

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

May 23, 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 23rd day of May, 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; Kay Hill, Human Resources Director and Clifford Steihl. 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 Commissioner Rivera, moved to approve the agenda noting the following change to wit: the Public Hearing scheduled for 10:00 A.M. has been moved to the June 13, 2023 Commissioner meeting. 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 May 09, 2023 meeting as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Monthly fee reports of the various departments were reviewed and approved by general consent of the Board. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, to approve all claims as presented with the Clerk being instructed to recode claim #'s 2305012 & 23050216 to 0100-970-00-5-0220 and except claim #23050204 payable to River A Holdings in the amount of \$1140.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve claim #23050204 payable to River A Holdings in the amount of \$1140.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. There being no correspondence, the Chairman opened up Public Comment. There being no Public Comment, Board reports ensued to wit: **Rivera:** Panhandle Public Health didn't meet again; Region 1 met May 11, 2023. A performance evaluation was conducted on the Administrator, there are still employees at Region 1 working from home and many times different Commissioners have stopped by the office but no one is physically present to help individuals which is becoming very concerning. Commissioner Rivera reported yet another grant is being sought through a program called "Steppin Up" which would be another avenue to assist those individuals with mental health conditions. **Stewart:** Region 23-The 2023/2024 fiscal budget was set with performance evaluations coming up soon; NCAP has set a goal of serving 160 children in the Head Start Program which turned 58 years old on May 18, 2023. The weatherization program which covers all (12) twelve counties in the Panhandle has completed (5) five homes and upgrades to the Chadron Head Start Center to include HVAC and construction beginning soon; SWANN met with Commissioner Johnson attending the May 2023 meeting and Commissioner Rivera plans to attend the July meeting. During the SWANN meeting the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget was approved with an increase to rural accounts in the amount of \$1.55 per month. This is the first increase since 2019 which calculates out to \$.38 cents per year. **Johnson:** Area Aging met using new visual equipment obtained with ARPA funding, the Advisory Council needs a representative as Art Halfheide has resigned his position; PADD met with business as usual and Commissioner Johnson reported there is still money available for loan through PADD; OHD met and conducted the Director's evaluation, they are in the process of purchasing property. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, joined the meeting.

At 9:30 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road Updates included the following to wit: District 1 blading, working on East Dakota Junction Road; District 2 is grading and hauling rock to Country Club Road; District 3 received a lot of rain, many washouts being addressed but roads are open again. The Crawford Golf Course called the Roads Department to inquire about obtaining a piece of culvert to replace culvert damage at the Golf Course. Mr. Yada indicated the Roads Department does have a piece of culvert that could be put on surplus and given to the Golf Course. He also reported Game and Parks would like to split rock with Dawes County off Bordeaux Road with a 70/30 split. Discussion ensued. Peter Emerson worked with District 3 last week and will work in District 1 this week. The Bolek gravel contract is back at \$1.75 per cubic yard and will be signed upon review of the Deputy County Attorney. Terry Serres passed his CDL. The District 3 road grader won't be rebuilt at this time due to budget constraints. In other business a surplus request for wood chips was presented for Board

approval. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to surplus a pile of wood chips. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. One bid was received from Dawn Sayaloune in the amount of \$10.00 for the wood chips. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, approving the \$10.00 bid received from Dawn Sayaloune for wood chips with removal of such by May 26, 2023. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. A letter received from Dustin Wills regarding an insurance quote request was reviewed by the Board but no action taken. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. The Public Hearing scheduled at 10:00 A.M. was moved to the June 13, 2023 Commissioner Meeting at 10:45 A.M. The Board recessed at 10:00 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:06 A.M.

At 10:07 A.M. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, met with the Board. Also present was Deb Lesmeister, Dawes County Deputy Clerk. She reported the new commercial credit card must be paid in full each month or accounts get shut down with finance charges. The County Clerk added that the Assessor's Office isn't the only department this has happened in since going with the commercial credit card. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to direct the County Clerk to check into the previous credit card used by the County for all departments. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The tip policy was then addressed. It was brought to the Boards attention that the minimum for tipping is at 18% now, not 15%. Discussion ensued regarding a per diem instead of tipping. The Assessor indicated she feels this would ultimately cost the tax payers more money in the end. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to raise the tipping policy to a maximum of 20%. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next item for discussion was correspondence for Elected Officials coming from the HR Department. She feels if the Board is going to make something mandatory for Elected Officials and employees it needs to go through the Elected Officials, not HR. Deb Lesmeister added she would like to see the coed restroom located in the basement in the Jury room be used as the regular women's restroom when jury trials aren't in session.

At 10:35 A.M. the Chairman declared the CDBG Public Hearing open regarding the multi-purpose/jury room. It was noted for the record that a door still needs to be installed to finalize this CDBG project. There being no one from the public present for comment, suggestions or input the Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:40 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved the CDBG multi-purpose/jury room project will be finalized upon installation of a new door. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 10:48 A.M. to attend a zoom meeting regarding text my gov.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on June 13, 2023 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization, 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 June 08, 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.**

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May 23, 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	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC/SHERIFF	\$2,501.85
100	AFLAC	\$1,698.37

100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,375.13
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$399.21
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$663.73
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$481.33
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$126.63
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$889.90
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$38,764.09
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$1,535.09
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,756.76
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$511.91
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$730.14
100	CHADRON PLUMBING,INC	\$237.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$380.46
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$1,510.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$1,170.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$23.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$19.50
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$28.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$23.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$199.88
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$76.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$498.50
100	DOWNES RURAL SERVICE	\$1,371.85
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$1,830.00
100	FIRESRING PRINT INC	\$3,199.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$2,158.49
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$963.25
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$13.16
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$279.11
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$19,410.49
100	GWORKS	\$13,288.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$182.88
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$523.00
100	HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	\$353.85
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$146.64
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$63.58
100	KCSR-AM	\$110.00
100	KONE,INC	\$1,151.32
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$15.02
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$24.01
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$5.80

100	NACO	\$1,417.14
100	NE COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION	\$940.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,699.09
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,437.70
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$92.86
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/PUBLIC DEFEND	\$94.33
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$196.85
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$589.85
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$279.97
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/CLERK	\$134.99
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/WEBSITE	\$693.00
100	REGIER CUSTOM DESIGN	\$3,885.00
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$538.30
100	DAWN SAYALOUNE	\$296.33
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$10,150.00
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$68.76
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,672.48
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$58.49
100	THOMAS & THOMAS COURT REPORTERS	\$180.68
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$4,060.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$82.50
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$280.67
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$125.73
100	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	\$537.50
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$477.05
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$135.74
200	AFLAC	\$418.71
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,174.43
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$112.20
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,190.55
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,412.96
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$559.00
200	KCSR-AM	\$275.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$5.80
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$75.00
200	MODERN FARM EQUIPMENT CORP	\$10,216.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$769.97
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$72.80
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA	\$2,271.06

	MACHINERY	
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$95.57
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$380.00
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$1,140.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$72.26
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$1,687.83
200	WESTCO	\$19,637.24
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$94.01
990	AFLAC	\$13.20
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$77.56
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$114.52
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$142.80
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$28.81
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.78
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$9.84
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$22.78
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$5.82
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$58.45
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.61
2910	METAL PRODUCTS COMPANY	\$235.05
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.24
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$249.17