

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 Zoom, 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 Karr to approve the minutes of the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Brian Pederson met with the Board. The Board went over Brian's review from the NDA. The Board thanked Brian for all his good work. Brian also notified the board that his fall conference has been cancelled.

At 8:45am, the Board reconvened their meeting from November 3, 2020 on Monday, November 9, 2020 with a motion by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff. All members present voted in favor: Motion carried. The Board completed their interviews and motion was made by Karr, seconded by Vance to hire Patrick Calkins as the new Webster County Attorney. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman (by zoom). Motion carried. The Board was appreciative for Henry Schenker for his time filling in as interim County Attorney.

At 9:05am, Transfer of \$195,000.00 from the General Fund to the Bridge/Bond Fund was done by motion from Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried.

At 9:10am, Transfer of \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to Capital Construction was done by motion from Vance, seconded by Karr. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried.

At 9:15am, The Board discussed the annual certification of the County Highway Superintendent. Motion by Vance, seconded by Karr to appoint Lance Harter. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried.

At 9:20am, Paul stoner met with the Board. Paul gave an update on Road 1900 and Road L. The road crew has put in a lot of work repairing this area and are now working on cleaning the ditches out. Paul also gave an update on future projects they would like to get done throughout the county. Including a few bridges that need attention.

At 9:55am, the Board discussed and decided that the Webster County Courthouse would be closed on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and reopen for regular business on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

At 10:07am, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to go into Executive Session. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, and Karr. Voting no: Shipman. Motion carried. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to go out of Executive Session at 10:20am. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. No action was taken.

**GENERAL FUND:** Adams County Sheriff's Dept (Fees)-\$20.50; Kelli L Albin-Conway (Elect Offcl)-\$187.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$6397.73; Beyke Signs (Supply)-\$240.00; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$119.99; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$17,025.65; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$1292.02; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1200.86; CVSOAN (Fee)-\$50.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$225.52; DATASPEC, Inc (Fees)-\$449.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$6734.44; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$134.57; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$15.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Health)-\$334.83; Glenn Plumbing & Heating (Repairs)-\$46.80; Barbara Goebel (Elect Offcl)-\$165.15; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$712.77; Marvin Hartman (Elect Offcl)-\$153.00; Charleen M Himmelberg (Elect Offcl)-\$178.75; Thomas L Hitchler (Elect Offcl)-\$159.00; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Supply)-\$107.79; Brenda Knehans (Elect Offcl)-\$159.65; LuAnn Kosse (Elect Offcl)-\$143.00; Carol Kugler (Elect Offcl)-\$186.65; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$31.79; Margaret Anne Meline (Elect Offcl)-\$175.75; Mips, Inc (Support)-\$2285.22; John Ord (Elect Offcl)-\$165.65; Marcia Parr (Elect Offcl)-\$164.83; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$1000.00; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$868.42; Marlys Schmidt (Elect Offcl)-\$145.75; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$2623.00; Jerry T Shaw (Elect Offcl)-\$183.75; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$1811.50; Janice Skrdlant (Elect Offcl)-\$174.85; Debra Thayer (Elect Offcl)-\$143.00; Dennis L VanWey (Elect Offcl)-\$165.15; Ken VanWey (Repairs)-\$1137.63; Village Pharmacy (Medical)-\$85.82; Webster County Hospital (Health Fair)-\$270.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$195,000.00; Webster County Treasurer (Transfer)-\$150,000.00; Lisa Whitmer (Elect Offcl)-\$187.15; Arlene Wiley (Elect Offcl)-\$158.00; Debra Winslow (Elect Offcl)-\$162.78; Penny Witte (Elect Offcl)-\$145.75. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$1374.32; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$2632.48; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$155.15; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.69; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$10,231.08; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$28.48; C&D Service Center (Repairs)-\$11.17; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$2556.98; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$74.85; S.S. (Fica)-\$2925.73; First Concord Benefits Group (Fe)-\$5.00; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phone)-\$157.78; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$81.95; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$9.68; J&A Auto Supply (Repairs)-\$633.53; Jim's OK Tires (Tires)-\$13,125.08; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Repairs)-\$20.46; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.10; Mips Inc (Support)-\$108.98; Nebraska Machinery Company (Dozer)-\$227,980.00; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Repairs)-\$2122.40; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$4736.15; Overhead Door (Repairs)-\$50.55; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$25.24; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$918.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$125.85; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$1463.91; Webster County Hospital (Testing)-\$42.00. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Support)-\$138.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Steven Swenson, DDS (Dental)-\$120.00; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1561.60; Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$209.92. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$233.10; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$430.32; S.S. (Fica)-\$264.18; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. **AMBULANCE FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$112.61; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$120.97; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$49.08; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$29.00. Total Wages - \$133,733.76.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 10:25am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</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 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Abbey Harig

Webster County Clerk, Deputy