

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

April 09, 2024

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:34 A.M. on the 9th day of March, 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; Regina Ochoa 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 Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the agenda noting the addition of separation of duties re: Business Connect twenty-four (24) hours prior to meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2024 meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart seconded by Rivera, approving all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board by general consent approved all monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. Correspondence acknowledged by the Board included a newsletter from NCAP.

At 9:45 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. All crews are pushing snow South and West Dawes County. District 1 reported this morning the White River is coming over the banks, some roads may need to be closed due to flooding. Some blading is being done. Pete is pretty much done on Deadhorse Road. Regina Ochoa discussed an incident off Bethel Road into Government property whereby a Game & Parks employee slid off the bridge. She reported the bridge is collapsing underneath and is a potential huge liability for the county. Katie Schenbeck joined the meeting in progress.

At 10:05 A.M. Katie Schenbeck presented the adopted amendment re: vacation time eliminating the "Use it or lose it" clause. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera moved to approve the amended vacation policy. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:10 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the board. He reported he has sprayers lined up for the summer. An ad for the mowing position is up and Modern Farm has a mower. He also informed the Board he is the Panhandle Weed Control President, Region 5 Director so he serves on the Board of Directors of the NE Weed Association. He is Vice President of PRIDE and is in charge of continuing education. The Legislature passed LB218 re: grants so this money will be utilized for chemical, etc. He also reported there is a new name coming out for PRIDE. Drone demonstrations will be conducted for school age children. Cheat grass studies are being conducted using a new chemical. Invasive grasses in Wyoming are moving to our area. In other business Commissioner Stewart discussed separation of duties re: Business Connect program being utilized by the Clerk and Treasurer's Office. Deb Lesmeister, Deputy County Clerk; Casey Keim, Payroll, Claims, Benefits Clerk and Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, joined the meeting. Deb Lesmeister questioned why the bank can't grey out Treasurer's information so access is more secure. Sam Wellnitz indicated ACH releases require two (2) people to release. Dual control is only required by First National Bank Omaha locally. Discussion ensued about banking options available to the county. Commissioner Stewart called Brandy with Business Connect so questions, concerns could be addressed. She indicated Business Connect can be rebuilt but they will need one (1) individual that has sole access to the program and whom would be responsible for making changes or removing individuals from the program. Commissioner Stewart indicated he would be willing to be the main Administrator. Brandy with Business Connect will be contacted as follow-up. Resolution No. 2024-01 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, transferring \$3,404.23 from 2913 Wireless Fund to the General 0100 Fund to clear up audit issues. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-12 was introduced by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, transferring \$1,046.10 from 2913 Wireless Fund to the 2910 E-911 Fund to clear up audit issues. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Four (4) promotional grants were reviewed for board approval to wit: Fur Trade Days in the amount of \$4000.00; Peabody Hale Fiddle Contest in the amount of \$2100.00; Classics in the Park in

the amount of \$2343.00 and the NW Volksmarch in the amount of \$600.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve all four (4) promotional grants as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Privacy Officer appointment is still in limbo and all Officials at Commissioner Stewart's request are to send vacation history on their employees. The County Clerk will send an email to all Officials. Commissioner Johnson reported the Panhandle District Meeting hosted by Dawes County in Bridgeport NE; was a success. He received a lot of positive feedback. He thanked the County Clerk and Deputy Clerk for all the work they put into setting up the meeting and meal.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on April 23, 2024 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on April 18, 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

Webb L. Johnson, Chairman

April 09, 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	AFLAC	\$ 1,862.78
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 11,517.34
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 92.78
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 41,984.65
100	BOB'S SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 180.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 215.99
100	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,INC	\$ 689.80
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 2,463.74
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 36.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$ 549.39
100	CHADRON'S GOLDEN AGE COURIER	\$ 98.00
100	ARON CHRISMAN	\$ 66.01
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 491.54
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$ 49.75
100	DAWES COUNTY ASSESSOR	\$ 50.00
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$ 575.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 392.00
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$ 323.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$ 119.60
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$ 30.25
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 475.40

100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$ 89.73
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 18,739.42
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 229.04
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 215.71
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 187.50
100	ISLAND LAW OFFICE, LLO	\$ 1,896.16
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$ 2,200.00
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$ 80.20
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$ 828.80
100	MIPS INC	\$ 3,573.09
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 223.49
100	KYLIE MUNGER	\$ 300.38
100	NACEB	\$ 100.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 2,396.39
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$ 197.61
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$ 29.50
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$ 80.57
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$ 119.24
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$ 8,085.02
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$ 186.47
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$ 190.00
100	PENNINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 60.00
100	MARTHA QUAY	\$ 94.98
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/EXTENSION	\$ 134.99
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$ 346.21
100	SECRETARY OF STATE/ELECTION	\$ 50.00
100	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 10,000.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$ 88.04
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 267.03
100	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$ 90.00
100	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	\$ 175.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$ 14.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$ 121.85
200	AFLAC	\$ 436.29
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,450.36
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$ 636.07
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,356.99
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$ 1,917.50
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$ 1,070.60
200	CENTURYLINK	\$ 17.33
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 127.45
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$ 116.30

200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$ 83.72
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 4,633.97
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$ 68.72
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$ 783.60
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$ 70.47
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 76.02
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 1,005.18
200	NEBRASKA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	\$ 60.00
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$ 1,980.00
200	POWERPLAN	\$ 2,583.82
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 3,380.63
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$ 957.00
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$ 151.88
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 90.73
200	JESS WILD	\$ 870.00
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 76.79
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 119.07
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 4.42
990	DAWES CO TREAS/TOURISM BENEFITS PAY	\$ 7,169.23
990	DAWES COUNTY AG SOCIETY	\$ 500.00
990	EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$ 2,005.00
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$ 473.45
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 132.32
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 24.48
990	PLACER LABS INC.	\$ 4,250.00
990	POST PLAYHOUSE INC	\$ 300.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 3,750.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 1,750.00
995	MILES PARTNERSHIP,LLLP	\$ 2,000.00
2580	CORE CPAS PC	\$ 383.50
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 18.27
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 157.50
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 4.19
2913	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$ 3,404.23
2913	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER #2	\$ 1,046.10

