

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

November 28, 2023

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 28th day of November, 2023 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Members present were Vic Rivera and Jake Stewart. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Per LB 898, Commissioner Johnson announced the location of the Open Meetings Act located on the door by the United States Flag. Copies of the Act are available upon request. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 regular meeting with the following correction to wit: Sight line study, not Section line study as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve all claims. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments.

At 9:13 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates were presented to wit: District 1 working on Davenport Road and equipment maintenance. District 2 working on Deadhorse Road graveling. District 3 finished Ferguson Road, then onto Dyer Road. Pete will be helping with the Dyer Road project. John Mai, Terry Curtiss, Cliff Stehle and Scott Bosse joined the meeting in progress. Discussion then ensued regarding the sight line study done on Road No. 50. Mr. Curtiss also received a copy of the study prior to meeting with the Board. Reclassification will be costly for the County. The next step if approved by the Board is to send the study to the State for reclassification of the road. Remote Residential would be less costly for the County according to Yada. He went on to say without State approval, the road will have to be widened. Mr. Curtiss then suggested a third (3rd) option, leave it a private road as it is now. Autogate width is an issue if the road is reclassified. The road was built in 2001 by John Mai and autogates were installed to address drainage issues. Mr. Curtiss reminded the Board they will be responsible for maintenance on Road 50 which will be costly. Mr. Curtiss expressed concern with the County being able to afford the costs associated with reclassification of a road. Commissioner Rivera asked why the hang over structure is still there? Mr. Curtiss responded by saying what the court ordered removed has been removed. Commissioner Rivera expressed concern with the hang over structure still being there creating an obstruction. Mr. Mai indicated again for the record the sign was removed. He went on to say the autogates associated with the structure address drainage issues. Culverts were also installed to facilitate drainage. Mr. Stehle expressed concern with safety as there is no public access but the public continues to use his driveway to turn around. Mr. Mai added there has never been access to government grounds through his road. No decision was made at the meeting. The Board will take action on Road 50 at their next Commissioner meeting scheduled for December 12, 2023.

At 9:55 A.M. Ashley Ahrens, Dawes County Extension and Rob Eirich, Extension Zone Coordinator for the Panhandle, met with the Board. Ms. Ahrens handed out 4-H updates for the Boards review. Mr. Eirich indicated three (3) candidates have been chosen to interview for the position vacated by Tessa Reece. Other positions are currently being filled as well according to Mr. Eirich. Discussion ensued amongst Board Members and Mr. Eirich. Commissioner Rivera expressed concern with the County having no say relevant to hours, wages, benefits for this position.. Commissioner Rivera asked for an extension to the December 12, 2023 Commissioner meeting to take action on the contract. This will give him time to visit with various individuals involved with the hiring process.

At 10:15 A.M. Celeste Cattin, Clerk of District Court, met with the Board. She reported she has had no luck in securing additional bids for the Courtroom technology upgrades. The Board asked if she had documentation of such. She presented email correspondence showing who was contacted and their response to her bid request. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept the bid received from Scott Robert's Electric in the amount of \$8,864.79 for the installation of electrical materials for the Courtroom upgrades. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.
 The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on December 12, 2023 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization Meeting followed by the Commissioner Meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. Both meetings will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on December 7, 2023. **All Resolutions adopted by the Dawes County Board of Commissioners are available for public inspection during normal business hours of the County Clerk's Office.**

ATTEST: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Webb L. Johnson, Chairman

November 28, 2023 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on the respective accounts: Key for claims: 100=General Fund; 200=Roads Fund; 650=HwyBridgeBuyback Program Fund; 990=Visitor's Fund; 1100=Reappraisal Fund; 1150=Preservation&Modernization Fund; 1900=Veterans Aid Fund; 2360=Drug Fund; 2500=Grants Fund; 2501=CDGB Fund 2700=Inheritance; 2910-911=Emergency Communications; 2913=Wireless Communications; 4600= Bond Payment Fund

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$1,915.51
100	ASHLEY AHRENS	\$114.95
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,526.63
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$399.91
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$290.26
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$42,041.27
100	GARY R BRIDGES JR	\$73.23
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$371.61
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$3,134.16
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$65.00
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$1,507.60
100	CHARM-TEX INC	\$897.06
100	ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$17.94
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.50
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$748.00
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$576.00
100	DAWES COUNTY EXTENSION	\$15.33
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$66.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$392.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$129.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$19,448.18
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$295.00
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$638.73
100	ANDRE HENLEY	\$400.00
100	IAAO	\$240.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$163.17

100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED	\$264.98
100	J13 ENTERPRISES,LLC	\$3,669.94
100	KCSR-AM	\$55.00
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$3,630.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$23.60
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$6.06
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$3,783.10
100	NACO PLANNING & ZONING	\$40.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$105.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,692.51
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$203.94
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$412.56
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$571.42
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$150.00
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$3,038.95
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$271.35
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$12.44
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/EXTENSION	\$6.22
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$1,530.00
100	DEBORAH SILVERMAN	\$92.79
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,PC	\$752.00
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$518.13
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$83.09
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$277.04
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$325.00
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC	\$41.80
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$332.03
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
200	AFLAC	\$504.31
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,324.36
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$599.73
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,493.22
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$1,064.03
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$250.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$2,588.15
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,872.91

200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$40.97
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$6.06
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$35.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$879.03
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$1,769.50
200	MATTHEW STRONG	\$87.00
200	STACY SWINNEY	\$6,669.85
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$106.95
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$83.34
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$119.07
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$160.50
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$33.61
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$4,000.32
2580	JOHNSON WELDING	\$3,465.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18.59
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$156.99
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$4.42
2913	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$78.00