

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

February 11, 2025

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:24 A.M. on the 11th day of February, 2025 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vic Rivera. Board Members present were Walter Juhlin and Jake Stewart. Also, present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Clifford Stehle, Tom Menke, City Manager, Janet Johnson, Zoning/Building Official for City of Chadron; Megan Schuckman and Ben Schuckman; Nelson Stephens, Charles Littrel, Jerry Schumacher, Shane D Shepherd, Vice Mayor of City of Chadron, George Klein, Mayor of City of Chadron, Gabrielle Michna, Chadron Chamber; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Deb Cottier, NNDC; Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. Per LB 898, Commissioner Rivera 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 Juhlin, moved to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the January 28, 2025 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments were approved by general consent of the Board. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve all claims as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30 A.M. the One/Six Year Public Hearing was declared open by the Board Chairman to hear input, suggestions, etc. relevant to the plan. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent went over the One/Six Year Road Plan. A copy of the plan is available during normal business hours in the Clerk's Office and attached to these minutes. Jerry Schumacher reported for the record he couldn't find the One/Six Year Road Plan on the county website. Slim Buttes Road will be added to the six-year plan. The State of Nebraska is working on a grant with Dawes and Box Butte counties for a scheduled paving project on Table Center Road in the six-year plan. There being no further comment during the public hearing the Board Chairman declared the hearing closed at 9:45 A.M. Resolution No. 2025-10 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, accepting the One/Six Year Road Plan. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences acknowledged by the Board included an invite to the Treasure Chest of Northwest Nebraska, letters of support re: ADA restrooms at the downtown plaza received from Kerri Rempp, Fur Trade Day's Committee and Brittany Helmbrecht. Public Comment ensued with Cliff Stehle reporting that Road No. 50 hasn't been properly maintained and if safety is a concern of the Board the road needs to be brought up to standards. He shared language from the November 14, 2023 Commissioner Meeting indicating the commissioners are reminding people to start preparing for inclement weather. Be prepared to stay home or stay at a friend's home to ensure your safety during the winter months. A petition request of Charles Littrel was reviewed by the Board. The petition request is to remove uprights in Sections 11/12 Township 32, Range 49 located on Road No. 50. Mr. Yada recommended approval of the petition request. Mr. Littrel will remove the uprights in one piece and locates will be called in. Commissioner Rivera moved to approve the permit request of Charles Littrel. For lack of a second motion discussion ensued. Commissioner Stewart indicated for the record that has never wanted to put money or tax dollars into Road No. 50. Commissioner Rivera indicated the structure removal is due to a court order and sooner or later roads need rebuilt. Megan Schuckman indicated for the record she and her husband plan to start building this Spring on the west side of Road No. 50 on land they

purchased from Cactus Shumway. They have applied for and received an E911 address for Road No. 50. Jerry Schumacher reported it is a county road and the landowners could bring suit against the county to compel a court order. Commissioner Stewart indicated per Commissioner Rivera, any hazard in any county right-of-way should be removed, not just Road No. 50. Commissioner Rivera indicated the county cannot allow structures in county right-of-way's due to safety issues and the court decided the issue regarding Road No. 50. It is the intent of the Board to fix Road No. 50 and bring it up to standards. Public Comment continued with Nelson Stephens asking how many roads have obstructions. Commissioner Rivera indicated there are auto gates on most roads but they are open. Ben Schuckman appreciates the Board following through with the court order. Road Updates included the following to wit: All districts doing maintenance, moving snow and grading. Mr. Yada will be present when Charles Littrel removes the uprights on Road No. 50. Crusher rental updates were shared with the board. Crack sealing was also discussed. A proposal will be forth coming. Mr. Yada reported Stacy Swinney has retired from doing bridge inspections so a new Inspector will be needed. Mr. Yada is two (2) classes and three years under a licensed bridge inspector away from being able to do bridge inspections himself. The Board encouraged him to get his classes done.

At 10:30 A.M. Sharon Rickenbach and Rex Cogdill joined the meeting. Ms. Rickenbach thanked the board for their continued support of the Museum. An annual report prepared by Rex Cogdill was shared with board members. The report high lights some of the activities that are provided with the funding. Some of the activities listed are frontier school days, history in action day, scam awareness training, canine training, etc. The museum is run solely by volunteers. During history in action day individuals are nominated for the Wall of Fame. Commissioner Rivera asked if anything is done in recognition of Native American History in the area. Sharon Rickenbach indicated they have some artifacts on display and the museum would welcome anyone to assist with expanding/developing this display.

The Board recessed at 10:40 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:45 A.M. At this time Commissioner Stewart provided background on the CDBG re-use funding and the criteria for use and regulations of spending. He indicated he had talked to Tom Menke last fall because of the two (2) positions Mr. Menke held in town, one being Chadron Public School Board member and City Manager for the City of Chadron. These two (2) positions allowed for allocations to different projects for the use of CDBG re-use funding. Tom Menke, City Manager, discussed acquisition of CDBG re-use funds up to \$108,000.00. Letters of support were acknowledged and received from Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director; Brittany Helmbrecht and the Fur Trade Days Committee. Commissioner Stewart reported the Agricultural Board wasn't interested in upgrading camping spots, etc. as he visited with them as well. Commissioner Rivera indicated there isn't sufficient foot traffic in the downtown area to warrant public restrooms. Deb Cottier indicated foot traffic hasn't been a factor, instead, public meetings have been held over the years with different groups, individuals, to learn what's missing downtown. Public restrooms are always a concern brought up. The ultimate goal is to get more visitors downtown. Gabby Michna, Chadron Chamber of Commerce reiterated what Deb Cottier had said. She reported area ranchers were actively involved in planning the annual Agricultural banquet. Businesses must thrive and survive. ADA certified restrooms play a part in sustainability. There is so much potential in the downtown plaza according to Michna. Mayor George Klein indicated we need to take advantage of CDBG re-use funding and get the project done now as there may not be another opportunity. Commissioner Rivera indicated he looks at wants vs needs relevant to this project. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, indicated public restrooms would be nice in the downtown area if they are maintained properly. Jerry Schumacher gave a shout out to the people and groups involved as its important to maintain the downtown area. He went on to say the city ponds always have people out there. Red Cloud campground had two (2) restrooms; however, one of

them was moved to the city pond area. He shared pictures taken recently of the restroom located at the city ponds. The restroom was very dirty and not maintained. Mr. Schumacher's concern is a project can be built but it needs standards for maintenance and accountability. Shane Shepherd, Vice Mayor City of Chadron, discussed maintenance of park toilets. The toilets are over one hundred (100) years old. The city does the best they can with what they have. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to exhaust the remaining funds in the CDBG re-use funds after PADD receives their fees associated with CDBG re-use funding. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on February 25, 2025 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on February 20, 2025. **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

Vic Rivera

February 11, 2025 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their 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	\$ 13,369.84
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-PREDATOR CONTROL	\$ 249.79
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$ 801.60
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$ 355.32
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 41,869.71
100	BOB'S SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 450.00
100	BOX BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF	\$ 18.50
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 30.45
100	CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES,INC	\$ 188.96
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 1,945.64
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 33.68
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE-PREDATOR CONT	\$ 111.85
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	\$ 702.00

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100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$ 161.88
100	ARON CHRISMAN	\$ 43.50
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 971.33
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$ 860.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$ 84.50
100	DANIELSON CONSTRUCTION	\$ 600.00
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 624	\$ 8.43
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 651	\$ 56.38
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$ 38.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 467.00
100	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$ 32,500.00
100	EAKES,INC	\$ 554.75
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$ 1,263.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$ 13.68
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$ 448.63
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$ 305.29
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 613.76
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$ 34.76
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 22,071.63
100	GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES,LLC	\$ 542.00
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 247.26
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 40.68
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$ 75.00
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 31.25
100	JEFFREY JOHNS	\$ 89.52
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$ 65.04
100	MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO	\$ 100.00
100	MIPS INC	\$ 15,735.64
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 211.36
100	NE ASSOC CO CLERKS,REG DEEDS,ELEC C	\$ 50.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 2,885.73
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST- E911	\$ 30.00

100	NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	\$ 720.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$ 75.80
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$ 157.88
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$ 68.70
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$ 113.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$ 5,545.59
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 13.95
100	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES,INC	\$ 898.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$ 90.16
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 275.66
100	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$ 600.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$ 14.00
200	AFLAC	\$ 506.23
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,657.73
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$ 729.75
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,381.14
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$ 687.58
200	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$ 281.19
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 56.37
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$ 45.00
200	DAKOTA BATTERY & ELECTRIC	\$ 305.91
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$ 371.83
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 5,086.98
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$ 436.07
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$ 52.22
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$ 453.33
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$ 108.00
200	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	\$ 590.99
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 76.06
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO	\$ 83.40
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 1,120.15
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 220.90
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$ 7,729.82

200	POWERPLAN	\$ 453.86
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 7,461.84
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$ 2.97
200	TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT,LLC	\$ 13,958.30
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$ 81.32
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 100.81
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$ 223.91
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 94.65
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 111.27
990	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 460.39
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 65.00
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$ 1,092.43
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 200.62
990	KCSR-AM	\$ 200.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 41.53
990	PLACER LABS INC	\$ 4,250.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08
2500	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$ 4,000.32
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 18.17
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 213.38
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 156.99
2910	NE REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK	\$ 3,000.00
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 3.84
2913	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,275.39
2913	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$ 475.00