

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

October 22, 2024

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:06 A.M. on the 22nd day of October, 2024 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 and Sam Wellnitz. 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. Minutes of the October 08, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept the minutes with the following change to wit: Crawford Fire Hall Board, not Crawford Fire Hall as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart, with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to pay River A Holdings in the total amount of \$1320.88 identified as claim #'s 24100180 in the amount of \$346.43 and claim #24100223 in the amount of \$974.45. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to pay the remaining claims presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Board reports ensued to wit: **Stewart:** NNDC met, whole meeting was around Golden Shovel, a marketing group brought in to promote business growth. NCAP met and went over the yearly audit with no findings. Eighty-Eight percent (88%) of services rendered goes back to clients. Salvation Army bell ringing has started. Individuals interested in helping can sign up at ncap.info. October is Head Start awareness month and there will be a Food Pantry on October 29, 2024 commencing at 5:00 PM at the Fairgrounds. Region 23 didn't meet. **Rivera:** No report. **Johnson:** No report, boards didn't meet. There wasn't any correspondence to acknowledge. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments were approved by general consent of the Board. There being no one present for Public Comment, Road Updates ensued with Wade Yada to wit: District 1-gravel hauled on Alpha Road, working on Davenport Road then onto Slim Buttes Road. District 2-hauling gravel on West River Road and some to East River Road. District 3-grading roads, fixing potholes, ¼-1/2 mile left on Squaw Creek Road. The Construction Crew is on West Ash Road building road, then rocking. New Employee will start in District 2 on November 04, 2024. November 04, 2024 is also the date crews go back to five (5) day weeks. He also reported a dozer is being worked on in Scottsbluff. In other business he presented a petition request of Sam Nordick and Curtis Bahl to bore in a water line on Norman Road. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, approving the petition request. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-23 was read aloud by the Board Chairman regarding the annual certification of the Highway Superintendent. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the certification and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Clerk presented a surplus request for Board action. Upon review of said surplus request, Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the surplus of a Seneca Computer. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:37 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. He presented a bid from Butler Ag to purchase a 2024 Vermeer M7050 Hay Tool (mower) in the amount of \$17,444.00 with a trade-in of a 2023 M7050 Vermeer Hay Tool (mower) in the amount of \$8,000.00, leaving a balance of \$9,444.00. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wordekemper indicated for the record the mower needs to be on a two (2) year rotation regarding replacement. The individual hired to mow made two (2) complete rounds of mowing in the county this year. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept Butler Ag's bid of \$17,444.00 with the trade allowance being offered. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The mower will be paid for out of Tribal Funds. The Board recessed at 9:45 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:52 A.M.

At 9:53 A.M. Chief Rick Hickstein and Sheriff Johns met with the Board regarding the update of the Dawes County Interlocal Law Enforcement agreement. Commissioner Stewart indicated he would

like to build language to combine all Law Enforcement services. Sheriff Johns indicated for the record that his department works with the Chadron Police Department and vice versa on a as needed basis. Chief Hickstein indicated for the record he has an existing agreement, however, its old and needs renewed. It was decided by those present Chief Hickstein and Sheriff Johns will update the language to the existing agreement and present it to the Board for approval. The Job Corp agreement will remain on its own. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve and adopt the Law Enforcement agreement between Dawes County and Job Corp. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to update the existing Law Enforcement Interlocal agreement. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:06 A.M. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter before the Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 10:25 A.M. a motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:00 A.M. Lacy Troester, John Dockweiler, Kevin Christy, Daniel Lucht and Rich Robertson joined the meeting. Ms. Troester indicated there is a new USDA ADT Ruling regarding electronic ID system on cattle that goes into effect November 05, 2024. She hopes to see Dawes County support their cause through resolution. Rich Robertson indicated he has been to Washington, DC. Regarding this new USDA ruling. In-State transportation of cattle no ID tag issues; however, out of state transportation of cattle will be affected. This USDA ruling was passed with mandated funding for tags and readers but to date no one has received either. The new tags can be electronically scanned; however, according to Robertson, vets inspect all cattle and provide a health statement on all cattle sold. Small cow/calf operations will be affected by this ruling which in turn will affect the local economy. Ms. Troester added that Michigan implemented this new USDA ruling and to date thirty-two percent (32%) of farms that had fewer than 500 head of cattle have shut down operations. Ms. Troester suggested Livestock Friendly Counties look at pulling their support. Moving forward Mr. Robertson indicated a narrative is already built to address all classes. This will be extremely costly to producers. Commissioner Rivera asked what the Board can do to help. Lastly, he encouraged the Board to contact Senators, submit letters supporting local producers re: USDA ADT EID mandate. Commissioner Rivera indicated in visiting with the Brand Inspector he wasn't even aware of this ruling. Ms. Troester added there is an open letter to Congress to stop electronic identification on cattle.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on November 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. The meetings will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agendas will close at noon on November 07, 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 22, 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	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 12,337.97
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 451.80
100	CASEY W BACH	\$ 127.87
100	BAUERKEMPER'S-PREDATOR CONTROL	\$ 122.95
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-EXTENSION	\$ 84.93
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-PREDATOR CONTROL	\$ 105.77
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$ 124.86
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$ 562.68
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-250 MAIN ST	\$ 40.50
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-342 MAIN ST	\$ 40.50
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-451 MAIN ST	\$ 42.72
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 39,250.84
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$ 996.40
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 30.45
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 2,390.31
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 356.04
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$ 117.00
100	CHADRON LOCK	\$ 50.00
100	CHADRON LUMBER COMPANY INC	\$ 167.48
100	CLINICAL LABORATORY OF BLACK HILLS	\$ 2,926.00
100	CORNHUSKER HOTEL	\$ 321.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$ 280.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$ 300.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$ 16.95
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$ 27.80
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 16.95
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$ 13.90
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$ 13.90
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$ 748.00
100	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$ 65.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 160.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 467.00
100	EAKES,INC	\$ 61.21
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$ 5,071.18
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$ 794.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$ 80.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 21,256.19
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$ 110.85
100	GALLS	\$ 66.24
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 2,554.52
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 260.18

100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$ 772.75
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE-PREDATOR	\$ 305.95
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 30.00
100	STERLING HUFF LAW OFFICE, PC, LLO	\$ 950.00
100	JEFFREY JOHNS	\$ 89.83
100	KCSR-AM	\$ 55.00
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$ 6,485.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 31.61
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$ 6.15
100	MAXIMUS,INC	\$ 2,100.00
100	MIPS INC	\$ 124.00
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 210.75
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$ 90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 2,995.59
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$ 30.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 2,104.92
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$ 222.67
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$ 29.50
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 197.06
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$ 7,937.19
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$ 30.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$ 316.99
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$ 696.05
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 346.43
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$ 437.57
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$ 5,678.72
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 48.88
100	STOCKMEN'S DRUG	\$ 25.58
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$ 4,670.00
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$ 75.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$ 11,953.56
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-PREDATOR CONTROL	\$ 54.76
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$ 82.32
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 279.30
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$ 39.98
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC	\$ 65.27
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$ 75.64
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$ 255.03
200	AFLAC	\$ 506.23
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,278.82
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$ 36.78

200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,272.82
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$ 3,459.47
200	JAY BRUNS	\$ 202.50
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$ 188.04
200	CENTURLINK-CABLE CUT	\$ 7,045.13
200	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$ 337.58
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 3,647.03
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$ 881.14
200	PATRICK FURMAN	\$ 5,498.67
200	JAY D GOFF	\$ 24,180.00
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 35.00
200	KAISER TIRE,LLC	\$ 722.00
200	KCSR-AM	\$ 55.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 6.15
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$ 76.53
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 786.80
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 98.12
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$ 25,504.95
200	NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL,INC	\$ 128.78
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 114.95
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$ 1,479.60
200	PINE SPRINGS RANCH,INC	\$ 4,545.00
200	POWERPLAN	\$ 11,482.00
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 974.45
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 3,845.67
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$ 445.42
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$ 81.60
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 90.70
200	WESTCO	\$ 20,214.79
200	WOHLERS RANCH LLC	\$ 2,336.25
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 87.01
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 111.26
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 172.76
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 35.52
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 18.10
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 213.38

2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$	300.43
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$	4.15