

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

October 10, 2023

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:09 A.M. on the 10th day of October, 2023 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 Deb Lesmeister, Deputy Dawes County Clerk, Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; 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 to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023 regular meeting as well as the minutes to adopt the budget also held on September 26, 2023 as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to pay all claims with the exception of a claim in the amount of \$34,800.00 to USDA, APHIS until it can be reviewed further and also recoding a claim payable to Jay Bruns in the amount of \$2,700.00 from Roads 0200 to ARPA 2580 fund. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kathleen Schenbeck entered the meeting at 9:17 A.M. There being no correspondence the meeting then progressed to the next item. Monthly fee/mileage reports were approved by general consent of the Board.

At 9:20 A.M. Jeff Johns, Interim Dawes County Sheriff entered the meeting. The application for Dawes County Sheriff submitted by Jeff Johns was reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rivera to appoint Jeff Johns as the Dawes County Sheriff to finish the term, seconded by Stewart. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Karl Dailey. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rivera asked Sheriff Johns about an accident on Country Club Road involving the Dawes County Road department equipment. A semi-tractor with a water trailer was overturned. Discussion was held as to whom should be in control of traffic routing around the accident. Sheriff Johns said 2 officers were at the scene. Pictures were taken of the accident scene and were sent to the insurance company. In conclusion Deputy Edmond stated the officers would be in control of the accident site but if needed they could delegate Road employees to help with the flow of traffic if so directed. Sheriff Johns left the meeting at 9:35 A.M. Highway Superintendent Wade Yada then reported on the work for the following districts: Road District #1 still has some rock to lay on Bartlett Road and then they will begin work on Davenport Road. Road District #2 is working on Deadhorse Road and concentrating on Flag Butte corners and also adding 3 culverts. Road District #3 is moving to do work on Ferguson Road and doing patching. On October 11, 2023 all Road employees will be attending an eight-hour MSHA training. John Axtell entered the meeting at 9:40 A.M. Next week Wade will be attending a class given by NIRMA where he can earn up to 9 ½ hours credit for his continuing education. Concerning County Road 50 Wade has yet to receive a site line study that was requested. He will get ahold of Baker and Associated from Scottsbluff to see what progress has been made. Wade left the meeting at 9:50 A.M.

At 9:50 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, met with the Board. He discussed unpaid property taxes, delinquent personal property, an Inheritance Tax correction and a weed special assessment. Upon review and discussion, the Board accepted the report given by the Treasurer regarding delinquent personal property and unpaid property taxes. Also discussed was money and interest in the Inheritance Fund if it moves by line item or Journal Entry. The weed special assessment is being placed on 556 Ridgeview Road and will need to be paid in conjunction with taxes. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director joined the meeting.

At 10:00 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, met with the Board. She presented two grants for the Boards review and approval to wit: Cattle Call grant in the amount of \$2000.00 and the Post Playhouse in the amount of \$25,000 to upgrade the video board. Ms. Rempp informed the Board the Post Playhouse is sold out during the season. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve both grants as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next order of business was discussion regarding a Memorandum of Understanding re: Creative

Districts through the Arts Council. The purpose of this collaboration is to develop a shared vision for a Creative District in downtown Chadron, a partnership for advocacy and implementation and a forum for coordinated decision-making. The MOU needs a signature for application. Ms. Rempp is the Dawes County representative for Creative Districts program. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to direct the Chairman to sign the application. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Also briefly discussed was using ARPA/CDBG funds to pave the parking lot at the Fairgrounds. No action taken.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on October 24, 2023 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on October 19, 2023. **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: _____
Deb Lesmeister
Deputy Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Webb L. Johnson, Chairman

October 10, 2023 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	\$1,850.54
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$2,015.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,105.05
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$92.54
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$40,815.17
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$295.98
100	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,INC	\$689.80
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$59.16
100	CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES,INC	\$289.87
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$3,093.02
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$32.00
100	CENTURLINK	\$526.10
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$12.45
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$312.88
100	CHADRON LOCK	\$50.00
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$321.00
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$121.91
100	CHARM-TEX INC	\$1,270.80
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$878.85
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$1,600.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$2,000.00

100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$2,500.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$400.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$54.00
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$448.00
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$183.00
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$4,500.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$392.00
100	DOWNS RURAL SERVICE	\$166.41
100	EAKES,INC	\$179.90
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$230.00
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$740.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$81.17
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$30.83
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DAWN SAYALOUNE	\$141.49
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$146.95
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$388.23
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$77.32
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$16,787.62
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,510.83
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$184.17
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$156.93
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$921.27
100	JEFFREY JOHNS	\$175.00
100	ZAILEY LEBLANC	\$20.00
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$94.19
100	MAXIMUS,INC	\$2,100.00
100	MIDWEST CONNECT,LLC	\$305.00
100	MINTKEN MASONRY	\$4,250.00
100	MIPS INC	\$3,573.09
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$217.12
100	NACO	\$3,195.99
100	NE DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$14,532.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,206.28
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$108.59
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$70.34
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$50.30
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$85.74
100	NEBRASKA U C FUND	\$33.35
100	NORTHWEST AUTO BODY & PAINT	\$388.00
100	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT	\$7,000.00

	CORP	
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$5,789.16
100	PENGAD,INC	\$66.05
100	PESTS GO	\$1,738.00
100	TESSA REECE	\$770.52
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$3,285.00
100	REG 1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY	\$17,354.50
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$15,660.00
100	SECRETARY OF STATE/ELECTION	\$40.00
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$4,000.00
100	DADRIANNA SERRES	\$20.00
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$40.34
100	STOCKMEN'S DRUG	\$238.92
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$82.20
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$277.11
200	AFLAC	\$504.29
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,108.39
200	BAKER & ASSOCIATES,INC	\$1,800.00
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,356.99
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$1,482.81
200	CENTURYLINK	\$17.23
200	CHADRON LOCK	\$200.00
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$123.91
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$124.02
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$151.47
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,199.62
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$70.00
200	KAISER TIRE MOBILE SERVICE	\$309.50
200	KCSR-AM	\$220.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$63.99
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$76.02
200	MODERN FARM EQUIPMENT CORP	\$193.92
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NACO	\$150.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$695.87
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$52.18
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$2,328.50
200	POWERPLAN	\$22,040.62
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$1,610.95
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$1,682.00
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$148.88

200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$90.73
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$74.92
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$119.07
990	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$179.99
990	CLASSICS IN THE PARK	\$2,343.00
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$4.42
990	DAWES CO TREAS/TOURISM BENEFITS PAY	\$7,160.32
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$735.72
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$128.28
990	GEORGE LEDBETTER	\$200.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$24.83
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,750.00
995	HOMESLICE MEDIA GROUP,LLC	\$5,982.49
995	OUR MEDIA LLC	\$3,549.00
995	NEBRASKA 4-H FOUNDATION	\$1,200.00
2580	JAY BRUNS	\$2,700.00
2580	PATRICK FURMAN	\$3,263.75
2580	JAY D GOFF	\$10,490.00
2580	JOHNSON WELDING	\$4,376.00
2580	WOHLERS RANCH LLC	\$2,520.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18.59
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$4.42