

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 3rd, 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 Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the minutes of the October 20th meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Vance to pay claims and payroll. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board by telephone. The Board discussed a Resolution for the Board to approve vacating and abandoning a portion of Road 1800 that Highway Superintendent Lance Harter had done a road study on. Public hearing for this matter was set for December 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 meeting to be held at 9:00am. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve Resolution 45-2020. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 45-2020 was approved.

The Board discussed price quotes sent by Lance Harter on the Bladen Road and Showboat Road. Crews have been working on tubing and bridge work and a culvert has been ordered for Road 500 near Inavale. Feedlot road is needing repairs also.

At 9:10am, bids were opened for a motor grader. Bids were sent from Murphy Tractor of \$249,630.00 and Cat Nebraska Machinery for \$227,530.00. This would replace 1998 machine driven by Monte Garvin that had the transmission go out and had 23,000 hours on it. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to go with bid from CAT/Nebraska Machinery for a new 2019 Caterpillar 140M3 that will be available as soon as possible. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. The Board is also looking into the sale of their old Excavator.

At 9:30am, Treasurer Janet Knehans, met with the Board on public hearing to amend Budget and Levies concerning the Blue Hill Swimming Pool Bond for \$40,000.00 that was not previously listed in their budget. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Shipman to go into Board of Equalization Hearing to amend the Budget. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Vance to approve this amendment. 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 go out of Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor of this motion. Motion carried.

At 9:45am, Treasurer Knehans presented 16 Distress Warrants totaling \$8,400.06 for the Board to look at. A letter had also been received from Sheriff Troy Schmitz certifying these Distress Warrants had been received from Treasurer Knehans.

Sheriff Schmitz presented his annual Jail Report for 2020.

Commissioner and Veteran Service Officer, Gary Ratzlaff informed the Board the Veteran Service Committee had replaced Roger Mans with William Goosic and that Michael Barton has agreed to a term of another 5 years on this committee. The Board accepted these appointments.

Clerk Louise Petsch submitted the Ambulance Report for July 1, 2020 through September 31, 2020. Report was favorable. There was also discussion on the Red Cloud EMTs filling in occasionally for the Blue Hill Squad when no one is available. Board agreed this was okay.

At 10:00am, Transfer of \$40,000.00 from Inheritance Fund to Hospital Bond Fund was done by motion from Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried.

At 10:45am, the Board went over applications received on County Attorney Position. One applicant was reviewed and the other two will be interviewed at a later time.

The Board discussed opening the courthouse again. They decided it was time to reopen the Courthouse again starting, Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$538.13; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$11.60; Ron Brumbaugh (Contract)-\$1766.67; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$31.86; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fee)-\$448.00; Dell Marketing, L.P. (Supply)-\$137.69; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake, LLO (Counsel)-\$3752.50; S.S. (Fica)-\$603.13; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$492.59; First Concord Benefits (Health)-\$39.19; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$85.57; Franklin County Memorial Hospital (Fee)-\$125.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1163.40; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$2202.33; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$128.81; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$143.24; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center)-\$52.86; Sonja L Krueger (Expense)-\$148.66; Leaf (Lease)-\$424.45; Mips, Inc (Supply)-\$61.00; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$77.09; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$949.50; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1768.67; Revive Ministries/Horizon Recovery (Funding)-\$2000.00; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1439.80; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3397.45; Web Co Clk of Dist Crt (Fees)-\$36.00; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$74.10; Webster County Crt (Crt Costs)-\$69.00; Webster County Hospital (Test)-\$90.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; WJE Consulting LLC (Fees)-\$1095.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$20.00; Zee Medical Service (Med. Supplies)-\$66.80. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$10,049.20; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$99.02; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health)-\$6358.24; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$104.62; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$205.20; S.S. (Fica)-\$112.22; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$49.76; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$84.86; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$22.21; Medical Enterprises, INC (Supply)-\$14.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$5855.42; Paulsen Concrete (Rock)-\$1300.00; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$53.50; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$17.78; Paul Stoner (Expense)-\$150.00; Windstream (Phone)-\$73.68. **SELF-INSURED DNETAL FUND:** Bush Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$45.90; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$583.00. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$40,000.00. **HOSPITAL BOND FUND:** Union Bank & Trust Company (Bond Payment)-\$208,576.25. **AMBULANCE FUND:** S. S. (Fica)-\$184.58; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-

\$49.03; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$379.62; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$28.00; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$400.00. Total Wages - \$11,851.31.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow recessed the meeting at 11:50am until Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for two more County Attorney interviews at 11:00am and 1:00pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.co.webster.ne.us).

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2020  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch

Webster County Clerk