

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

February 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 February, 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; Lindy Coleman, Assessor and Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney was excused. 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 with the addition of executive session re: personnel. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rivera seconded by Stewart, approving all claims with the exception of claim #24020212 payable to River A Holdings in the amount of \$15.49. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve claim #24020212 payable to River A Holdings in the amount of \$15.49. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board acknowledged receipt of a LUAU invitation from RSVP of Crawford. The Board by general consent approved all monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. There being no one present for Public Comment Lindy Coleman, Assessor, asked about the Zoning Board appointments. Two individuals have expressed interest in serving on the Zoning Board. They are Rhonda Pelton, representing District 3 and John Cattin representing District 2 on the Zoning Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to appoint Rhonda Pelton and John Cattin to the Zoning Board in their respective districts. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, left the meeting. There being no one for Public Comment, Board Reports ensued to wit: **Rivera:** Region 1 Mental Health Board met. New Officers were elected. Business as usual, however; the Board voted on the work from home schedule. Employees will be required to report to the office location on May 01, 2024. **Stewart:** NCAP purchased a new Head Start office in Valentine, NE. Board Members are looking for additional members for Box Butte and Cherry counties. Additional Board Members are also needed in Chadron. Head Start is currently working on under enrollment plans for all counties involved with the Head Start program. **Johnson:** RSVP hired a new site manager-Barb Richards. The roof was fixed on the RSVP building and the Insurance company dropped them. Area Aging met. They bought a building in Gering, NE. Funds are also being collected to help homeless individuals. The Board reorganized. PADD was business as usual and OHD held a corporate meeting to buy vehicles and reorganize the Board.

At 9:30 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates included all Districts are grading roads and trimming trees. Pete is still working on Deadman Road. The fuel contract came back from WESTCO at forty cents (.40 cents) less per gallon. Also discussed was equipment and the roads budget. At 9:39 A.M. a motion to enter executive session for personnel was made by Commissioner Stewart. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rivera. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 9:49 A.M. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50 A.M. Tony Denke introduced Kiley Munger as the new Extension Assistant. Kiley Munger. Kiley introduced herself to the Board. She is originally from Springview, NE. She is excited to get started. She also presented the Board with the annual 4-H report. Mr. Denke indicated outside normal book of education various topics are being offered locally through extension programs such as Dawes County's extension program. In other business the Board was informed by the County Clerk there is one (1) year left on the audit contract with the State. Discussion ensued. The County Clerk was instructed to start contacting auditors to secure proposals. Crawford Law Enforcement was discussed. Commissioner Stewart asked if the quarterly meetings are being conducted so everyone is aware of what's going on.

Commissioner Rivera responded by saying they have met one time which was last March. Commissioner Rivera shared a binder of Sheriff’s Office hours being tracked re: Crawford Law Enforcement. Commissioner Stewart will look into setting up a meeting. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to appoint Deann Koerber as General Assistance Coordinator for Dawes County. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Nebraska Department of Transportation sent a map representing boundary adjustments made after the recent census. The State is in need of a plan showing what roads would be affected by the adjustments. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, will get with the City Superintendent to discuss a plan and report back to the State. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to enter executive session at 10:22 A.M. for personnel. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to reconvene to regular session at 10:48 A.M. with no action taken during executive session. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:50 A.M. Tony Tangwall joined the meeting. Mr. Tangwall introduced himself to the Board as a candidate for the Legislature, District 43. He appreciates all the work the county does. Senator Brewer asked if he would consider running for legislature. Senator’s Brewer and Erdman are endorsing Mr. Tangwall. He is here to represent the people. Commissioner Stewart asked about his goals for legislature. Mr. Tangwall indicated lack of funding and property taxes are affecting Nebraska. The EPIC tax reform is an option in addressing the property tax issue. The aging population is also a concern for Tangwall. He would like to see some tax incentives for people caring for our elderly. Commissioner Rivera indicated there’s a political movement to grow government and results are unfunded mandates. The Berggren proposal was discussed by the Board. The Board will take the proposal under consideration. The County still has a road bond they are paying off.

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 March 12, 2024 beginning at approximately 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 March 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**

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**Webb L. Johnson, Chairman**

**February 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**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTCLAIMS</b>
100	AFLAC	\$1,976.84
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$12,035.31
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$451.40
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$30.00
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-WEED	\$131.09
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-250 MAIN ST	\$537.76
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-342 MAIN ST	\$398.63
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-451 MAIN ST	\$43.14

100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$42,590.65
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$242.61
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,006.14
100	CENTURYLINK	\$99.99
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$250.56
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$11,738.97
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$753.44
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$1,980.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$1,411.00
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$43.00
100	CVSOAN TREASURER	\$120.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$748.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$26.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$392.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$2,830.00
100	DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE CO	\$33.95
100	EAKES,INC	\$2,040.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$19,947.24
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,226.35
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$83.10
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$582.32
100	HEART CITY DRUG	\$7.60
100	HOLYOKE, SNYDER, LONGORIA, REICHERT	\$735.40
100	HUTT PHD,MATTHEW	\$675.00
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$205.54
100	DEANN KOERBER	\$135.34
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$1,100.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$23.64
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$6.06
100	NE ASSOC CO CLERKS,REG DEEDS,ELEC C	\$50.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$274.87
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,676.62
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$288.25
100	NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	\$720.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$7.50
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$150.00
100	NORFOLK LODGE AND SUITES,LLC	\$437.96
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$198.47
100	OWEN DENTAL CARE	\$1,009.00
100	PANHANDLE COUNTY TREASURERS ASSN	\$25.00

100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	MARTHA QUAY	\$208.24
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$97.99
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$2,825.25
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$15.49
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$117.05
100	ANGELA TOOF	\$1,331.25
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	TREE DOC	\$1,290.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$83.10
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$286.91
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$269.65
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$121.93
200	AFLAC	\$480.97
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,351.62
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$1,537.90
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$1,195.15
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,356.99
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,879.35
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$197.61
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$6.06
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$35.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$863.03
200	NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP	\$539.94
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$1,609.50
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$90.70
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$105.45
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$84.75
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$119.07
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$162.74
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$32.78
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$73.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$4,000.32
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18.27
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$156.99
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$4.19

