

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

May 13, 2025

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 13th day of May, 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; Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Marcus Dykes, KCSR; Tom Menke, City of Chadron Manager; Nelson Stephens 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 agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the April 22, 2025 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the minutes as published with the following correction to wit: The Northern Panhandle could possibly lose (not lose as recorded) an impact of \$3,000,000.00. 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 with the exception of claim #'s 25050068 in the amount of \$110.13; #25050111 in the amount of \$233.76 all payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$343.89. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve claim #'s 25050111 and 25050068 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$343.89. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:10 A.M. Public Comment ensued with Tom Menke, Chadron City Manager, requesting a backup flatbed to move buildings currently located at the Airport. He asked if the Roads Department could be available in the event the contractor doesn't provide a flatbed to move the structures.

At 9:20 A.M. Wade Yada met with the Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to cooperate with the City of Chadron to move two (2) buildings into City limits with a county flatbed under the supervision of the Highway Superintendent if necessary. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Road reports ensued to wit: District 1 is blading and hauling rock on Davenport Road; District 2 is blading and started working on Marsland Cemetery Road, Flag Butte Road is next. District 3 is blading and continue to build on Squaw Mound Road. The Crusher is down again so no rent is being charged since delivery. There is an issue with the switch and electrical. Blading done for a total of 344.85 miles. District 1-160.45 miles bladed; District 2-103.65 miles bladed and District 3-113.25 miles bladed. The scraper is down; the hitch broke. NMC quoted approximately \$30,000.00 to repair. Another option will be looked at for repairs. Mr. Yada reported he received one (1) bid for the crack sealing project which will concentrate on the following roads: Airport, Country Club, Dunlap, Table Center and Redfern. Midwest Coating bid \$162,000.00 to crack seal ten (10) miles. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to accept and award the crack sealing bid from Midwest Coatings Company, Inc. in the amount of \$162,000.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:54 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, presented three (3) promotional grants for board approval to wit: Fur Trade Days-\$1000.00; Old West Trail Rodeo-\$1,000.00 and

Peabody Hale Fiddle Contest-\$500.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve all three promotional grants as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Rempp explained grant amounts are going down so groups don't start relying upon the travel board to fund their projects. She reported the balance forwards for Visitor Promotion aren't correct. The Improvement Fund can pay costs associated with operating. George Ledbetter indicated that tourism dollars coming in are granted back out. Moving forward correct numbers for the Visitor's Promotion Fund will be made available. Revenues didn't come in this year as anticipated. The Tourism Director requested to go from hourly to salary. Based off the annual salary of the Tourism Director, she is able to go to a salary as an Administrative Exemption according to Deputy Adam Edmund. Discussion ensued. There were concerns raised with benefits when the Board allows changes. No action was taken by the Board. The next order of business was discussion with Lee Sayaloune, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department re: Crawford Law Enforcement Contract. Commissioner Rivera indicated there hasn't been any meetings between the Sheriff's Department and the City of Crawford. The City of Crawford has indicated they want to go back to the original contract. Commissioner Rivera indicated he will give the city a month to call a meeting to discuss the future of Crawford Law Enforcement. Commissioner Stewart reported that Jeff Johns is the Administrator of the Sheriff's Department for Dawes County so he should be the person to call a meeting. Lee Sayaloune reported for the record that Mr. Johns has made attempts to schedule meetings. The City of Crawford was supposed to get a hold of the Sheriff's Department to schedule a meeting but never have. Deputy County Attorney Adam Edmund indicated he would let the Mayor of Crawford know a meeting is necessary. Commissioner Rivera reported a new contract and scheduled meetings are in order going forward. In other business the Blue Cross Blue Shield subgroup application was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to adopt the \$1600.00 deductible for health insurance and the Dental PPO plan for fiscal year 2025-2026. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 10:43 A.M. Ron Moore, The Ridge, presented an SDL application for June 13th & 14th, 2025 at the Chadron State Park celebration. Hours will be 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Friday and 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Saturday. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the SDL application of The Ridge. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on May 27, 2025 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on May 22, 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

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May 13, 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	\$ 12,726.70
100	BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC	\$ 87.65
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-PREDATOR CONTROL	\$ 382.63
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$ 704.25
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$ 29.81
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$ 284.33
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-WEED	\$ 97.43
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 41,869.71
100	CLINT W BRUHN	\$ 83.83
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 389.16
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 3,488.61
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 632.50
100	CENTURYLINK	\$ 587.31
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$ 414.23
100	CHEYENNE CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE (NE)	\$ 50.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 476.93
100	CLINICAL LABORATORY OF BLACK HILLS	\$ 2,928.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$ 56.70
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$ 36.90
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$ 13.90
100	DANIELSON CONSTRUCTION	\$ 750.00
100	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$ 135.28
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 624	\$ 8.43
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 651	\$ 56.38
100	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$ 200,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$ 549.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 100.00

100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 467.00
100	DOCU-SHRED LLC	\$ 80.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$ 2,695.28
100	EAKES,INC	\$ 496.18
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$ 1,872.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$ 21.87
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$ 188.69
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 426.31
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$ 159.27
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$ 52.23
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$ 60.26
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 21,232.39
100	FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 50.00
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 313.12
100	GWORKS	\$ 18,013.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 379.10
100	HI-TECH CAR CARE	\$ 68.93
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 428.52
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$ 174.60
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 2,466.81
100	KCSR-AM	\$ 175.00
100	LA SIGN & SCREEN PRINTING	\$ 94.80
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$ 4,070.00
100	LINSTAR INC	\$ 292.60
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 29.76
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$ 65.04
100	MIPS INC	\$ 3,430.30
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 2,569.32
100	NACO	\$ 125.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$ 93.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$ 420.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 2,803.89
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$ 31.00

100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$ 225.24
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 1,685.14
		\$
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	25.81
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$ 131.13
		\$
100	PROCOPY INC	11.27
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$ 127.99
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 110.13
		\$
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	56.46
		\$
100	TRAVIS SCHIAFFO	58.89
		\$
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	22.38
		\$
100	SHERIDAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	41.35
		\$
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	6.77
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$ 150.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$ 3,272.12
		\$
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	90.14
100	VILLAGE OF WHITNEY	\$ 1,000.00
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 275.66
		\$
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	59.76
100	DAN WORDEKEMPER	\$ 453.60
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$ 351.69
		\$
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	14.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$ 136.33
200	AFLAC	\$ 506.23
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,530.92
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$ 767.78
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,381.14
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$ 9,876.16
		\$
200	CENTURYLINK	26.87
		\$
200	CITY OF CHADRON	58.61
		\$
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	45.92
		\$
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	75.00

200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$ 55.32
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 4,391.43
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$ 1,121.69
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$ 85.24
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 30.95
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$ 85.96
200	KAISER TIRE,LLC	\$ 2,628.00
200	KCSR-AM	\$ 120.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$ 79.59
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$ 113.00
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 76.06
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 980.79
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 139.29
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$ 19,091.93
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$ 75.00
200	POWER SCREENING,LLC	\$ 3,822.76
200	POWERPLAN	\$ 22,649.71
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 233.76
200	JB SITTNER TRUCKING LLC	\$ 5,247.50
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 1,770.94
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$ 179.90
200	TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT,LLC	\$ 298.47
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$ 81.38
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 100.81
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$ 2,015.47
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 94.41
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 111.27
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 199.57
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 41.27
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08

995	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 4.42
995	DAWES CO TREAS/TOURISM BENEFITS PAY	\$ 6,776.83
995	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$ 830.93
995	HOMESLICE MEDIA GROUP,LLC	\$ 1,652.33
995	KCSR-AM	\$ 200.00
995	MILES PARTNERSHIP,LLP	\$ 2,000.00
995	NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	\$ 125.00
995	HEATHER WOLHART	\$ 400.00
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$ 491.51
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$ 2,604.30
2585	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$ 9,444.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 4.50
2910	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$ 341.72
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 18.17
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 213.38
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 761.99
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 3.84
2913	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,277.50