

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

August 27, 2024

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 27th day of August, 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; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; William Wickersham; Sandra Scofield; Lindy Coleman, Assessor and Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer. 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 noting the addition of resolutions 2024-17; 2024-18 and 2024-19 with 24-hour notice. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The minutes of the August 13, 2024 Commissioner meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to approve the minutes 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 with the exception of claim#'s 24080187 in the amount of \$66.74; 24080187 in the amount of \$430.18 and 24080211 in the amount of \$1341.42. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to pay claim#'s 24080211, 24080187 and 24080211 to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$1838.07. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments were approved by general consent of the board. Robert Wolvington joined the meeting.

At 9:13 A.M. Public Comment was opened by the Board Chairman. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, informed the Board that Dawn Sayaloune has passed the Assessor testing and will be sworn in as Deputy Assessor. Robert Wolvington thanked the Board for gravel on East Table Road. The Board informed him a final grading will be done as well. Board Reports ensued to wit: **Rivera**-Region 1 met, very short meeting. SWANN met; the site has received best landfill in State designation. Discussion of Hemingford dumpster buy-out was discussed. Constituents learned there is 92 years left on the cell for SWANN. Stewart-Boards did not meet, no report. Johnson-Crawford Senior Center met; the Aging Office purchased two (2) new vehicles for meals on wheels with business as usual. PADD met and was business as usual and OHD met. Client numbers are staying consistent and budget is good.

At 9:18 A.M. Resolution No. 2024-16 was reviewed. Commissioner Rivera is still concerned we may have opened a can of worms. He has already received calls to name other roads. He feels this move is 100% want, not need. Commissioner Johnson is concerned there currently is no signage on said road. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, is concerned 911 Officials can find the home as changing the address could affect emergency response times. She has no control over the 911 addressing. William Wickersham indicated for the record he appreciated the comments. He reported he visited with the State E-911 Coordinator and was told to pin coordinates to address and 911 will find their location. He feels they followed proper protocol in naming the Road. Commissioner Rivera added the road name was named after a relative. Commissioner Stewart indicated for the record the dead-end road should be closed, then the road could be named whatever the parties want. The resolution wasn't adopted due to lack of a motion. A sign will be erected designating the dead-end road as Road No. 162. Mr. Wickersham and Sandra Scofield left the meeting. Road updates ensued to wit: District 1-still hauling on East Table Road, then to Davenport Road. District 2-hauling gravel on West Table Road, then to Flag Butte Road. District 3-finishing up on Squaw Creek. Grading on Slim Buttes Road and other county roads as weather permits. Pete is almost finished up at the the Lux pit, he will reclaim the Lux pit and move onto the Stumph pit. Road No. 50 was brought up by Commissioner Rivera. He indicated the county needs to take action based off the court ruling. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Rivera asked that Mr. Yada keep him informed regarding Road No. 50. The Board recessed at 9:47 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:54 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Kerri Rempp and Sam Wellnitz rejoined the meeting.

At 9:55 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, presented her annual report. There was \$30,205.50 issued in promotional grants and \$32,544.36 issued in Improvement grants this past year. The 2023 lodging tax collected was \$253,977.15 with Dawes County being in the top twenty (20) of lodging taxes

collected in the State. A State Tourism Grant was also awarded in the amount of \$25,000.00. The Travel guide supports itself. \$77,000.00 was spent on promoting Northwest Nebraska. Social media traffic is also up. Spike Jordan, VSO, joined the meeting. Pickup bids received were discussed. Commissioner Stewart went over the bids received. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart moved to award the pickup bid to GMC of Chadron for 2017 Dodge pickup with 70,000 miles priced at \$20,023.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The pickup will be utilized by the Predator Control department. A NACO COBRA administrative agreement was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the agreement for COBRA administrative services through NACO and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Sheriff's Distress Warrant report was reviewed by the Board. There was \$37,723.84 collected with \$10,826.36 remaining uncollected. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept the report and place it on file in the Clerk's Office. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. A surplus request submitted by the Public Defenders office was reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to surplus the computer screen and advertise such if possible. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 10:15 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 11:29 A.M. Several individuals present at the meeting left.

At 11:30 A.M. Caleb Johnson, Budget Coordinator, met with the Board to go over the 2024-2025 budget requests. \$248,000.00 was cut from the various budgets to keep the county under the lid. The Board recessed at 1:00 P.M. and reconvened to regular session at 2:04 P.M. Roll was called and the following commissioners were present, Webb Johnson, Jake Stewart and Vic Rivera. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Caleb Johnson, Budget Coordinator. Budget reviews continued into the afternoon. Adjustments were made to wages where warranted and line items in each budget were reviewed. After a full afternoon of reviewing budgets, the increase in tax asking will be \$103,960.55 with a proposed levy of .355792 for 2024-2025 as compared to .376962 for 2023-2024. LB 34 was discussed at length and a cash reserve fund was started. The following resolutions were adopted at the budget meeting to wit: Resolution No. 2024-17 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to allocate taxes to the Agricultural Society, Chadron and Crawford Rural Fire Districts. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-18 was introduced by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, to increase restricted funds by 1%. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-19 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, authorizing petty cash funds in the Clerk and County Court offices. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Final Tax Request and Budget Hearing will be held on September 24, 2024 commencing at 10:00 A.M. with the Commissioner Meeting to follow the Budget Hearing.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 P.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on September 12, 2024 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with a 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 September 05, 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

August 27, 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	\$ 2,090.16
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 12,227.77
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 451.48
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$ 705.42
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-WEED	\$ 40.09
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-250 MAIN ST	\$ 42.59
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-342 MAIN ST	\$ 40.76
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-451 MAIN ST	\$ 44.15
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 40,629.54
100	DONALD A BRUSH	\$ 2,855.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 30.45
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 2,145.06
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 129.67
100	CENTURLINK	\$ 231.84
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$ 7,800.00
100	MAKENA CHAMBERS	\$ 40.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 1,226.28
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$ 2,575.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$ 830.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$ 748.00
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$ 404.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 467.00
100	DOWNS RURAL SERVICE	\$ 1,371.85
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$ 156.97
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 21,058.92
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 2,317.09
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 165.56
100	HI-TECH CAR CARE	\$ 86.20
100	HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	\$ 404.85
100	KONE,INC	\$ 1,037.21
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$ 5,115.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 29.57
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$ 6.09
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$ 410.70
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$ 525.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 2,866.70

100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$ 137.15
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$ 199.99
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$ 263.00
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 202.44
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$ 343.35
100	PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	\$ 1,894.64
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$ 123.99
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 496.65
100	SAUNDERS COUNTY	\$ 30.14
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$ 130.53
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$ 287.04
100	SHERIDAN COUNTY JOURNAL STAR	\$ 70.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$ 82.39
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 273.13
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$ 38.70
100	WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY	\$ 214.20
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$ 75.64
200	AFLAC	\$ 506.23
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,424.21
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$ 85.97
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,327.40
200	CENTURYLINK	\$ 26.36
200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$ 40.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 4,179.78
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$ 548.94
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 6.09
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 927.48
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 125.58
200	RDO TRUCK CENTER	\$ 831.44
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 1,341.42
200	SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF NW NEBRASKA	\$ 690.25
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$ 194.28
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 96.87
200	KENNETH S WINNER JR	\$ 270.00
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$ 116.07
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 89.72
990	ASSOCIATIONS INC	\$ 400.00
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 111.26

990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 183.13
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 38.34
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$ 225.00
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