

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 1st, 2020 for their regular Business Meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud, Nebraska. 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 Ratzlaff, seconded by Vance to approve the minutes of the November 17th 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. Paul went over the road use agreement for the LB Windfarm Project that will be signed at the next meeting December 15, 2020. He stated there would have to be some changes done before this can be signed to protect the County with any unexpected costs. Paul wants it to encompass everything that will be done before starting. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Tami Scheuneman joined the meeting and presented the Board with the Agreement that will be signed. The Board has time to look at it and confer with any of their concerns. Paul also discussed 3 culverts that are going to have to be fixed before the project begins because of heavy weight equipment being used. Paul has picked up the culverts he ordered and picked up some tubes so they can do repairs throughout the County.

At 9:10am, Gene Horne (not on the agenda) met with the Board about the Webster County Hospital being able to do Covid testing and using the Ambulance Bus Barn. The cost will be \$100 a month for WIFI.

At 9:15am, the Board and Paul went over the Revision of the One & Six Year Road Improvement Plan. He explained the change that was not in the original one and needed to be. It was a bridge. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve Resolution Adoption 50-2020 to include the changes needed. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining. None. Motion carried.

The Board also signed an Agreement for Professional Services with Oak Creek Engineering LLC for future projects needed.

At 9:30am, County Attorney Patrick Calkins met with the Board. He wanted approval from the Board to order a new computer and any office supplies he needed. Board approved. He stated his plans at this time are to be at the Courthouse on Fridays and part-time on Tuesday and Thursday.

At 9:45am, Treasurer Knehans met with the Board on Application for Exemption for Head Start Program. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Board of Equalization. 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 approve the Exemption. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Board of Equalization. All members voted in favor: Motion carried. Janet informed the Board, the tax statements have been mailed out. She also discussed the Bank Securities will expire soon and she is looking to roll over with the new NBO Banking program system sometime in January, 2021.

The Board decided the Christmas Party will be canceled at this time and maybe have something next summer.

The Extension Floor will begin renovation sometime after the first of the year. A bid from Blue Hill Furniture was given to Chairman Buschow for the Board to look at for floor covering.

The Bladen Road continues to be discussed at each meeting.

The Board approved the Outstanding Imprest Account Report submitted by Clerk Petsch.

They discussed the fence around the HVAC System but continues to table this project.

The following claims and payroll totaling \$35,047.77 are listed below:

GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$512.27; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt (Counsel)-\$667.80; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$31.50; Ron Brumbaugh (Contract)-\$1766.67; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$150.82; Shannon Chrisman (Expense)-\$56.16; Julene J Degener (Mowing)-\$390.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$554.28; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$197.68; Phillip Fisbeck (Phone)-\$120.00; Michael Goebel (Phone)-\$120.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$187.99; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$129.00; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$797.11; IAAO (Dues)-\$220.00; J&A Auto Supply)-\$240.06; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$128.76; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Repairs)-\$6.49; Tanner Krizek (Phone)-\$120.00; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; National Sheriff's Association (Dues)-\$68.00; NE Assn of County Officials (Dues)-\$1369.82; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phone)-\$79.38; NSA/POAN Conference Fund (Dues)-\$175.00; Quadient Finance USA, Inc (Postage)-\$2000.00; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1488.64; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$104.94; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O (Counsel)-\$1253.20; Ronald L Sunday (Phone)-\$120.00; Verizon Wireless (Phones)-\$240.06; Daniel Vodicka (Phone)-\$120.00; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$33.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$21.26; Heath Arterburn (Phone)-\$120.00; Nevin Arterburn (Phone)-\$120.00; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$75.26; S.S. (Fica)-\$24.10; Monte Garvin (Phone)-\$120.00; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.84; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-\$57.00; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$84.86; Michael Hunt (Phone)-\$120.00; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$632.36; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$854.82; Ken Kort (Phone)-\$120.00; Pat Kucera (Phone)-\$120.00; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Utility)-\$22.21; Monica Montgomery (Phone)-\$120.00; NAPA Auto Parts (Supply)-\$345.14; NCK Quarries LLC (Supply)-\$835.56; David Niles (Phone)-\$120.00; Nebraska Machinery Company (Rock)-\$2263.13; Michael Reiman (Phone)-\$120.00; Paul Stoner (Phone)-\$120.00; Michael Todd & Company (Supply)-\$266.02; Marvin Webber (Phone)-\$120.00; Windstream (Phones)-\$77.74; Kary Winslow (Phone)-\$120.00. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Webster County Dental Clinic (Dental)-\$1155.80. **COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND:** Transunion Risk & Alternative Data 2355 (Fee)-\$900.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$210.00. **AMBULANCE FUND:** S.S. (Fica)-\$234.56; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Oxygen Rental)-\$185.00; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$400.00; Marlys Schmidt (Expense)-\$26.64. Total wages - \$10,714.59.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15th, 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 1st day of December, 2020
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch

Webster County Clerk