

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, October 20th, 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, by zoom). 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 October 6th meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff (by zoom), Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

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

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board. After discussion on Request of Reclassification of Road D, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to approve Resolution 42-2020. Resolution 42-2020 was approved. This will be sent to the State for approval and then this will be changed to a minimum maintenance road. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff (by zoom), Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Paul also presented Resolution 43-2020 for a study to be made on Road 1800 from Road M to Road N and recommendation to vacate said road. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to approve this Resolution. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff (by zoom), Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 43-2020 was approved. This gives the County Highway Superintendent approval to perform said study.

The Board and Paul discussed road conditions in the County and also discussed asphalt funding for Bladen road and Showboat road. Discussed doing a Bond but will try to get approximate and accurate cost bids before proceeding.

Commissioner TJ Vance discussed Road 300 needing gravel with the Board.

Chairman Buschow discussed the Extension Floor remodel by Carmichael Const with the Board. They submitted a bid of \$24,441.60. They had been approved to do this in previous meeting. They plan to start the end of November.

At 9:30am the Board discussed the Christmas Party to be held Saturday, January 2, 2021 at the Red Cloud Golf Course. More info later.

At 9:40am, Ron Sunday and Sheriff Troy Schmitz spoke to the Board about upgrading cameras and licensing in the County Jail Building. Kevin Hansen from CEI had submitted a bid for \$3,262.00. This is needing done as it has been a long time since anything has been updated in the Jail. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Vance to take out of Courthouse since Troy had done all the initial cost before out of his budget. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff (by zoom), Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45, Clerk Petsch and Chief Deputy Ron Sunday met with the Board on COVID Quarantine policies. Several other employees were in attendance to this meeting discussion. A lengthy discussion concluded in the Board approving and having each employee sign a COVID-19 Policy drawn up by Assessor Sonja Krueger from input given by those in attendance and the Board. She will submit this into the Employee Handbook. It reads as follows: Decision was made to pay for 10 working days from date of initial quarantine/isolation; starting with a period of October 20, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Proof of positive testing must be submitted to the Official's office the employee works in. Hopefully no one will take advantage of this policy or they may not be paid wages and will have to take the time off from their accumulative sick leave. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Vance to approve of the 10- day policy effective immediately. Voting in favor: Buschow, Vance and Shipman. Voting no: Karr and Ratzlaff (by zoom). Motion carried.

At 10:00am, Clerk Petsch presented Resolution 44-2020 to renew our participation in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA and NIRMA II) for another three (3) years. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve of this Resolution. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff (by zoom), Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 44-2020 was approved.

At 10:15am, Alexa Pedersen from the Extension Office gave the Board their family 4-H awards and ribbons.

The Board discussed the HVAC System about repairs and things to do before the warranty runs out in February of 2021. **GENERAL FUND:** Advantage Laser Products (Supply)-\$99.00; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$6449.68; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$17,025.65; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$926.83; Bockstadter & Glen Law, LLC (Contract)-\$492.24; Carrot-Top Industries Inc (Supply)-\$130.33; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1577.01; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$225.52; S.S. (Fica)-\$6796.66; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$554.85; Election Systems & Software (Ballots)-\$4842.73; Farm & Home Publishers, LTD (Plat Books)-\$1150.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fee)-\$17.50; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$202.50; Franklin County Sheriff (Fees)-\$18.50; Glenn Plumbing & Heating (Repairs)-\$32.75; Hampton Inn-Kearney (Lodging)-\$133.82; Hometown Leasing (Leases)-\$1643.32; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$842.19; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$352.83; Cheyenne Knehans (Contract)-\$180.00; Lutz (Fees)-\$2800.00; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$31.19; Mips Inc (Support)-\$2285.22; Nebraska Labor Law Poster Service (Posters)-\$79.50; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phone)-\$78.77; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc (Postage)-\$303.00; Region 3 Behavioral Health Services (Funding)-\$2299.60; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$2623.00; South Central State Bank (Supply)-\$68.23; The Radar Shop (Repairs)-\$344.00; USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services (Funding)-\$1367.59; Verizon Wireless (Phones)-\$240.06; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$20.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$2632.48; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$31,275.23; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$58.76; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$1138.28; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$27.26; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$1785.31; Century Lumber Center (Repairs)-\$30.90; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$428.57; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$293.37; S.S. (Fica)-\$2941.48; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$5.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$86.15; J&A Auto (Supply)-\$57.52; Jim's OK Tires (Tires)-\$565.00; John Deere Financial (Repairs)-\$115.96; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Supply)-\$59.92; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.10; Mips Inc (Support)-\$108.98; Monica Montgomery

(Expense)-\$10.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$2238.60; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$825.80; Overhead Door (Repairs)-\$203.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$918.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$127.36; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$38.25; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$2937.42; Western Pathology Consultants (Test)-\$28.25. MODERN RECORDS FUND: Mips Inc (Support)-\$138.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Douglas P Baum, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$170.00; Bush Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$96.20; Mark Driscoll (Dental)-\$110.00; Robert G Money, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$200.80. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Fees)-\$180.00. BRIDGE BOND FUND: Union Bank & Trust Company (Int Payment)-\$11,439.19. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$233.10; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$81.23; Cooperative Producers Inc (Fuel)-\$99.01; S.S. (Fica)-\$264.18; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$120.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. Total Wages - \$134,503.43.

At 10:45am, the County Board looked at applicants received so far for the County Attorney Position open. They will be working on this at their next Board Meeting, November 3rd, 2020.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 11:00am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 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 20th day of October, 2020
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch

Webster County Clerk