

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**  
**December 22, 2025**  
**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Board of Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 22nd day of December, 2025 pursuant to public notice as required by law. Notice of said meeting was posted on the Dawes County website and published in the Crawford Clipper Newspaper. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vic Rivera. Board Members present were Walter Juhlin and Jake Stewart. Also present was Casey Keim, Clerk's office staff; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Celeste Cattin, Clerk of the District Court; Lindy Coleman Assessor, and Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. 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 Juhlin, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 9, 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 with the exception of claim # 25120198 in the amount of \$5,123.60. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin, and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin moved to approve claim #'s 25120198 in the amount of \$5,123.60. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no correspondence or Public Comment, Board reports ensued to wit: **Juhlin** – Commissioner Juhlin attended the Crawford Senior Citizens Board. They had their Christmas dinner on December 18<sup>th</sup>. They had no additional new business. **Stewart** – Commissioner Stewart met with the Northwest Nebraska Development Corporation. They are bringing together their loan committee for two new loans. One in Dawes County and one in Sheridan County. Their intent in to get more loans out in the area and more membership in Sheridan County. NACO had their Winter meetings on December 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Stewart attended sessions on Livestock zoning public engagement and shared a link with the other commissioners for advocacy. He also attended session on County Attorney shortages and court system funding. He said they are looking to push to keep funding the court system at the county level instead of the State taking over the district court system. NPPD/OPPD also had a session going over the future of energy in Nebraska looking at options in wind, solar, and nuclear since Nebraska is not a coal producing state. FEMA had a session going over the new changes to the FEMA program. Commissioner Stewart also attended the NACO business meeting. **Rivera** - Commissioner Rivera had no December meetings scheduled.

At 9:18 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates ensued to wit: All districts are continuing routine road and vehicle maintenance. Wade presented a lease for removal of sand and gravel with Boone and Nadene Huffman. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the lease. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Superintendent Yada informed the Board that the employee evaluations are complete and raises were submitted to the board for review.

Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve raises as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:24 A.M. Discussion commenced on Resolution 2025-30 in regard to Elected Official Salaries for the terms of 2027-2030. Celeste Cattin presented information from the NACO salary study. In her conversations at NACO, she found that many counties are using the SCLE numbers from the study. According to the study we are already approximately \$4,000 behind the projected salaries. Commissioner Stewart proposed setting the following salaries County Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Treasurer, Sheriff, and Assessor at \$60,500.00 beginning Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of 2027 with 4% increases annually for 2028, 2029, 2030. Public Defender at \$63,500.00 beginning Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of 2027 with 4% increases annually for 2028, 2029, 2030. County Attorney at \$87,500 beginning Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of 2027 with 4% increases annually for 2028, 2029, 2030. Commissioners Stewart and Juhlin proposed a freeze on the County Commissioners salary for 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030. Commissioner Stewart directed Deputy County Attorney Adam Edmund and office staff Casey Keim to draft the final resolution to be presented January 13<sup>th</sup>.

At 9:50 A.M. Commissioner Juhlin and Commissioner Rivera conducted the quarterly Jail inspection.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on January 13th, 2026 beginning at 9:20 A.M. after the Board of Equalization meeting. Both meetings will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on January 8th, 2026. **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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**Vic Rivera, Chairman**

**December 22, 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	\$2,069.62
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$12,710.30
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$550.00
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-WEED	\$129.40
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-250 MAIN ST	\$196.17
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-342 MAIN ST	\$200.91
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-451 MAIN ST	\$55.53
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$39,992.63
100	BLUE 360 MEDIA,LLC	\$414.25
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$180.60

100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,052.37
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$637.38
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$14.25
100	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$160.00
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$122.00
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$66.27
100	CHADRON PLUMBING,INC	\$150.87
100	CHADRON VISION CENTER INC	\$54.25
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$835.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$840.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$20.85
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$151.90
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$13.90
100	CVSOAN TREASURER	\$200.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$380.00
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$295.00
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT CASH DRAWER	\$375.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$262.50
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$2,363.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$451.47
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DAWES CO ATTORNEY	\$41.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$40.17
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$77.88
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$50.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$21,315.55
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,575.12
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$105.05
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$557.69
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$337.95
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$186.81
100	J13 ENTERPRISES,LLC	\$3,870.69
100	KCSR-AM	\$110.00
100	CASEY KEIM	\$641.32
100	LARIMER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$68.60
100	MICROTEL INN & SUITES OF KEARNEY	\$420.71
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,929.25
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,311.84
100	NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION	\$355.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$128.94

100	NIRMA	\$5,000.00
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$216.44
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$130.99
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$106.35
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,716.40
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$43.36
100	JACOB STEWART	\$450.80
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$82.15
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$249.48
100	WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	\$319.52
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC	\$110.49
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$341.16
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
200	AFLAC	\$333.76
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,370.16
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$941.47
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$339.32
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,455.10
200	CULLIGAN-ROADS	\$27.80
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,619.09
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$940.56
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$1,355.95
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$684.00
200	KAISER TIRE LLC	\$674.00
200	KCSR-AM	\$55.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$800.03
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$47.71
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$657.58
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$296.18
200	POWERPLAN	\$560.37
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$5,123.60
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$1,528.67
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$104.48
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$93.52
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$116.98
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$194.97
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$40.07
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$250.00

2501	CITY OF CHADRON	\$95,083.75
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$17.86
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$55.88
2910	INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	\$47.10
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.77
2913	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$980.00