

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday May 5th, 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 Vance, seconded by Karr to approve the minutes of the April 21st, 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 Ratzlaff to pay claims and payroll. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent, or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Keith presented Clerk of District Court Report to the Board for review.

Outstanding Imprest Account Check Register was also presented to the Board for review.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board. They are working on several projects east and west of Guide Rock. They have finished the one on the State Line. They are also working on a bridge over by Inavale on Road P that badly needs repairs. The crews are doing a very good job throughout the County on projects. Paul has ordered grader blades.

At 9:15am Janet and Liz presented Resolution 16-2020 for transfer from General Fund to Road/Bridge (300) Fund for \$195,000.00 and Resolution 17-2020 for transfer from General Fund to Capital Construction (800) Fund for \$150,000.00. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Vance to approve of these two Resolutions. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Resolutions 16-2020 and 17-2020 were approved.

At 9:30am, Treasurer Knehans presented a Letter of Credit for \$3,000,000.00 with an expiration date of 6/16/20. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve of Resolution 18-2020. Voting in favor: All members. Voting absent, no or abstaining: None. Resolution 18-2020 was approved and signed.

Janet also met with the Board about removing Penny Witte from Treasurer's accounts at the Banks and adding her new Deputy County Treasurer Monica Schmitz to them. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to proceed with this. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Webster County Fair; Courthouse window trim and the HVAC System. Gary Ratzlaff will look into the HVAC problems with Dustin Gay and the Extension office. It was also decided that the Courthouse will remain locked the whole month of May and the Board will reassess the situation at their June 2nd meeting. Keith also presented to the Board the Bridge Bond Series 2020 Agreement previously discussed and will be signed by Chairman Keith Buschow, Treasurer Janet Knehans and Clerk Louise Petsch. This new interest rate will be a big savings for the County.

At 9:40am, Assessor Krueger entered the meeting by zoom and discussed Board of Equalization Protest Hearings coming up. They decided to hold them June 23rd at 1:00pm; July 7th at 1:00pm and July 8th at 6:00pm. Sonja will set up the times and dates as she receives the protest applications.

At 9:50am, the Board visited with Deputy Abbey Harig by phone on the Cash-in-Lieu contract coming up for renewal in June. Since our BC/BS Health Insurance premiums are not changing again this year, the cash-in-lieu amount will remain the same at \$454.64 for employees who do not take health insurance through the County due to spouse coverage or Medicare. This is a savings for the County!

Gary Ratzlaff discussed with the Board a NACO meeting to be held by a series of webinars. They wanted each county to have a representative do this. The Board unanimously nominated Gary. He will do this.

Claims and payroll approved above are listed as follows: Payroll and claims totaling \$440,148.61.

GENERAL FUND: Andy Alber (Fees)-\$46.45; Victoria Alber (Fees)-\$46.56; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$318.63; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$70.35; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$31.50; Bockstadter & Glen Law, LLC (Contract)-\$1705.00; Ron Brumbaugh (Contract/Repairs)-\$4985.05; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$448.00; Department of Pathology (Fees)-\$254.00; Fica (S.S.)-\$361.09; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$551.10; Election Systems & Software (Ballots)-\$2491.89; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$16.03; Glenwood (Phone)-\$10.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$185.23; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$129.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment (Uniforms)-\$553.54; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$1180.50; Leaf (Lease)-\$424.45; Heather Long (Fees)-\$45.30; Med-Tech Recourse LLC (Supply)-\$358.71; Nebraska Notary Association (Renewal)-\$156.18; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1618.32; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Ken VanWey (Repairs/Mowing)-\$945.00; Webster Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$102.90; Webster County Court (Crt Costs)-\$51.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$195,000.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$150,000.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$20.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$4625.51; Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Retire)-\$105.71; Black Hills Energy (Heating Fuels)-\$171.49; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$38,323.41; City of Blue Hill (Utilities)-\$112.23; Cencon of Kansas Utility Contractors (Rock)-\$841.43; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$77.50; Fica (S.S.)-\$119.80; First National Bank Omaha (Supplies)-\$88.04; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$167.15; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$48.92; John Deere Financial (Supplies)-\$222.69; LCL Truck Equipment, Inc (Supply)-\$36.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$22.21; Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc (Supply)-\$315.30; Midwest Service & Sales (Culverts)-\$1020.10; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$795.25; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$47.50; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$228.14; Star Seed Inc (Supply)-\$2217.84; VanWey Fencing (Repairs)-\$854.00; Windstream (Phone)-\$75.43. **ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND:** Quality Red D Mix Co (Culverts)-\$2678.00; Van Kirk Contracting (Culverts)-\$8978.04. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$53.99. **BRIDGE BOND FUND:** Union Bank & Trust Company (Fee)-\$524.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Ins Corp (Retire)-\$25.82; Fica (S.S.)-\$29.27. **AMBULANCE FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$139.17; Bound Tree Medical LLC (Supply)-

\$473.93; Fica (S.S.)-\$250.81; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$121.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Rental)-\$125.68; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$786.00; Platte Valley Comm of Hastings (Repairs)-\$786.00; Stryker Sales Corporation (Supply)-\$932.00. Total Payroll: \$9946.78.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 10:15am. The next regular meeting will be held by zoom again on Tuesday, May 19th, 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 5th day of May, 2020
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk