

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 4th, 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), Trevor Karr (District Two), TJ Vance (District Three), Keith Buschow (District Four) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Chairman Buschow gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the minutes of the July 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 Karr to pay claims and payroll. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 8:30am, Paul Stoner met with the Board. Paul discussed with the Board equipment getting repaired or replacing it, tubes being replaced, crews busy fixing roads with wash off damage from the heavy rains. They also discussed cemetery roads are in bad shape. Paul also had talked to Co Attorney Sara Bockstadter about minimum maintenance roads.

At 9:05am, Commissioner TJ Vance discussed with the Board about Rd 1000. The Board has been trying to address the situation in a fair and reasonable manner. The County will maintain the road properly.

At 9:15am, Deputy Abbey Harig presented an Agreement with Mid Rivers 911 for the Board to sign. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve this agreement. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried and Chairman Buschow signed the agreement.

At 9:30am, Clerk Liz Petsch presented an Irrevocable Letter of Credit with South Central State Bank, Campbell, Ne for \$100,000.00 with an expiration date of 7/23/21. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to approve this document. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:40am, Planning and Zoning Administrator Tami Scheuneman spoke to the Board and submitted information on the Little Blue Wind Project LLC. She presented each Commissioner with a complete packet. Meetings will be held in Franklin County on August 12th at 7pm at the Franklin County Courthouse and Webster County on August 13th at 2pm at the Red Cloud Community Center.

At 9:45am, Treasurer Janet Knehans met with the Board to request approval for all of her staff (Monica, Shannon and Nicole) to be able to access online banking while working. Board approved.

Chairman Buschow signed a document stating to Krieger Electric Co that HVAC System had been completed by Energized Electric 7/1/20. Monthly utility bill for the System since April of 2019 to July of 2020 has averaged \$93.83 a month. The Board felt this was a tremendous savings in utility bill for heating and cooling.

The Board looked over the Outstanding Checks Imprest Account Report presented by Clerk Petsch.

At 10:35am, Stan Rouse from Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. met with the Board for their approval of a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a Fiber home network in a rural area North of Guide Rock. Motion was made by Shipman, Seconded by Karr to approve of this. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:50am, Attorney Bockstadter met with the Board by teleconference call on an Attorney's Charge for settling an Estate some time ago in the amount of \$6,455.00. She had felt at the time, the County shouldn't pay this bill. She appealed it to the Nebraska Supreme Court and received an opinion from them on this matter. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Webster County not being responsible to pay this Attorney's bill.

Recycling dates are Tire Recycling in Guide Rock, August 14th from 8am to 12pm at the Elevator on the East side of the Highway, and the Household Hazardous Waste pickup tentatively scheduled for September 19th in Blue Hill from 8am to 10:00am.

The Board discussed and approved of keeping Cheyenne Knehans on a contract basis until the next Board meeting held August 18, 2020. This is protection of Coronavirus for the employees as well as the public.

At 11:15am, Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to go into Executive Session on personnel matters. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, and Karr. Voting No: Shipman. Motion carried. At 11:45am following discussion, motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Executive Session with no action taken. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$105.82; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$479.13; Axon Enterprise Inc (Training)-\$495.00; Blue Hill Leader (Subscriptions)-\$63.00; Bockstadter & Glen Law, LLC (Contract)-\$1805.00; Sara Bockstadter (Expense)-\$2.00; Ron Brumbaugh (Cleaning)-\$1766.67; Business World Prod/Hastings (Repairs)-\$155.00; Carpenter & Skalka Crt Reprting (Fees)-\$97.50; Comdata Universal Mastercard (Fuel)-\$30.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fee)-\$448.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$555.99; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$785.50; Farm & Home Publishers, LTD (Plat Books)-\$290.00; First Concord Benefits (Buy-down/Health)-\$1346.22; First National Bank Omaha (Zoom)-\$16.03; Glenwood (Fee)-\$10.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1151.57; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$129.00; J&A Auto Supply (Repairs)-\$35.98; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$358.63; Kearney County Clerk (Budget Share)-\$6012.36; Cheyenne Knehans (Contract)-\$1200.00; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Lustre-Cal Corporation (Supply)-\$299.00; Mid-Nebraska Individual Services (Funding)-\$3812.00; Mips Inc (Support)-\$2285.22; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$18.18; U.S. Postmaster (Postage)-\$174.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Lease)-\$303.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$32.50; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$2261.13; Rixstine Recognition (Supply)-\$200.00; Sahling Kenworth Inc (Expense)-\$712.40; Sam's Club (Supplies)-\$179.00; Robert Schulz (Windows)-\$5955.00; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O. (Counsel)-\$285.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$2921.25; Ken VanWey (Mowing)-\$960.00; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$65.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Fees)-\$330.65; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Fees)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Fees)-\$20.00; Zee Medical Service (Medical)-\$38.30. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ace/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$20,154.80;

Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$104.49; Barton Pipe & Rod (Repairs)-\$75.56; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$11,733.13; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$94.17; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$81.74; S.S. (Fica)-\$118.43; Eakes Office Solutions (Lease)-\$169.72; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$245.43; Fleetpride (Repairs)-\$503.14; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$157.65; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$48.92; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$22.21; Napa Auto Parts (Supply)-\$73.34; Nebraska Truck Center, Inc (Repairs)-\$660.20; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$1015.14; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Fees)-\$1290.75; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$5757.55; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$53.50; South Central Bobcat, Hastings, NE (Repairs)-\$355.38; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$18.00; Superior Fire Extinguisher Co (Repairs)-\$115.00; Windstream (Phone)-\$72.51. ROAD/BRIDGE CONST FUND: Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Fees)-\$195.87. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Funding)-\$372.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Superior Outdoor Power Center (Repairs)-\$129.99. AMBULANCE FUND: Village of Campbell (911)-\$210.00; Central Community College (Training)-\$220.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$136.38; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$48.37; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$400.00; RPM Collison (Repairs)-\$250.00. Total wages: \$10,597.98.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the Board meeting at 11:50am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 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 4th day of August, 2020
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk