

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 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 December 15th, 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. Repairs continue to be done on the roads and repairs are being done on road equipment.

The Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report was presented to the Board for review.

At 9:00am, the Board held their public hearing on vacating Road 1800 between Road M and N. No public attended. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman to vacate this road by Resolution 2021-01. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2021-01 was approved and signed.

At 9:30am, Highway Superintendent Lance Harter met with the Board and presented cost estimates for the Bladen Road and the Showboat Road. The Board discussed both estimates.

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

At 9:45am, Assessor Sonja Krueger met with the Board. Motion was made by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff to go into Board of Equalization. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Sonja presented tax corrections 2020, #'s 1 thru 15 for the Board to approve of correcting due to errors made. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Ratzlaff to have Keith sign the tax corrections. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Motion was then made by Vance, seconded by Ratzlaff to go out of Board of Equalization. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Sonja informed the Board that E911 Layer is going to be federally mandated and will cost the County around \$15,000.00 if not shared with other counties. She also presented a contract for Chairman Buschow to sign approving of Stanard Appraisal to do work for the county for special projects. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr to approve of this contract when projects require certified appraisers. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. This contract will require a yearly fee for the county to pay. Sonja passed out the Board's new handbooks she has updated. More additions will be done on those as well.

At 10:30am, Clerk Liz Petsch and Deputy Abbey Harig met with the Board on health insurance waiting period for new employees. Blue Cross and Blue Shield had asked if we would like to go to a 30 day or 60 day waiting period instead of 45 days. After discussion, motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to change the waiting day period to 30 days. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no. Buschow. Motion carried.

At 10:45am, Brian Pedersen, Noxious Weed Superintendent met with the Board for his State Annual Reports. The Board approved of the reports and Chairman Buschow signed them. The Board also discussed snow removal with Brian and County Clerk Petsch will talk with Kenneth VanWey and see if they could do the snow removal together somehow. Brian is willing to help since the winter months are not as pressing for him as summer.

The Board discussed Bonds and County Attorney Patrick Calkins is going to get more information for them on these matters.

At 11:00am, Treasurer Janet Knehans presented her Letter of Credit for \$1,000,000.00 with an expiration date of 01/29/2021. Motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Vance to sign Letter of Credit Resolution 2021-02. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Vance, Karr and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: None. Motion carried. Resolution 2021-02 was signed. Janet also informed the Board they have already collected almost \$3 million in 2020 taxes. She also said the Delinquent Tax List has a remaining amount of \$164,000.00. March 1, 2021 is the date that has been set for delinquent tax sale day.

Extension floor is still a go and will be started in the future. HVAC System and HVAC fence was discussed. Tuck pointing on Courthouse building is on hold waiting for bids given to the Board. The Board discussed the Employee Handbook and after a lengthy discussion, this matter is tabled until the next meeting when more information can be obtained. The Board will continue the discussion on this matter.

GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$907.15; Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt (Counsel)-\$85.50; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$33.64; Ron Brumbaugh (Contract)-\$1766.67; Busch Construction (Repairs)-\$350.00; Business World Prod/Hastings (Supply)-\$100.26; Patrick Calkins (Expense)-\$2713.00; CEI (Repairs)-\$204.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Dues)-\$448.00; Duncan, Walker, Schenker & Daake, LLO (Counsel)-\$389.50; Fica (S.S.)-\$954.86; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$316.45; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$91.17; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1046.39; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$278.08; J&A Auto Supply (Supply)-\$15.48; Elisabeth Janning (Expense)-\$171.68; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$524.68; LEAF (Lease)-\$424.45; Mid-States Organized Crime Info (Dues)-\$100.00; Mips Inc (Support)-\$333.38; Alexa Pedersen (Expense)-\$24.36; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1761.80; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$136.36; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$38.00; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-\$24.80; Turner Technology (Support)-\$26.25; Web Co Clk of Dist Court (Fees)-\$33.00; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$2192.41; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$115.45; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$148.91; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$64.48; Equipment Blades, Inc (Blades)-\$11,760.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$94.89; Glenwood Telecommunications (Phone)-\$169.18; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$49.84; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$84.86; John Deere Financial (Supply)-\$113.89; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$22.21; Nebraska Machinery Company (Supply)-\$424.10; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Fees)-\$1948.00; R&M Disposal LLC (Utility)-\$53.50; South Central Pub Power Dist (Utility)-

\$2048.13; Windstream (Phone)-\$80.46; Winter Equipment Co., Inc. (Supply)-\$4432.62. SHERIFFS DEPT FUNDRAISING FUND: 911 Custom (Supply)-\$1238.00. SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND: Heartland Oral Surgery & Dental (Dental)-\$275.20; Island View Dental (Dental)-\$439.00; Pediatric Dental Specialists (Dental)-\$961.80; RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S., PC (Dental)-\$270.00. COUNTY MEDICAL/RELIEF FUND: NE Health & Human Services System (Fees)-\$180.00. NOXIOUS WEED FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$3.44; Fica (S.S.)-\$3.90; Brian Pedersen (Expense)-\$120.00. AMBULANCE FUND: Bio-Electronics (Supply)-\$245.00; Fica (S.S.)-\$269.61; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$49.08; Gene Horne (Expense)-\$69.00; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$400.00. Total Wages - \$16,212.32.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 12:30pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 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.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2021
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk