

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