

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

January 9, 2024

### DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:16 A.M. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, John and Kaylann Mai; Clifford Stehle; David Redden; Cactus Shumway; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent and Mike Lecher. 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. Correspondence acknowledged by the Board included a newsletter received from NW Community Action. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent all monthly fee/mileage reports submitted by the various departments. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the agenda noting the cancellation of Rick Horsleys appointment scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, to approve the minutes of the December 26, 2023 regular meeting as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:15 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, presented a petition request from Debra Soester to trench in a water line across Holmgren Road. Upon review and discussion of said request a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, approving the petition request and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 9:32 A.M. the Chairman of the Board declared the Public Hearing regarding Road No. 50 open for comment, suggestions, concerns, etc. A letter of recommendation was received from LaMoyne Schultz, Nebraska Department of Transportation. In the letter it was recommended the County leave the road classified as local or re-classify the road to remote residential. He went on to recommend County Road No. 50 be added to the One/Six Year Road Plan under 3R, make Road No. 50 2-10' lanes and removal of the obstruction. Mr. Yada recommended the County Board leave the road classified as local as there would be very little chance of getting the road re-classified. Mike Lecher agrees with the Highway Superintendent's recommendation. John Mai questioned whether a cost study has been done as there are a lot of roads that need addressed. Minimum Standards and drainage must also be considered if the road will remain classified as a local road. Clifford Stehle asked about a safe turn around as individuals are still turning around in his private drive. Cactus Shumway questioned advocating for a turn around for individuals, the Board in turn indicated the County as well will need some type of turn around for equipment. The cost to have Road No. 50 up to minimum road standards will be the burden of the County. John Mai indicated Auto Gate Road has several cattle guards so he questioned why the County is so interested in addressing his cattle guards. There being no more input from those present, the Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed at 9:48 A.M. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, to accept the Highway Superintendents recommendation to leave Road No. 50 classified as a local road. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera. Nays: Stewart. Motion carried. Road Updates reported all three districts are still working on snow removal and equipment maintenance. In other business a letter of support re: Whitney Irrigation was discussed. The Board has submitted a letter of support on Whitney Irrigation District to secure funding for another planned project. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, approving the letter of support for Whitney Irrigation District to move forward with funding for a project. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board adopted two resolutions to wit: Resolution No. 2024-08 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, transferring \$58,051.24 from the General Fund to the Reappraisal Fund. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-09 was introduced by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, transferring \$200,000.00 from the General Fund to the Roads Fund. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 10:00 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:05 A.M.

At 10:06 A.M. Gary Bridges, Veterans Service Officer, presented a contract renewal with Vetra-Spec at a cost of \$459.00 for fiscal year 2024 and the cost going to \$468.00 in 2025. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the Vetra-Spec contract renewal at \$459.00 and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:09 A.M. Val Jansante, Congressman Smith's office, presented updates. Priority bills for Congressman Smith are the Farm Bill and FAA-5-year renewal. USDA emergency relief and the Biden administration is being pushed to support E-15 fuel. The Board reminded Mr. Jansante PILT, Infrastructure and the USDA program need to be watched.

Board Reorganization for the year 2024 ensued to wit:

Resolution No. 2024-01-Board Chairman-Commissioner Rivera nominated Webb Johnson as Board Chairman for 2024. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, all nominations ceased and Webb Johnson will be the Chairman of Board for 2024. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-02-Vice Chairman-Commissioner Rivera nominated Jake Stewart as Vice Chairman for 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, all nominations ceased and Jake Stewart will be the Vice Chairman of the Board for 2024. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-03-Financial Institutions-was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, establishing financial institutions for the year 2024. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-04-Official Legal Publications-was introduced by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, establishing official legal publications for the year 2024. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-05-Highway Superintendent appointment-was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, appointing Wade Yada as Highway Superintendent for the year 2024. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-06-911 surcharge-was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera establishing the 911 rate at \$1.00 per line for the year 2024. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2024-07 was not adopted by the Board re: Nebraska CLASS. The 2024 Commissioner Meeting dates were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the 2024 Commissioner/Board of Equalization meeting dates. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Board appointments were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart will replace Commissioner Johnson on the Safety Committee. The SWANN Board position will be appointed by the Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept the changes in the 2024 Board Appointments. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The 2024 Holiday Schedule was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, approving the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 10:43 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:54 A.M. At 11:30 A.M. Sam Wellnitz met with the Board. He informed the Board an ARPA Reporter will need to be appointed as there is a June report coming up. He also discussed his options regarding HR since we no longer have a HR Department. Specifically, he needs information about FMLA. He indicated to contact outside counsel will cost the County. Dawes County will also need to do a single audit due to ARPA funds received.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on January 23, 2024 beginning at approximately 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on January 18, 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

**January 09, 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	\$1,915.51
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$2,015.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,135.03
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$92.74
100	JUDY BERGFELD	\$132.00
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$1,005.90
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$43,816.75
100	BLUE 360 MEDIA,LLC	\$375.53
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$242.61
100	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,INC	\$820.50
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$128.06
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$32.95
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,660.56
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$36.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$353.74
100	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$93.32
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$463.77
100	REBECCA CHASEK	\$40.00
100	ARON CHRISMAN	\$92.53
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$507.78
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$1,600.00
100	CORNHUSKER HOTEL	\$389.40
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$2,000.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$2,500.00
100	STEVEN R CRILE	\$84.00
100	CROWNE PLAZA	\$404.85
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$60.50
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$49.50
100	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$258,051.24
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$4,500.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$392.00
100	DOCU-SHRED LLC	\$330.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$492.36
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$7.50
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$238.82
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$47.74

100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$111.80
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$17,775.01
100	GALLS	\$649.36
100	GOSHEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$50.00
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$209.27
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$232.75
100	HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	\$359.85
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$163.17
100	ARNOLD JOHNSON	\$60.00
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$93.00
100	FRANKLIN H KEIM	\$108.00
100	LARIMER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$59.00
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$80.20
100	GERALD D MCCOY	\$24.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,054.25
100	MIPS INC	\$3,403.63
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$217.12
100	NACO	\$175.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,285.96
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$56.32
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$220.39
100	NKC TIRE	\$755.00
100	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$7,000.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$235.98
100	QUILL CORPORATION-EXTENSION	\$140.82
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	SAFE LINE DEFENSE LLC	\$1,060.20
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$56.00
100	DUIANE E SEEGRIST	\$36.00
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$4,000.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,536.24
100	JERRY STERLING	\$36.00
100	UNL EXTENSION DAWES COUNTY	\$42.54
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$88.03
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$286.99
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$220.12
100	RANDALL WOLVINGTON	\$24.00
100	WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY	\$60.87

100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$133.59
200	AFLAC	\$504.31
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,312.92
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$873.43
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,493.22
200	CENTURYLINK	\$17.32
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$125.41
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$169.54
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,639.98
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$218.66
200	KAISER TIRE MOBILE SERVICE	\$321.00
200	KAISER TIRE,LLC	\$799.50
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$70.47
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$76.02
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$805.47
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$160.44
200	POWERPLAN	\$24,119.08
200	RDO TRUCK CENTER	\$292.57
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$5,915.65
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$2,149.00
200	SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF NW NEBRASKA	\$42.00
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$151.84
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$106.98
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$74.21
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$119.07
990	CAPITOL CITICOM, INC.	\$8,875.00
990	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,598.23
990	DAWES CO TREAS/TOURISM BENEFITS PAY	\$7,244.74
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$293.27
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$122.48
990	LA CROSSE CENTER	\$65.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$21.83
990	OMAHA MAGAZINE LTD	\$3,825.00
990	PLACER LABS INC.	\$4,250.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
990	WESTERN NEBRASKA TOURISM COALITION	\$540.00
995	MILES PARTNERSHIP,LLLP	\$5,000.00
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$200.00

2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$4,000.32
2501	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$1,441.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18.27
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$4.19
2913	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$399.26
4600	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$11,815.00
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