

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
April 11, 2023
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Board of Equalization in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 11th day of April, 2023 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Rivera; Commissioner Jake Stewart and Commissioner Webb L. Johnson. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Kay Hill, HR and Clifford Stehl. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Per LB 898 the Chairman announced the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act. The poster can be found on the door next to the United States Flag. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting or requesting a copy. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, accepting the agenda. 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 March 14, 2023 meeting as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction #'s 5265-5266 for the Boards review and approval. Upon review of said tax corrections by the Board a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, approving tax correction #'s 5265-5266 and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:05 A.M. The next meeting will be held on May 09, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. A current Agenda to the Board of Equalization proceedings is kept on file in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours for inspection, but the agenda will close by 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 04, 2023. The agenda may be modified to include items of emergency nature. The meetings of the Dawes County Board of Equalization are open to the public. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners Room located in the Courthouse. **Disclaimer: A complete text of all resolutions passed by the Board of Equalization is available upon request in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours.**

ATTEST: _____
CHERYL FEIST
DAWES COUNTY CLERK

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CHADRON, NEBRASKA

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DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:06 A.M. on the 11th day of April, 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; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney and Clifford Stehle. 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 adding executive session re: personnel. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting with the following correction to wit: Mr. Stehl said 4-wheel drive tractor, not 4-wheeler as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Monthly fee reports of the various departments which included a Treasurer report on the March 06, 2023 Tax Sale was 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. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences acknowledged by the Board was a letter received from Terry Curtiss, Attorney, regarding Road No. 50. Mike and Diane Lecher joined the meeting.

At 9:20 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates included all districts are grading roads. Crews are on ten (10) hour shifts starting April 10, 2023. There is a piece of equipment still being repaired in Scottsbluff. Breakneck Road is closed until such time a new culvert is installed and Brown Road was temporarily closed due to equipment getting stuck. The road is now open. There are still three (3) openings in the Roads Department. The Board then briefly discussed the letter received from Terry Curtiss, Attorney which was in response to the Public Hearing held on March 28, 2023 regarding Road No. 50. Resolution No. 2023-12 was introduced by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, not to vacate Road No. 50. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera Nays: Stewart. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to Jamian Simmons, Terry Curtiss, Attorneys and Mike and Diane Lecher. Commissioner Rivera asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Mai regarding Road No. 50 addressing the road itself and tree removal. Commissioner Rivera feels the County should not be fiscally responsible to repair the road altered by Mr. Mai. Deputy Attorney, Adam Edmund suggested that re-classification of said road should be the first order of business. Discussion ensued briefly regarding auto gates on Road No. 20. In other business the Board received a surplus request to surplus out several filing cabinets. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to surplus sixteen (16) filing cabinets. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. One bid was received for a 2-drawer cabinet in the amount of \$20.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to award the bid to Roxanne Campbell in the amount of \$20.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Tourism Board presented three (3) grants for the Boards review and approval to wit: Wester Wildlife Art Show in the amount of \$3200.00, Volk's March in the amount of \$806.00 and Fur Trade Days in the amount of \$4500.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the Visitor Improvement Grants referenced above. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next order of business was the appointment of a Board Member to the Extension Board. Board Members had the opportunity to review Cody Gibbons application. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to appoint Cody Gibbons to the Dawes County Extension Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera reported on the last Crawford Law Enforcement meeting. He reported a trial run on new hours in Crawford began on April 01, 2023 with Officers working a total of sixty (60) hours per week in Crawford. Discussion ensued.

At 9:55 A.M. Ron Moore, The Ridge, approached the Board about an SDL (Special Designated License) for the State Park's Anniversary to be held on June 9, 10, 2023. This event will be held in two (2) different locations at the Chadron State Park. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to

approve the SDL submitted by Ron Moore, The Ridge, which will be held in two (2) locations at the Chadron State Park. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00 A.M. Rachel Johnson, RSVP, presented an annual RSVP report to the Board. RSVP has been active in our area since 1972. There are two hundred (200) volunteers on the roster who put in 23,000 hours of volunteer service amounting to approximately \$650,000.00 in-kind match. RSVP serves several non-profit entities. Volunteerism provides an outlet for social isolation for individuals. A copy of the report will become an attachment to these minutes. The report can be viewed at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The Board recessed at 10:12 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:16 A.M. Dan Wodekemper joined the meeting.

At 10:17 A.M. Caleb Johnson, Budget Coordinator, teleconferenced into the meeting. Deb Lesmeister, Deputy Dawes County Clerk, joined the meeting at the request of the County Clerk. Miscellaneous General and Roads Department budgets were discussed. In reviewing expenditure reports the Board also took note that the Jail facility is over budget as well. A \$350,000.00 transfer to Roads was discussed. The transfer will be split into two (2) payments of \$150,000.00 each with a portion of the transfer to be paid back to Inheritance. This will leave an additional \$50,000.00 if needed. A Public Hearing will be held on May 09, 2023 to address a budget amendment. George Ledbetter joined the meeting.

At 10:40 A.M. Dave Hockenbary, Fur Trade Days Committee, asked permission to fly a small drone in the courtyard Friday and Saturday during the Fur Trade Days event in July. The drone will be used for marketing purposes for Fur Trade Days. George Ledbetter added the drone would also be a good tool for marketing tourism in our area. Mr. Hockenbary said he would be happy to share images with the Travel Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the use of the drone in the courtyard during Fur Trade Days. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:45 A.M. George Ledbetter, Cowboy Trail Connection, met with the Board. Approximately two (2) years ago he approached the Board about the use of Alpha and Redfern Roads to erect signage designating a trail detour. The City of Chadron has received a grant to build a mile of trail. Once the trail gets past Slim Buttes Road the next phase of the project will be more intensive planning, work and costly. He reported other agencies are building bike trails, eventually the bike trail will span the entire State of Nebraska. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, designating Redfern and Alpha Roads as part of the Cowboy Trail Connection. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The weapons policy committee meeting was held April 03, 2023 with Brandy Johnson, NIRMA, participating. A decision regarding a weapons policy was tabled due to constitutional carry. The safety committee met and they have suggested all employees participate in a program called CRAKE (Civilian Response to Active Killer Events) which is free of charge and put on by the Nebraska State Patrol. Commissioner Stewart asked how NIRMA feels about a weapons policy. Ms. Hill will contact NIRMA and report back. There would be no effect on insurance premiums unless there was an incident due to Dawes County being in an insurance pool. The committee will meet again to continue looking into a weapons policy.

At 11:19 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to enter executive session re: personnel. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 11:40 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session. 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 11:41 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on April 25, 2023 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on April 20, 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

April 11, 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	\$1,698.37
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,063.73
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$1,155.82
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$82.28
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$33.74
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$37,619.09
100	REBECCA BOLZE	\$37.62
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$1,136.69
100	JENNIFER BRANSON	\$38.28
100	GARY R BRIDGES JR	\$129.04
100	ANGELA BRIXIUS	\$35.00
100	KIMBERLY A BUCHHEIT	\$53.34
100	BRIANNA DAWN BULICH	\$35.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$129.00
100	KAILEE BUTTERFIELD	\$70.37
100	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,INC	\$734.40
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$33.79
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,374.53
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$32.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$573.86
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$287.05
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$1,754.32
100	CHADRON LOCK	\$80.00
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$875.00
100	CHADRON PLUMBING,INC	\$842.89
100	CHAMBERLAIN CHAPEL INC	\$3,000.00
100	ARON CHRISMAN	\$230.20
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$575.41
100	ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$30.00
100	RHODA K COOMES	\$35.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$487.92
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$80.00
100	ROXANN DAVIES	\$70.37
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$1,799.98
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$173.00

100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF	\$112.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$498.50
100	JUDY DRINKWALTER	\$65.13
100	SARAH DYKES	\$35.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	LORNA VB ELIASON	\$35.00
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$130.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/HR DEPT	\$145.94
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$236.74
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$27.21
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18,532.41
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$30.00
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$280.22
100	BRIAN S GROVE	\$70.37
100	SARAH HAGEMAN	\$46.14
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$249.82
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$939.39
100	ROBERT G HINMAN	\$35.00
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$2,143.80
100	KCSR-AM	\$165.00
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$91.04
100	THOMAS MASON	\$35.00
100	MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	\$200.00
100	ISAAC SCOTT MILLS	\$35.00
100	MIPS INC	\$4,003.24
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$507.13
100	NACEB	\$100.00
100	NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY TREASURERS	\$415.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,552.59
100	NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	\$156.18
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$53.91
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$209.34
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$731.00
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$293.69
100	JOY OMELANUK	\$35.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	MARTHA QUAY	\$129.04
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$454.21
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$90.59
100	FRANCESCA ROBERTS	\$35.00

100	AARON SANFORD	\$44.17
100	GRANT SASSE	\$35.00
100	JOSHUA SAUSER	\$35.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,672.48
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$42.52
100	ST LOUIS CITY SHERIFF	\$38.50
100	JILL M STACK	\$35.00
100	PATRICIA STETSON-WARNING	\$66.44
100	CATHERINE A SUTERA	\$35.00
100	DONALD ANTHONY TANGWELL	\$55.96
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$72.74
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$271.24
100	MICHELLE WICKHAM	\$45.48
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$124.38
100	ERIC YAGER	\$35.00
100	KAY YAUNEY	\$35.00
200	AFLAC	\$418.71
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,252.26
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,190.63
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$521.40
200	CENTURYLINK	\$17.25
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$125.00
200	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$642.39
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$142.45
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$123.10
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$95.87
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$33.36
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,666.47
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$1,797.06
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$70.00
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$109.37
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$212.65
200	KCSR-AM	\$220.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$65.57
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$76.02
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$839.10
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$202.72
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$12,993.91
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$17,240.77

200	POWERPLAN	\$53,631.26
200	RURAL COMPREHENSIVE CARE NETWORK	\$532.25
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$1,385.94
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$307.00
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$150.76
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$72.31
990	AFLAC	\$13.20
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$81.34
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$114.53
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$8.84
990	DAWES CO TREAS/TOURISM BENEFITS PAY	\$6,886.52
990	EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$2,005.00
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$2,711.27
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$157.28
990	KCSR-AM	\$600.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$32.76
990	NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	\$125.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.79
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,750.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,750.00
995	HOMESLICE MEDIA GROUP,LLC	\$1,235.30
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$292.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.61
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.24
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$100.00