WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 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), Roger Bohrer (District Three), Keith Buschow (District Four) and JoAnn Reiher (District Five). The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Buschow gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Reiher, second by Bohrer, to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting. Upon roll call vote, voting to approve the minutes: Reiher, Bohrer, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 8:35am, Jeff Kuhn, Road Maintenance Coordinator, met with the Board. Road Maintenance Crews have been catching up on roads and spreading gravel. The Construction Crews have completed replacing a culvert on the River Road west of Road 500. The crew is shaping ditches for a project north of Red Cloud. Core permits have been done for several projects. Several projects are ready to be bid.

Ryan Prescott, Sales Representative for NMC, presented renewals for the maintenance contracts for 3 motor graders. After discussion, all agreed to sign the contracts.

Discussion was had on the buildup of asphalt on 11th Avenue in Red Cloud. Kuhn will contact the City of Red Cloud to discuss this situation.

A discussion involving personnel was had.

At 9:00am, Gene Boner, Martha Meyers and Brad Moncrief met with the Board. Jeff Brinda also joined the meeting. Questions and concerns were voiced concerning the road closing and maintenance of Road 1000 south of Road B. The conclusion was arrived at that the County is not going to close this road at this time. The landowner is seeking right-of-way documents for driveway access on private property.

At 9:25am, Sara Bockstadter, because of time restraints, requested that the discussion concerning an Interlocal Agreement with Nuckolls County be tabled to the September 19, 2017 meeting.

At 9:30am, Janet Knehans, Webster County Treasurer, presented **RESOLUTION 37 – 2017:**

RESOLUTION 37 – 2017

APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that **SOUTH CENTRAL STATE BANK** be permitted to Pledge the following securities, held in escrow by the Webster County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

FHL BANK-TOPEKA
IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT #46841
AMOUNT: $4,500,000.00
EXPIRATION DATE: 09/20/2017

ADOPTED by the Webster County Board of Commissioners this 5th day of September, 2017.

Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to approve **RESOLUTION 37 – 2017.** Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Shipman, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

Knehans requested the approval of the Board to put three properties on the County Tax sale for two years of unpaid taxes. The Board approved.

At 9:30am, Geneie Andrews, representative for SimpleSigns Sign Inventory Management Systems, met with the Board. Andrews presented a program that will layer onto the existing Assessor information all the culverts, bridges, signs and all maintenance records for the Road Department. After discussion, motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Karr, to approve this purchase. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Karr, Buschow, Reiher and Shipman. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 9:50am, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to convene as the Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. Sonja Krueger, Webster County Assessor, presented Tax Correction 2017-16. This Tax Correction was made to correct the 2016 tax book entry for the Willa Cather Foundation %Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Education Fund property. The Foundation had applied and was approved for a permission exemption on this parcel. Motion was made by Reiher, seconded by Bohrer, to approve this Tax Correction. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Reiher, Bohrer, Shipman, Buschow, and Karr. Voting no, abstaining or absent: none.

At 9:55, motion was made by Shipman, seconded by Karr, to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and to reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Shipman, Karr, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 10:00am, the Board recessed for a break. The Board reconvened at 10:15am with all members present.

At 10:15am, Debra Klingenberger, Webster County Clerk, presented **RESOLUTION 38 – 2017:**

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that **SOUTH CENTRAL STATE BANK** be permitted to Pledge the following securities, held in escrow by the Webster County Clerk (Trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

FHL BANK – TOPEKA
IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT #46564
AMOUNT: $100,000.00
EXPIRATION DATE: JULY 24, 2018

ADOPTED by the Webster County Board of Commissioners this 5th day of September, 2017. Motion was made by Karr, seconded by Shipman, to approve **RESOLUTION 38 – 2017.** Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Karr, Shipman, Bohrer, Buschow and Reiher. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 10:20am, Sheriff Schmitz requested the Board's approval to get the fence repaired around the exercise yard at the jail that had been damaged when a tree branch fell. The Board approved his request.

At 10:30am, Zach Svoboda, Paul Ryan and Curtis Field of Prochaska & Associates met with the Board. They presented the Needs Assessment Study for the Webster County Laws Enforcement Center which is Phase One of the project. A printed copy of this study is available at the Webster County Clerk's office. The Webster County Board of Commissioners gave their approval to proceed with Phase Two which will form a Citizen Jail Committee, discuss building sites and discuss whether to maintain the existing facility and transport prisoners or to close current facility and transport prisoners.

Clerk Klingenberger presented 3 Webster County Ambulance billings that have been uncollectable. These billings are for a deceased person that has no estate and a person that is incarcerated. After discussion, the Board approved writing off these bills.

Keith Buschow will be attending the NACO Central District Meeting on September 21, 2017.

The decision was made to have the two trees removed that are beside the jail exercise space.

Discussion was had on signing an agreement with Sequoia Consulting Group to prepare the County Central Services Cost Allocation Plan to claim indirect cost reimbursement for Child Support. All agreed to sign the agreement.

At 12:15pm, motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Reiher, to enter into Executive Session for the performance evaluation of Veteran Service Officer Gary Ratzlaff. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none. At 12:30pm, motion was made by Bohrer, seconded by Reiher, to adjourn the Executive Session and to reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. Upon roll call vote, voting in favor: Bohrer, Reiher, Shipman, Karr and Buschow. Voting no, absent or abstaining: none.

At 12:30pm, Budget discussion ensued. The ending fund balances of the 2017/2018 Budget are a concern. When looking at each Department Budget Request, the Board feels that the Elected Officials/Department heads are budgeting very conservatively. The major increase to each department is because of an increase in the premium for health insurance. The decision was made to approve the Budget as it stands and request that the Department heads watch their spending very closely. It was requested of the Road Department to hold in reserve $100,000.00 in the 300 Fund and $400,000.00 in the 800 Fund and plan bridge projects accordingly.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Wages for 7 part-time & 13 EMTS: $11,365.39

	General Fund		
Adam's County Attorney's Office	Fees	$	11,475.52
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	Retire		520.84
Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt	Counsel		757.83
Rachel Beitler	Fees		20.00
Black Hills Energy	Utility		263.48
Blue Hill Leader	Publish		394.64
Calkins Law Office	Counsel		459.86
CEI Security	Repairs		471.00
Officer Todd Church	Fees		121.65
Clay County Sheriff's Dept	Fees		36.40
Corporate Image Design	Supply		298.00
Amanda Cunningham	Fees		61.73
Mike Danehey	Fees		22.14
DAS State Accounting/Central Finance	Fee		448.00
Department of the Treasury	Fees		603.18
Des Moines Stamp MFG Co.	Supply		327.00
S.S.	FICA		631.15
Eakes Office Solutions	Supply		720.78
First Concord Benefits	Health		375.28
First National Bank Omaha	Expense		601.03
GIS Workshop	Software		260.00
Glenn Plumbing & Heating	Repairs		40.00
Glenwood	Fee		10.00
Great Plains Communication	Phones		888.19
Rita Ham	Fees		68.15
Officer Scott Hanis	Fees		159.10
Harlan County Sheriff's Office	Fee		3.00
Marvin Hartman	Expense		21.77
John V Hodge	Counsel		2,270.86
Hometown Leasing	Lease		198.99
Liz Kierl	Expense		15.84

Sonja l. Krueger	Expense	197.95
Carol Kumke	Expense	163.71
Leaf Capitol Funding, LLC	Equip	424.45
Kirk Liesemeyer	Fees	225.44
Lieske Law Firm	Counsel	383.76
Becky Meyer	Fee	20.00
Midland Area Agency on Aging	Handibus	2,076.28
Cody Minnick	Fee	20.00
Kaelee Minnick	Fee	20.00
Shaelee Minnick	Fee	20.00
Greg Mucklow	Fee	68.15
Nebr Assn of County Clerks	Registration	100.00
Natalie G. Nelsen	Counsel	2,772.90
Neofunds by Neopost	Postage	1,000.00
Owens and Associates	Fees	60.00
Brenda Piel	Fee	49.96
Red Cloud Chief	Publish	321.49
City of Red Cloud	Utility	1,980.83
Sarpy County Sheriff's Office	Fee	21.91
SASA Crisis Center	Funding	2,000.00
Tami Scheuneman	Fee/Expense	225.81
Shannon Schriner	Expense	13.21
Paul Stoner	Expense	21.77
Sullivan Shoemaker P.C. L.L.O	Counsel	76.00
Theobald Law Office	Counsel	2,681.40
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters, LLC	Fee	451.84
Gary Thompson Agency	Bond	50.00
University Of Nebraska-Lincoln	Software	64.95
Ken Vanwey	Mowing	900.00
Verizon Wireless	Phone	47.34
Veterans Information Service	Supply	25.00
Keith Waechter	Expense	39.96
Web Co Sheriff-Petty Cash Fund	Replenish	131.66
Webster County Court	Crt Costs	102.00
Williams Exterminating, Inc	Pest-Control	88.00
Deputy Nathan Wilt	Fee	36.05
Woodward's Disposal Service	Fee	35.00
Zee Medical Service	Supply	54.60
	Road/Bridge Fund	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	Retire	92.95
B-3 Dirt LLC	Fees	390.00
Black Hills Energy	Utility	95.43
Bladen Sand & Gravel	Gravel	44,741.23
City of Blue Hill	Utility	65.10
S.S.	FICA	105.34
Glenwood Telecommunications	Phones	154.06
Great Plains Communications	Phone	199.51
Bruce Johnson	Expense	148.09
Kelly Supply Company	Repairs	155.69
Lawson Products, Inc	Supply	76.04
Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc	Repairs	1,383.68
NCK Quarries, LLC	Rock	21,364.46
Nebraska Machinery Company	Repairs	4,320.48
R & M Disposal LLC	Utility	33.00
Van Diest Supply Company	Supply	749.81
Windstream	Phone	63.11
	Road/Bridge Const Fund	
ACE/Eaton Metals	Culverts	11,610.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc	Fees	10,264.75
Joe's Fence & Welding, LLC	Repairs	436.71
Kucera Construction	Culverts	24,810.00

NCK Quarries LLC	Surfacing	965.40
	Self Insured Dental Fund	
Pediatric Dental Specialists	Dental	214.60
RC Wilson & SA Wilson D.D.S, PC	Dental	117.00
	County Medical/Relief Fund	
NE Health & Human Services System	Beatrice/Lincoln	186.00
	Hospital Bond	
Union Bank & Trust Company	Pmt	207,470.84
	Noxious Weed	
Great Plains Communications	Phone	47.33
	Ambulance Fund	
A & K Sewer Cleaning & Plumbing	Repairs	3,833.50
ABA Recovery Services	Fees	56.42
Black Hills Energy	Utility	36.05
S.S.	FICA	132.99
Great Plains Communications	Phone	48.11
Physio-Control, Inc	Contract	6,361.20

Being no further business, Chairperson Buschow adjourned the meeting at 1:39pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 8:30am. A current agenda and complete minutes are on file at the County Clerk's office and at www.co.webster.ne.us.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2017.
Webster County Board of Commissioners

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Dan Shipman - District One Trevor Karr – District Two

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Roger Bohrer – District Three Keith Buschow – Chairperson – District Four

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JoAnn Reiher – District Five

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ATTEST: Debra Klingenberger, County Clerk