

- CHADRON, NEBRASKA
August 08, 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 9:01 A.M. on the 8th day of August, 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 and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. 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 July 11, 2023 meeting as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve minutes of the July 17, 2023 Valuation Protest Hearings adding the word "open" to posted meeting act. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Johnson with Stewart abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Sam Wellnitz joined the meeting. There being no correspondence, Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction # 5277 for the Boards review and approval. Upon review of said tax correction by the Board a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, approving tax correction #5277 and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. 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 9:25 A.M. The next meeting will be held on September 12, 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, September 07, 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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DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:26 A.M. on the 8th day of August, 2023 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Member present was Vic Rivera and Jake Stewart. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. 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. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of the July 25 as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera with Stewart abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to pay all claims with the exception of claim #23080076 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$2027.80. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to pay claim #23080076 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$2027.80. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson, with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. There being no public comment, the Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. The Board recessed at 9:37 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:40 A.M.

At 9:41 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates included the following: All three districts are grading and filling holes from the recent rains. District 2 is working on a huge washout on Table Center Road with Mobius assisting crews. District 3 is grading and filling in washouts on Squaw Creek Road Crews are trying to get everything graded again. Mowing has been hard to keep up with due to rains. Discussion ensued. Mr. Yada reported a culvert order should be delivered today to address up-coming projects. Equipment repairs are now all completed. Mr. Yada informed the Board that a site line study will need to be conducted on Road No. 50 by a licensed Engineer. A letter will also be drafted at the Boards request to address the removal of an obstruction on Road No. 50.

At 10:10 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, presented the six-month semi-annual report. He informed the Board of his intent to move a CD from Homestead Bank to Platte Valley Bank for a better interest rate. He may move the money market as well.

At 10:17 A.M. Dustin Will, Benefit Management, met with the Board. His firm can assist in finding better benefit pricing. He left material for the Boards review and a review of current benefits will be conducted by his firm.

At 10:30 A.M. Brad Streeks, Custodian, presented two bids for concrete work in front of the Courthouse to wit: Alan Mintken in the amount of \$4,250.00 which includes labor and materials and Vintage Masonry in the amount of \$15,927.00 which includes labor and materials. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept both bids and award Alan Mintken the bid in the amount of \$4,250.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:42 A.M. Various Department Heads met with the Board to discuss the 2022 Audit findings. Several Department Heads felt like the individuals conducting the audit could've been more professional in their approach to Department Heads.

At 11:26 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, met with the Board. She presented three grants to wit for the Boards review and approval: Hereford Crossroads Event in the amount of \$1000.00; Harvest Moon Festival in the amount of \$2000.00 and Crawford Area Fund-See below. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the Hereford Crossroads Event in the amount of \$1000.00 and the Harvest Moon Festival in the amount of \$2000.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to not award money for the Crawford Area Fund based upon recommendation of the Tourism Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kerri Rempp then went onto share highlights of her annual report. The Tourism Board spent \$80,000.00 in advertising. Revenues generated last year were \$243,000.00 being the second highest year. Dawes County also has the distinction of being in the

top 20 of counties pulling in lodging taxes. \$26,796.50 was granted in promotion grants and \$69,000.00 was granted in improvement grants. Social Media and the website have increased visitor's coming to our area. The Tourism Department also hosted Interns and began an awards program. In other business the County Clerk presented the Sheriff's Distress Warrant Report. There is a total of \$36,369.89 in Distress Warrants with \$26,216.61 collected and \$10,153.28 uncollected. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept the Sheriff's Distress Warrant report. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Advertising for the Sheriff's position was discussed but no action taken. The Board reviewed the 2023 Inventories of the various departments. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept and approve the 2023 inventories as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The last order of business was discussion of the HR position. Kay Hill, HR, tenured her resignation effective August 10, 2023 according to Commissioner Stewart. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to accept Kay Hill's resignation as Human Resources Director effective August 10, 2023. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. For the time being each department head will be responsible for their own HR duties in their department.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on August 22, 2023 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with a budget workshop to follow the scheduled Commissioner Meeting at approximately 1:00 P.M. Both meetings will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on August 17, 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

August 08, 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	\$1,850.54
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,235.01
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$62.94
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$1,158.59
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$39,589.07
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$308.97
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$34.30
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$5,588.00
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$32.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$577.83
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$101.96
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$107.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$805.72
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$553.52

100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELY,WATSON,HARF	\$780.00
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$327.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$392.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$2,560.00
100	DOWNS RURAL SERVICE	\$1,371.85
100	EAKES,INC	\$456.55
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$740.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$71.88
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$599.21
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$339.52
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$17,666.32
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$295.22
100	HAMPTON INN-NORTH PLATTE	\$129.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$606.15
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$156.93
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$1,882.41
100	JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY,INC	\$2,944.00
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$91.04
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,465.20
100	MIPS INC	\$3,573.09
100	NE ASSOC CO CLERKS,REG DEEDS,ELEC C	\$50.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,332.33
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$108.14
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$27.90
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$197.45
100	PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	\$1,894.64
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$12.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-DISTRICT COURT	\$205.81
100	QUILL CORPORATION-EXTENSION	\$26.98
100	QUILL-SHERIFF	\$198.78
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ASSESSOR	\$28.81
100	KATHLEEN SCHENBECK	\$38.23
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,400.00
100	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$2.57
100	VALENTINE DENTAL CLINIC	\$196.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$72.68
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$276.91
100	CAPTIAL ONE NA	\$26.93
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$358.40

100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$163.14
100	385 XPRESS LUBE	\$81.25
200	AFLAC	\$435.92
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,168.67
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$45.35
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,220.76
200	CENTURYLINK	\$17.23
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$123.91
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$124.02
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$63.36
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,573.39
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$36.75
200	KAISER TIRE MOBILE SERVICE	\$315.00
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$75.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$812.80
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$48.00
200	PESTS GO	\$70.00
200	POWERPLAN	\$6,836.64
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$2,027.80
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$10.60
200	TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT,LLC	\$55.72
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$148.88
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$74.48
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$85.69
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$119.07
990	COX/JOHNSON CORPORATION	\$780.00
990	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,474.38
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$12.24
990	FIRESPRING PRINT INC	\$1,279.33
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$424.47
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$169.45
990	KCSR-AM	\$50.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$36.05
990	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$48.00
990	QIIVER LLC	\$2,500.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,750.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,750.00

995	HOMESLICE MEDIA GROUP,LLC	\$10,334.55
1150	MOBILE BINDERS	\$351.38
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$800.00
2501	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$1,319.45
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5.63
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$23.54
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$5.57