

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

September 24, 2024

### DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 10:28 A.M. on the 24th day of September, 2024 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Members present was Jake Stewart and Vic Rivera. 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. The minutes of the September 10, 2024 Commissioner meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera approving the minutes with the following corrections to wit: Breakneck Road, not Four-Mile Road as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve all claims as submitted with the exception of claim#24090200 in the total amount of \$783.52 payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to pay claim#24090200 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$783.52. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments were approved by general consent of the board. Brad Streeks, Custodian, joined the meeting. There wasn't any correspondence. Board Reports ensued to wit: **Rivera:** Region 1 met August 12<sup>th</sup> with business as usual. There was also discussion on suicide training being offered to staff. Commissioner Rivera is concerned this training will address individuals after the fact and not concentrate on prevention measures. SWANN met August 19<sup>th</sup> and re-worded the personnel manual. Baler updates include the survey is done and dumpster rental appraisals for Hemingford will be done this week. **Stewart:** The Safety Committee met and they are looking to start building inspections although there are no safety concerns at this time. The addition to the Assessor's office was discussed. The project is being coordinated between the contractor and the maintenance department. NCAP met August 19<sup>th</sup>, new lease agreements for the Head Start buildings were discussed. Head Start is back in session and looking for more enrollment. Children aged 3-4 can participate in the program. New RFPs were reviewed for the Alliance Head Start air conditioning. Region 23 met August 19<sup>th</sup>, emergencies in all four (4) counties was discussed. Also discussed a mature CD. NNDC met August 19<sup>th</sup>, Golden Shovel will develop a new economic plan which will utilize LB840 funding. **Johnson:** Area Aging Office met, no quorum but homeless individuals were discussed. PADD met with business as usual; OHD met with business as usual and the financial officer was honored for her dedication. Public Comment was opened by the Board Chairman. Steve and Yvonne Cornish addressed the board. Mr. Cornish indicated there are built roads east of Squaw Mound Road, re-rocked going west to Highway 71. Yvonne indicated they struggle to get up the road by the mine, it's all sand, full of gulleys across the road. The Amish, Semi's and loggers are coming down Squaw Creek Road. She indicated they use East Ash Road many times. Their vehicle has sustained extensive damage due to the road conditions. They believe there hasn't been any rock on Squaw Creek Road in ten (10) years. In other business, Brad Streeks, Custodian, presented two (2) snow removal bids to wit: Bob's Snow Removal bid \$90.00 for the back parking lot at the courthouse. Chadron Arbor Barber bid for all three buildings at the following rates: 1"-3" of snow removal is \$375.00 per time; 4"-8" of snow removal is \$550.00 per time and 8" plus snow removal is \$650.00 per time. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to receive all bids. Roll call vote, Ayes; Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart will look into other options as well.

At 11:01A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates ensued to wit: District 1 has less than ½ mile left on Table Road. Locates for Davenport Road done. Project to begin. District 2 finished Grantham Road rocking. Hauling rock on River Road to fix blow-outs. District 3 working on Squaw Creek Road. The Construction Crew has Brooke and Hank working on tree removal on West Ash Creek Road. Mr. Yada reported there is a position open in District 2. District 3 has an old culvert to surplus. The surplus will be done at the October 08, 2024 Commissioner meeting. He also

reported six (6) crew members assisted with the fire in Crawford. Dawes County will be reimbursed for time spent helping with the fire.

At 11:10 A.M. Ashley Ahrens and Kylin Jersild, UNL Extension presented program updates to wit: Kylin indicated for the record that May-June programs are done and were well attended. Fair went good with 34 individuals going to State. A total of 739 unique kids were reached this year. Up-coming events include Animals inside/out; Annual achievement banquet coming up and after school programs are being offered. Ashley Ahrens indicated she is now certified to teach CPR classes. She went over some of the reports submitted. Commissioner Rivera asked about suicide prevention trainings. Ms. Ahrens indicated they are looking into the possibility of offering these services along with stress mitigation. In other business Webb Johnson presented an update on the Predator Control Officer. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to appoint Casey Bach as the Predator Control Officer with duties to begin on October 01, 2024. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion ensued amongst board members regarding the Predator Control position. Resolution No. 2024-20 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, setting the final tax request for 2024/2025 at 0.355792 which is lower than the 2023/2024 levy request of 0.376962. The total property tax request for 2024/2025 is \$4,212,641.12 for the General Fund and \$74,368.25 for the Bond Fund. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-21 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, adopting the 2024/2025 budget and appropriating funds to the various departments. 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 11:47 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on October 08, 2024 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with the Board of Equalization meeting, 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 October 03, 2024. **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**  
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**Webb L. Johnson, Chairman**

**September 24, 2024 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	ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF-CIVIL	\$ 18.50
100	AFLAC	\$ 2,090.16
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 11,754.98
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 544.26
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-EXTENSION	\$ 54.68
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$ 972.91
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$ 29.22
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$ 211.96
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$ 931.60
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-WEED	\$ 40.09
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-250 MAIN ST	\$ 40.52

100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-342 MAIN ST	\$ 40.50
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-451 MAIN ST	\$ 42.72
100	BLACK HILLS WEEKLY GROUP-DIST CT	\$ 136.99
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 40,469.21
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 2,726.30
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 461.29
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$ 456.00
100	CHAMBERLAIN CHAPEL INC	\$ 2,560.63
100	ARON CHRISMAN	\$ 47.25
100	COAST TO COAST COMPUTER PRODUCTS	\$ 250.99
100	COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	\$ 71.31
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$ 1,980.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$ 1,540.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$ 16.95
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$ 27.80
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 30.85
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$ 36.90
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$ 16.95
100	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$ 232.61
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$ 296.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 106.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 467.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$ 2,350.00
100	EAKES,INC	\$ 65.96
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$ 1,412.00
100	ENGRAVERS	\$ 11.95
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$ 7.50
100	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$ 1,045.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 20,371.15
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 177.31
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 197.18
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$ 936.89
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 27.81
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 3,189.70
100	KYLIN JERSILD	\$ 43.43
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$ 312.00
100	JORDAN,ROBERT A	\$ 564.14
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$ 6,435.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 22.83
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$ 6.09
100	METAL PRODUCTS COMPANY	\$ 52.70

100	NACO	\$ 160.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$ 186.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 2,773.26
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 2,390.56
100	NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	\$ 285.80
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$ 181.17
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 202.01
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$ 182.77
100	POSTMASTER	\$ 1,500.00
100	QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	\$ 1,650.00
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$ 129.95
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$ 164.47
100	QUILL CORPORATION-DISTRICT COURT	\$ 108.71
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$ 135.00
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$ 144.64
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$ 340.30
100	DANA STREEKS	\$ 9.99
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$ 75.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$ 7,994.19
100	UNL EXTENSION DAWES COUNTY	\$ 165.98
100	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 10,000.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$ 82.39
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 279.30
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$ 71.88
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC	\$ 70.27
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$ 75.64
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$ 14.00
200	AFLAC	\$ 506.23
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,277.92
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$ 41.28
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,327.40
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$ 509.92
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$ 125.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 3,556.63
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 1,446.00
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$ 30.98
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 6.09
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$ 110.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 760.21

200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 43.70
200	NEWMAN SIGNS,INC	\$ 7,128.02
200	NIRMA	\$ 390.00
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$ 16,561.60
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 126.29
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$ 2,935.20
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 783.52
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 96.87
200	WESTCO	\$ 20,292.23
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$ 114.67
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 86.76
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 111.26
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 171.82
990	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-DOWNTOWN LINCOL	\$ 112.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 35.26
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$ 402.13
2910	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$ 1,490.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 18.10
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 156.99
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 4.15