

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

May 09, 2023

### DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:18 A.M. on the 9th 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 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 Commissioner Rivera, moved to approve the agenda noting the following changes to wit: the resolution to transfer funds from 2910-2913 was removed and transferred to the May 23, 2023 Commissioner meeting and Jesse McDonald's appointment was moved to 11:30 A.M. 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 April 25, 2023 meeting with the following correction to wit: minutes recorded as April 23, 2023, not April 25, 2023. 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. Correspondences included a newsletter from NCAP. 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. Tom Thompson, CAT representative, joined the meeting.

At 9:23 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. At this time Tom Thompson, CAT representative, visited with the Board regarding the CAT rebuild program which includes warranty, repainting (if requested), new seats, etc., basically CAT offers a rebuild at half the cost of a new motor grader. Currently Dawes County has a 140H Motor Grader at CAT for repairs and several other items should be addressed with the motor grader and the rebuild program is an option available to the county. The timeframe for rebuilds is 2.5 months according to Thompson. No decision was made by the Board regarding the rebuild program at this time. The Board thanked Mr. Thompson for sharing information regarding the rebuild program. Road Updates were shared by Highway Superintendent, Wade Yada to wit: District 1 is pulling shoulders on E. Dakota Junction Road preparing the road for rock. District 2 worked on the west side of the highway on River Road fixing blow outs. They will move to Table Center Road next. District 3 is working on Wayside Road installing two (2) culverts, then onto Ferguson Road to rock. The Crusher has 1-2 more days at Furman's pit, a gravel contract with Bolek's is in the works. Road No. 50 was discussed. Commissioner Rivera brought up a safety issue concern.

At 10:00 A.M. The Chairman declared the Public Hearing open to hear input, suggestions or concerns regarding a budget amendment to cover unanticipated expenditures in the Roads and Jail Facility budgets. Notice of budget amendment was published in the Crawford Clipper prior to the Public Hearing. There being no one from the Public to seek input the Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:05 A.M. The following resolutions were adopted to wit: Resolution No. 2023-12 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, transferring \$300,000.00 from Inheritance Fund 2700 to the Road Fund 200. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2023-13 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, transferring \$65,000.00 from Inheritance Fund 2700 to General Fund 0100. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No 2023-15 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, adopting and appropriating funds per the amended budget for 2022-2023. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board adopted Resolution No. 2023-14 introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, transferring \$101,420.48 from the General Fund 0100 to the Reappraisal Fund 1100. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kay Hill, HR, discussed CRAKE training with the Board. This is training offered by the Nebraska State Patrol out of Scottsbluff, NE. The training will be offered June 6, 8 and 13. The training is approximately two (2) hours with an additional hour for questions after the training is done. The training will mandatory for all Dawes County Employees and Officials. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the mandatory

CRAKE training for all county employees and officials. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Web hosting was discussed next. Kay Hill, HR, reported she has been in contact with several website host companies and recommended the Board go with FireSpring for website hosting. She went on to say they are cheaper than other website hosting companies and customer service is excellent. Dawes County started searching for a new website host when the County Clerk was notified the current website hosts, Lee Enterprises, was raising their monthly rate from \$99.00 to \$249.00. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to go with Firespring for website hosting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Woods Aitken engagement letter was reviewed by the Board. The engagement letter is necessary to do business with Woods Aitken according to Ms. Hill. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to direct the Chairman to sign the engagement letter with Woods Aitken. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The HR Director will give notice to the public that wood chips are available for purchase by sealed bid. Bids will be opened at the May 23, 2023 Commissioner Meeting. The Board then reviewed information received from Blue Cross, Blue Shield regarding subgroup application for fiscal year July 01, 2023 to June 30, 2024. There is a 3.98% increase in both medical and dental plans. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to direct the Chairman to sign the subgroup plan going with a \$1600.00 deductible for health coverage and the Premier Option 3 dental PPO Plan with the county paying 90% of premium costs. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:30 A.M. Terri Haynes, ESU 13, approached the Board with a Proclamation proclaiming May as Mental Health month. The Chairman read aloud the proclamation and signed such. Ms. Haynes presented those present with green ribbons (signifying Mental Health Awareness) and brochures with information on mental health care.


At 10:40 A.M. Jesse McDonald introduced himself as the new Trapper for Dawes/Sioux counties. Mr. McDonald reported he is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation wild life services Trapper. He moved from Utah in January and he plans on staying and retiring in this area. He can be reached by calling (435)840-3510. He presented the 2023-2024 APHIS contract for the Boards review and approval. He also informed the Board there is a \$27,574.88 credit with APHIS due to no trapper being in the area for several months. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the 2023-2024 contract with APHIS in the amount of \$36,548.66 and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

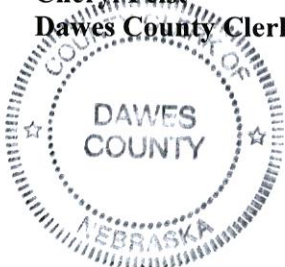
At 10:47 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, met with the Board. She presented two (2) grants for the Boards review and approval to wit: Classic's in the Park in the amount of \$2343.00 and Old West Trail Rodeo in the amount of \$4,000.00. Upon review of said grants Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve both grants as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Rempp also discussed two (2) letters that will go out to lodging members and non-lodging members. Ms. Rempp reported there are some lodging businesses that aren't remitting taxes due on lodging. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to direct the Tourism Director to send both letters respectively. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on May 23, 2023 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on May 18, 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







**May 09, 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	AMERICAN FLAGS EXPRESS	\$401.20
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,125.40
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$38,764.26
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$238.60
100	GARY R BRIDGES JR	\$322.26
100	CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES,INC	\$233.89
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$3,202.11
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$32.00
100	CENTURLINK	\$499.92
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$120.26
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$85.80
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$528.87
100	COBBLESTONE HOTEL & SUITES-BROKEN B	\$570.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$47.50
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$28.00
100	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$101,420.48
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$432.00
100	DAWES COUNTY EXTENSION	\$157.01
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$498.50
100	DOCU-SHRED LLC	\$80.00
100	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$2,647.54
100	EAKES,INC	\$407.58
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$160.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/HR DEPT	\$422.50
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$696.44
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$142.15
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$16,782.59
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,331.26
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$283.53
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$999.55
100	HI-TECH CAR CARE	\$67.64
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$345.00
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$407.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$15.39

100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$20.78
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$5.80
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$91.04
100	MAXIMUS,INC	\$2,100.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$693.75
100	MIPS INC	\$3,513.49
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$216.05
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$105.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,234.86
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$242.93
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$89.93
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/DISTRICT CT	\$66.47
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$176.32
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$1,438.45
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$47.17
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$67.98
100	QUILL CORPORATION-DISTRICT COURT	\$82.17
100	QUILL CORPORATION-EXTENSION	\$384.51
100	TESSA REECE	\$30.00
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$7,290.00
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$3,252.87
100	MARIAN SPICHER	\$32.00
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$12,873.79
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$72.67
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$280.83
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$27.63
100	WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY	\$103.11
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$148.81
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$117.69
200	AFLAC	\$418.71
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,032.24
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,190.63
200	CENTURYLINK	\$17.23
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$127.99
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$123.10
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$131.71

200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$79.38
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,836.70
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$70.00
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$124.13
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$5.80
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$63.99
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$76.02
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$608.68
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$93.63
200	POWERPLAN	\$3,246.52
200	TERRY SERRES	\$15.00
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$129.26
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$148.76
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$72.31
990	AFLAC	\$13.20
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$73.99
990	ASSOCIATIONS INC	\$400.00
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$114.53
990	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$66.98
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$152.36
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$129.17
990	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING INC	\$1,656.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$25.09
990	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TOURISM	\$184.33
990	SHP HOLDINGS LLC	\$435.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.79
995	HOMESLICE MEDIA GROUP,LLC	\$4,877.99
1100	PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP	\$44,051.24
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$375.00
2501	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$9,750.00
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$6.13
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1.49
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.61
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$270.32
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.24

RESOLUTION 2023-12

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM INHERITANCE TAX FUND-2700 TO  
THE ROAD FUND-200

WHEREAS: The Dawes County Board of Commissioners has adopted the amended 2022-2023 Budget of Dawes County Nebraska which made provisions for the transfer of funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund-2700 to the Road Fund-200; and

WHEREAS: The Dawes County Board of Commissioners now find it necessary to transfer funds in the amount of \$ 300,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund – 2700 to the Road Fund-200; and

WHEREAS: It is the desire of the Dawes County Board of Commissioners to designate \$150,000.00 of this transfer to be considered a loan from the Inheritance Tax Fund-2700 & the remaining \$150,000.00 to not be considered a loan from the Inheritance Tax Fund-2700; and


WHEREAS: It is the desire of the Dawes County Board of Commissioners to being repaying the loan of \$150,000.00 in increments of \$50,000.00 each fiscal year starting in fiscal year 2023-2024, contingent upon funds being available.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

1. The Dawes County Clerk draw a claim to transfer the amount of \$ 300,000.00 (Three hundred \_ thousand dollars and zero cents) from the Inheritance Tax Fund – 2700 to the Road Fund - 200.
2. The repayment of said loan will begin in fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amounts of \$50,000 each fiscal year until said loan is satisfied, contingent upon funds being available.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2023.

DAWES COUNTY NEBRASKA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Webb L. Johnson, Chairman

  
Valente Rivera, Member

  
Jake Stewart, Member



ATTEST:

  
Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk



RESOLUTION 2023- 13

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM INHERITANCE TAX FUND-2700 TO  
THE GENERAL FUND-100

WHEREAS: The Dawes County Board of Commissioners has adopted the amended 2022-2023 Budget of Dawes County Nebraska which made provisions for the transfer of funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund-2700 to the General Fund – 100, and


WHEREAS: The Dawes County Board of Commissioners now find it necessary to transfer funds in the amount of \$ 65,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund – 2700 to the General Fund-100 with no intention of the funds be designated as a loan from the Inheritance Tax Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

1. The Dawes County Clerk draw a claim to transfer the amount of \$ 65,000.00 (Sixty-five thousand dollars and zero cents) from the Inheritance Tax Fund – 2700 to the General Fund - 100.

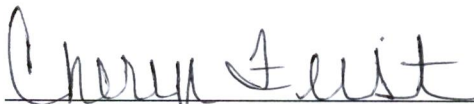
Dated this 9th day of May, 2023.


DAWES COUNTY NEBRASKA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

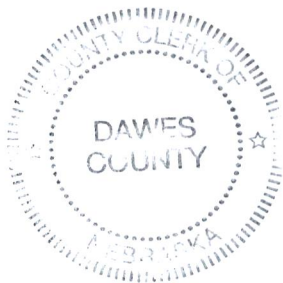
  
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Webb L. Johnson, Chairman

  
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Valente Rivera, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk

  
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Jake Stewart, Member



**RESOLUTION 2023- 15**  
**DAWES COUNTY BUDGET DOCUMENT**  
**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS OF AMENDED BUDGET**

WHEREAS, A proposed County Budget for the Fiscal year of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was adopted by the Dawes County Board of Commissioners on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Expenditures in the Road Fund 200 are anticipated to exceed originally budgeted expenditures by approximately \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00, and expenditures in the Jail Fund 671 of the General Fund 100 are anticipated to exceed originally budgeted expenditures by approximately \$65,000.00; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Dawes County Board of Commissioners to amend the budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 to remain in compliance with state statutes.

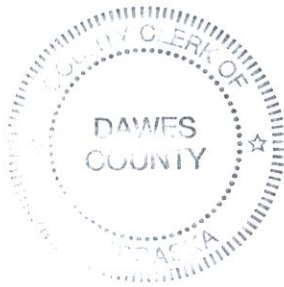
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dawes County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the amended budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as categorically evidenced by the Amended Budget Document be, and the same hereby is adopted as the Amended Budget for Dawes County for said fiscal year.

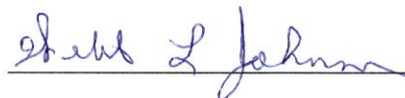
SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2023.



**DAWES COUNTY NEBRASKA**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Webb L. Johnson, Chairman

  
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Jake Stewart, Member

ATTEST:



Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk