

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

June 11, 2024

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:12 A.M. on the 11th day of June, 2024 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Members present was Jake Stewart and Vic Rivera. Also, present was Deb Lesmeister, Dawes County Deputy Clerk and Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, Martha Quay, Veteran's Office Assistant and Robert Jordan. 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 following item of adding bid opening of Roads Department surplus items. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The minutes of the May 28, 2024 Commissioner meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to approve the minutes with the following correction. It should have been Table Road not Table Rock when they discussed Road updates. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer entered the meeting at 9:15 A.M.

Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to approve the claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Payroll and Official's fee and mileage reports were reviewed and approved by general consent. Review of two items under correspondence were as follows: A letter from UNL Extension stated that the base pay of the Extension Assistant will be going up on July 1, 2024 which is contracted with the County and also if a merit salary increase is awarded to that employee Dawes County will be responsible for that increase. The 2024-2024 billing statement from NIRMA stated that it will also be going up. The contribution for Dawes County will increase 2.47%.

At 9:21 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent met with the Board for updates. Road District #1 are grading and putting gravel on Airport Road and then will begin to work on East Table Road. Road District #2 are also grading roads. The wooden structure bridge is bad on Grantham Road so that road is presently closed. The plan is to remove that and replace it with a culvert. Once that is completed they will begin work on East Bethel Road. Road District #3 are working on Squaw Creek Road and grading. Gene von Forell entered the meeting at 9:23 A.M. The next item was opening of the bids for surplus items from the Roads Department. Bid #1 was from Pete Emerson for 2 shop heaters for \$60.00. Bid #2 was from Brooke Bass for traffic cones for \$15.00. Bid #3 was from Jack Rhembrandt for filters for \$20.00. Bid #4 was from Chet Fullerton for a culvert 5 x 9 for \$100.00 and a culvert 8 x 30 for \$100.00 for a total bid of \$200.00. Motion to accept and award all four bids by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Successful bidders will pay the Dawes County Treasurer and present the receipt to the Highway Superintendent for possession of the items.

Gene von Forell then spoke on behalf of the Veterans Board. He stated that three people had been interviewed for the position of the Veteran's Service Office. The Veterans Board recommended Robert "Spike" Jordan for that position. Mr. Jordan was present and accepted the position. He will have a July 1, 2024 start date with a beginning hourly wage of \$22.00 per hour with a six month probationary period and after a successful review will then be increased to \$23.00 per hour. Martha Quay inquired about pay raises for her position and also the position of the Veteran's van driver. The Board indicated those items and also the budget preparation should be done by Alan Connell, a Veterans Board member and also Mr. Jordan should be included. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to accept the Veteran's Board recommendation and hire Robert Jordan. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Martha Quay, Robert "Spike" Jordan and Gene von Forell left the meeting at 9:40 A.M.

A surplus request from the Public Defender's office for a 2003 iPad with pencil was presented. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to surplus the 2003 iPad with pencil. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Public Defender's Office may take bids for this item and if there are none it may be disposed of.

A Constituent Service Form was presented by Commissioner Rivera. This form is from Congressman Adrian Smith's office and needed to be filled out to obtain information from that office. After discussion it was concluded this form was needed if they wanted personal information about Mr. Smith. Commissioner Rivera had wanted information for a discussion on the APHIS contract that Dawes County has presently which will expire at the end of June 2024. Also discussed were possibilities of combining services for that position with Sioux County. Commissioner Johnson also had information from Box Butte County. Either Commissioner Rivera or Stewart will contact Val Jansante, Assistant to Adrian Smith and see if he can address their questions. No decisions were made concerning the contract.

At 10:00 A.M. Alicia Felton and Dave Fedderson from the Bean Broker Coffee House and Pub met with the Board. They are requesting an SDL license for a function at Chadron State Park on June 29, 2024. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to approve the SDL license for the Bean Broker Coffee House and Pub for June 29, 2024. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Felton and Mr. Fedderson left the meeting at 10:10 A.M.

At 10:11 Shawn Honstein entered the meeting to meet with the Board about funeral leave. She requested an executive session. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to enter into executive session at 10:12 A.M. with Ms. Honstein, 3 Commissioners and Deputy County Attorney Edmund present. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to exit the executive session at 10:24 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action taken.

At 10:25 Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer and Lindy Coleman, Assessor entered the meeting. They discussed with the Board the personnel policy. They said the present policy is somewhat unclear about the funeral leave and a policy committee consisting of employees and elected officials are currently addressing that.

At 10:30 A.M. Commissioner's Johnson and Rivera went for the quarterly jail inspection. Commissioner Stewart exited the meeting and did not go.

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 June 25, 2024 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on June 20, 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: _____
Deb Lesmeister
Dawes County Deputy Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Webb L. Johnson, Chairman

June 11, 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

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$1,842.17
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$12,049.50
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$92.70
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$1,142.13
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$40.32
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$199.75

100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$42,510.92
100	BOB BARKER COMPANY INC	\$1,045.50
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$30.45
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$80.28
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,768.65
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$36.00
100	CENTURLINK	\$104.49
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$333.00
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$350.00
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$283.93
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$599.47
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$63.65
100	DASH MEDICAL GLOVES INC	\$231.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$392.00
100	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$34,412.00
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$322.65
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$568.73
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$675.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$103.25
100	FIRESRING PRINT INC	\$990.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$597.47
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$1,446.81
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$307.87
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$15.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$20,017.69
100	LOLA GARNER	\$49.25
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$249.04
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$258.17
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$163.17
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$500.00
100	J.G. ELLIOTT COMPANY	\$40.00
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$618.00
100	KCSR-AM	\$220.00
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$74.78
100	MAXIMUS,INC	\$2,100.00
100	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	\$110.79
100	MIPS INC	\$3,417.22
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,538.39
100	NACO	\$1,423.74
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,741.93
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00

100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$5.27
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$45.68
100	NIRMA	\$121,378.00
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$7,530.04
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$726.60
100	POSTMASTER	\$120.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$38.18
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$184.36
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,539.36
100	STERLING HUFF LAW OFFICE, PC, LLO	\$3,650.00
100	STUDIO 308 LLC	\$600.00
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$901.80
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$88.01
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$257.15
100	WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	\$6,533.51
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$15.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$14.00
200	AFLAC	\$486.05
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,397.47
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,415.46
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$44.20
200	CENTURYLINK	\$17.32
200	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$2,829.14
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$127.45
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$45.69
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$212.81
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,946.99
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$93.40
200	KCSR-AM	\$220.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$70.47
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$893.11
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$66.29
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$30,781.18
200	POWERPLAN	\$11,196.75
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$2,505.88
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$157.82
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$81.24
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$96.90

990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$86.86
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$119.07
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,688.45
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$498.46
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$170.79
990	KCSR-AM	\$155.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$34.97
990	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA TRAILS ASSOC	\$439.09
990	RAMADA MIDTOWN	\$119.95
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
995	AAA WORLD	\$4,187.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$2,826.90
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	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$6,023.14

