

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

October 08, 2024

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:07 A.M. on the 8th day of October, 2024 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Member present was Jake Stewart. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to excuse Commissioner Rivera. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Also, present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Clifford Stehle, Wally Juhlin, Martina Lemmon and Jack Galt. 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 Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the agenda adding with 24 hours' notice CDBG funding and ADA improvements regarding Crawford Fire Hall. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Budget/Final Tax Request minutes of the September 24, 2024 Commissioner meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, approving the minutes with the following corrections to wit: the total tax asking for 2024-2025 is \$4,287,009.37 which is different than the 2023-2024 tax asking of \$4,183,048.82 resulting in an increase of \$103,960.55, not 2024-2025 tax asking of \$103,960.55 as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the Commissioner meeting for September 24, 2024 were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the Commissioner minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve all claims as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments were approved by general consent of the board. Correspondences acknowledged by the Board included NCAP/Area Aging newsletters. Public Comment ensued with Wally Juhlin requesting 911 signage for rural homes as its becoming difficult to find some rural homes when a fire is called in. Discussion ensued. Also discussed was road signage. Commissioner Johnson shared the new Predator Control, Casey Bach's phone number to wit: (308)207-5207. Commissioner Johnson also reported signage on the pickup for Predator Control is done, he has been receiving several calls and he has met with Sioux County and obtained a scope for his rifle. Commissioner Johnson also reported he learned at the Panhandle District Meeting that Casper, Wyoming has a home for individuals experiencing mental conditions. Region 1 Mental Health is looking into a similar situation in Nebraska. It was noted at the Panhandle District Meeting that Kimball, NE. has an old hospital that could be used. Opioid funds could help off-set costs associated with bringing this service to Nebraska.

Jack Galt, representative for the Crawford Fire Hall met with the Board. He presented bids received back from bid packets sent out on 9/23/24 to Danielson Construction who bid \$9.38 per square foot for the Crawford Fire Hall ADA project; Fuller Construction who didn't bid; Anderson/Shaw who bid \$10.61 per square foot and Suchor and Sons who bid \$11.05 per square foot. Danielson Construction was selected by the Crawford Fire Hall Board to do the ADA project. He also informed the Board that 1500 square feet of concrete was deleted from the project to save on costs. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept the Danielson Construction bid at \$9.38 per square foot for the ADA CDBG re-use funding with administrative services being conducted by PADD. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart indicated for the record that any entity seeking funds through the CDBG re-use funding are required to go through the bid process for Dawes County to approve funding for the entity.

Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road Updates included the following to wit: District 1 is done graveling on East Table Road and will move onto Davenport and Alpha Roads. District 2 is hauling rock on East River Road and will be working on Dry Creek Road. District 3 is finishing up on Squaw Creek then moving west to Ash Creek Road. The Construction Crew is clearing trees on West Ash Creek Road. Mr. Yada reported he has one (1) opening in District 2. He has received two (2) applications and plans to interview next week. He reported he attended the Bridgeport Panhandle District Meeting and learned there is LTAP funding available. He plans to work with the Box Butte County Highway Superintendent to secure funding for an asphalt project. More cross-training is being

conducted amongst crew members. He reported a JD Motor Grader used during the recent fire is at the John Deere shop to see what caused the steering to go out. Fire reimbursement was also discussed. A petition request submitted by Ronald Scherbarth to install a water line across a road located in Section 31, Township 31, Range 49 was reviewed by the Board and Highway Superintendent. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the petition request of Ronald Scherbarth. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 9:45 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:54 A.M.

At 9:55 A.M. Linda Verhage met with the Board. She requested more signage for the Amish Community. Specifically, Four Mile Corner and Saw Logs Roads need signage. She reported there is another school and both schools need proper signage. Wade Yada indicated for the record that signage is planned for several roads.

At 10:05 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer and Deann Koerber, Deputy Treasurer, met with the Board. Mr. Wellnitz presented listings of unsold 2024 taxes, Personal Property listing due to be stricken as they are over fifteen (15) years old and a distress warrant list certified by the Dawes County Treasurer. Upon review and discussion with the Treasurer, Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept the listing of 2024 unsold taxes, Personal Property to be stricken that is over fifteen (15) years old and the distress warrant list certified by the Dawes County Treasurer. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. As a note for the record the 2024 unsold tax list is available at the Treasurer's Office. Deann Koerber met with the Board regarding a county burial. Discussion ensued. The possibility of filing a small claim complaint was discussed to recoup some costs associated with the burial. Ms. Koerber also informed the board that a new contract with Chamberlain Chapel might be forth coming. The next order of business was transfer of property from the Weed Department to the Predator Control Department. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to remove the 4-wheeler and Trailer from the Weed Department Inventory and put the equipment in the Predator Control Inventory. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Three (3) Tourism Grants were presented for Board approval to wit: Crawford Cattle Call in the amount of \$2000.00; Post Playhouse in the amount of \$30,000.00 and Agricultural Society which was denied by the Tourism Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the Post Playhouse Improvement grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 and the Crawford Cattle Call promotional grant in the amount of \$2000.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken on the Agricultural Society grant. The last order of business was to set a special Board of Equalization meeting to adopt the 2024-2025 levies for Dawes County. Discussion ensued. Due to the untimeliness of receipt of a budget levies couldn't be adopted at today's meeting but are due to be set by October 20, 2024. The Board won't meet again until October 22, 2024. The special meeting notice will be posted and will take place on October 15, 2024 commencing at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners room. The meeting is open to the public.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on October 22, 2024 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on October 17, 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

October 08, 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	\$ 2,009.85
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$ 2,015.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 12,049.17
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 92.78
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$ 770.31
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$ 132.77
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 39,251.15
100	ROBERT M BRENNER LAW OFFICE	\$ 1,110.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 323.48
100	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,INC	\$ 722.05
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$ 43.32
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 3,312.91
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 36.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$ 481.21
100	CERNY'S BODY SHOP	\$ 797.70
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$ 635.39
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$ 117.00
100	CHAMBERLAIN CHAPEL INC	\$ 2,595.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 1,054.23
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$ 1,600.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 854.23
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$ 2,000.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$ 2,500.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$ 63.65
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$ 748.00
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$ 4,500.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 467.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 29.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER/TITLES	\$ 20.00
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$ 1,866.37
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$ 675.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$ 56.75
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$ 88.77
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 618.91
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$ 22.14
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$ 28.20
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 20,484.96
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 326.48

100	STERLING HUFF LAW OFFICE, PC, LLO	\$ 1,710.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	\$ 174.60
100	INTRALINKS, INC	\$ 375.00
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON, DDS	\$ 93.00
100	DEANN KOERBER	\$ 142.04
100	DEB LESMEISTER	\$ 119.26
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$ 63.31
100	MIPS INC	\$ 3,578.30
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 5.00
100	NE DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 14,532.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$ 420.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 2,725.97
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$ 138.61
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$ 53.04
100	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$ 7,000.00
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$ 89.99
100	PESTS GO	\$ 1,773.00
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$ 1,184.00
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$ 3,285.00
100	REG 1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY	\$ 15,325.00
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$ 17,013.60
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$ 48.71
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$ 4,000.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$ 88.11
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 279.37
100	WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	\$ 144.69
100	WOODBURY COUNTY GOVERNMENT	\$ 30.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$ 14.00
200	AFLAC	\$ 506.23
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,522.03
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$ 44.72
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,272.95
200	CENTURYLINK	\$ 26.36
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 28.22
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$ 45.92
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$ 0.96
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH	\$ 4,696.11

	PLATTE	
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$ 12.98
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$ 1,141.62
200	KAISER TIRE,LLC	\$ 8,023.00
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 76.06
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 1,053.29
200	NORTHWEST AUTO BODY & PAINT	\$ 360.00
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$ 3,907.00
200	RDO TRUCK CENTER	\$ 57.92
200	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC	\$ 267.68
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$ 3,089.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 90.73
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$ 1,672.24
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$ 106.80
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 87.75
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 111.27
990	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 48.90
990	CLASSICS IN THE PARK	\$ 2,343.00
990	NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	\$ 838.00
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 4.76
990	BRANDON DAVENPORT	\$ 268.20
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$ 529.95
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 175.59
990	KCSR-AM	\$ 155.00
990	GEORGE LEDBETTER	\$ 268.20
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 36.29
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 3,750.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 1,750.00
995	HOMESLICE MEDIA GROUP,LLC	\$ 3,355.78
2585	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$ 8,150.00
2585	CIRCLE J GLASS-N-MORE	\$ 3,045.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 18.10
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 4.15
2913	APCO INTERNATIONAL INC	\$ 11,000.00
2913	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,262.01

