

## WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff to approve the minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried

At 8:35am: Paul Stoner met with the Board. The crews are hauling dirt to raise a road at 500 road and working on culverts. Paul reported a lot of road jobs need to be done throughout the County. The Board and Paul continue to discuss the Bladen Road and Showboat Road. The Excavator has been fixed.

Chairman Keith Buschow presented to the Board an estimate for them to look at from Mid-Continental Restoration to do tuck pointing on the Courthouse.

The Outstanding Imprest Account Report was submitted to the Board for review.

The Board discussed the HVAC System and fence.

At 9:30am Treasurer Janet Knehans presented Resolution 51-2020 for a Letter of Credit/Pledged Securities for \$3,750,000.00 with an expiration date of 02/10/2021. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Karr to approve this Resolution. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 51-2021 was signed. Janet then presented an Application for Exemption for Midland Area Agency to be signed by Keith. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. The Board approved of this Exemption and Chairman Buschow signed it. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. She also discussed County Depositories and Securities with the Board. She will be going to the new banking system other counties are doing, sometime in February. Treasurer Knehans informed the Board she had a CD in Cornerstone Bank in Guide Rock that will have to be renewed. The Board agreed to keep it at the Guide Rock Cornerstone Bank.

At 9:45am, David Levy, Natalie Williams from the Wind Farm Project and Planning & Zoning Administrator Tami Scheuneman met with the Board and went over the Decommissioning Agreement with the Board. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to sign this agreement. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting nay, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. They then discussed the County Road Use and Maintenance Agreement with changes to be made. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Ratzlaff to sign this Road Agreement at a later time when the revisions have been made. The Wind Farm Project will hopefully begin construction in March.

At 10:20am, NIRMA Executive Director, Larry Dix met with the Board to present Keith Buschow with the 2020 County Official of the Year Award. Keith has served the County for 16 years as County Commissioner and has done numerous projects for the County and Courthouse building outside his job. He was a dedicated County Commissioner and served the County well. Larry Dix also stated Keith attended all the Board workshops required of his office and enjoyed visiting with him at each one of them. The whole courthouse was also present to see Keith receive this award and wish him well.

The group also were present to see Sheriff Troy Schmitz receive his award from NIRMA Representative, Marshall Tofte, for exceptional and comprehensive efforts to implement, follow, train and ensure policies and procedures in his office are up to date and address the critical law enforcement needs of the citizens of Webster County.

Congratulations to both Keith and Troy!!

The following claims and payroll totaling \$270,740.59 are listed below:

**GENERAL FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$6733.69; Applied Connective Technologies (Fees)-\$156.60; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$114.05; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health/Life)-\$19,367.96; Blue Hill Leader (Publish)-\$196.71; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1663.96; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$25.52; Das State Accounting/Central Finance (Telecom)-\$448.00; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake (Counsel)-\$2869.00; S.S. (Fica)-\$7123.86; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$1969.77; Electronic Systems, Inc (Repairs)-\$75.00; Energized Electric LLC (Repairs)-\$60.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$15.00; First Concord Benefits Group (Fees)-\$210.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$95.03; Hometown Leasing (Leases)-\$305.61; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$483.49; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$569.25; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Repairs)-\$7.95; Pat Kucera (Fee)-\$35.00; Karen Kumke (Fees)-\$43.00; Mark Kumke (Fees)-\$43.00; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$31.19; Margaret Anne Meline (Prior Service)-\$42.00; Mips Inc (Support)-\$2281.22; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Inc (Phones)-\$96.81; Platte Valley Communications (Repairs)-\$745.49; Pro Printing & Graphics (Supply)-\$82.50; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$138.27; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$2861.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$950.00; Verizon Wireless (Phone)-\$240.06; Viaero Wireless (Phone)-\$19.66; Village Pharmacy (Medical)-\$42.37; Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund (Petty Cash)-\$93.95; Webster County Court (Crt Costs)-\$51.00; Webster County Hospital (Testing)-\$180.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$20.00; Zelle Human Resource Solution (Support)-\$500.00.

**ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ACE/Eaton Metals (Culverts)-\$8958.25; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$2632.48; Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$238.96; Village of Bladen (Utility)-\$59.62; Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Health)-\$10,002.08; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$107.90; Century Lumber Center (Repairs)-\$104.33; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$1695.05; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$149.14; S.S. (Fica)-\$2916.22; Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust (Payment)-\$34,376.82; First Concord Benefits Group (Fee)-\$5.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$67.16; Fleetpride (Repairs)-\$203.12; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phones)-\$160.76; Linda Grummert (Prior Service)-

\$57.00; Village of Guide Rock (Utility)-\$80.90; Hometown Market (Supply)-\$32.76; J&A Auto Supply (Repairs)-\$372.12; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$120.33; Jim's OK Tires (Tires)-\$150.00; Kenny's Lumber & Home Center (Repairs)-\$132.82; Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$4.10; Mips Inc (Support)-\$108.98; NAPA Auto Parts (Repairs)-\$50.21; Nebraska Machinery Company (Repairs)-\$6211.26; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$6763.09; Power Plan, Dept. 77871 (Repairs)-\$455.50; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$53.50; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premiums)-\$918.00; Superior Fenders, Inc (Repairs)-\$1830.00; Timm's Service (Fuel)-\$630.60. **MODERN RECORDS FUND:** Mips Inc (Support)-\$138.00. **NOXIOUS WEED FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$233.10; S.S. (Fica)-\$264.18; Madison Life Ins Co, Inc (Life)-\$3.15; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$35.00; Self-Insured Dental Fund (Premium)-\$34.00. **AMBULANCE FUND:** Black Hills Energy (Utility)-\$149.34; Bound Tree Medical LLC (Medical)-\$51.99; Cooperative Producers, Inc (Fuel)-\$67.67; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc (Rental)-\$108.18; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$51.01; Stryker Sales Corporation (Supply)-\$299.00. Total Wages -\$138,711.00.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 11:00pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 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 15th day of December, 2020  
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch

Webster County Clerk