$81.67; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$928.56; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Life)-\$1542.16; Olson Enterprises LLC (Repairs)-\$5.15; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$995.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Norfolk Contracting Inc (Culverts)-\$85,399.00; Van Kirk Contracting (Culverts)-\$66,103.76. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** NE Health & Human Services System (Beatrice/Lincoln)-\$360.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$202.41; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$34.20; Fica (S.S.)-\$264.18; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$69.98; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Self-Insured Dental

Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. **AMBULANCE FUND:** Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-\$486.48; CLIA Laboratory Program (Fee)-\$180.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$137.04; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$48.37. Total Payroll-\$138,334.12.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 10:15am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5th, 2020 at 8:30am. A current agenda and complete minutes are on file in the County Clerk's Office and at www.co.webster.ne.us.

Dated this 21st, day of April, 2020
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk