

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

June 10, 2025

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 10th 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; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Clint Anderson, AFLAC; Nelson Stephens; Marcus Dykes, KCSR 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 moving the personnel policy issues to the June 24, 2025 Commissioner meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the May 27, 2025 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Juhlin with Stewart abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments were approved by general consent of the Board. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve all claims as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Clifford Stiehl joined the meeting. Correspondence acknowledged by the Board was a letter from NIRMA going over the 2025-2026 Insurance renewal and rates increase.

At 9:10 A.M. Clifford Shiehl asked about fixing the safety concerns relevant to Road No. 50. The overhead structure is down. Commissioner Rivera informed him Road No.50 is on the six-year road plan and Mr. Yada informed him the auto gates will be removed soon.

At 9:13 A.M. Wade Yada met with the Board. Road Crews are grading and gravel is being hauled to bad spots on roads in all three districts. Discussion ensued when Commissioner Juhlin asked about getting rid of the pup trailer for a used gravel trailer. The pup trailer could be sold on Purple Wave. The Highway Superintendent was asked to follow up on this issue. Mr. Yada presented miles of roads worked on to wit: 344.85 total miles were graded/bladed for the two (2) week timeframe after Memorial Day. 147 miles are currently graded/bladed. The crusher is up and running. Commissioner Juhlin reported the north end of Mansfield Road bar ditch is flooding. The Highway Superintendent will look into this. Mr. Yada then presented the Cowboy Trail plans as they are wanting to construct a driveway and parking lot. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, asked to look at the plans. She reported the Cowboy Trail is in a floodplain, the plans have been altered and Federal Funding could be affected if guidelines aren't followed. In other business the Board went over maps reflecting the North and South half of Dawes County. The North half of Dawes County shows classification changes relevant to the Chadron area only. County Roads are good to go. The maps will be entered into the GIS records housed by the Assessor. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to accept the maps from the Nebraska Department of Transportation, directing the Chairman to sign off on classification changes relevant to the City of Chadron. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 9:45 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:50 A.M. Tom Menke, City Manager, City of Chadron, joined the meeting.

At 9:50 A.M. Clint Anderson, AFLAC, met with the Board. He presented an account review. The county is saving approximately \$4000.00 due to pre-tax plans. He also presented information about a free service offered by AFLAC which is available to all employees. This

particular service will go through medical billings to ensure there's no double coding. The Board thanked him for his time. Project No. NH-20 1(150) relevant to State work on Highway 20 in and around the Stockade Road approach was discussed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve Project No. NH-20 1(15) and directed the Chairman to sign the agreement. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lumen has requested to install fiber on Airport Road and the North end of Deadhorse Road. Upon review of petition and maps provided Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to accept the Lumen permit with the Highway Superintendents recommendation and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00 A.M. Luke Bonkiewicz, NACO Research Analyst, met with the Board. He shared the following updates to wit: There is another salary study being done. NACO has a dashboard available for salaries in different counties. A Legislative hearing for unfunded mandates will be held this summer. Commissioner Stewart reiterated the importance of Elected Officials involvement in NACO and their trainings. Mr. Bonkiewicz indicated NACO solicits information from Elected Officials at these trainings and/or conferences. There is now a broadband website available for Nebraska. Lauren Franken is a new employee with NACO. She will be responsible for press releases, emails, etc. Nelson Stephens asked if this information is available to the public. Mr. Bonkiewicz indicated the information is in fact available to the public. He reported NACO West is the new NACO building located in Ogallala, NE. Training space is available and is being used. NACO is also encouraging Officials to sign up for the NACO Legislative Newsletter. There is a photography contest being held with an emphasis on Nebraska plants and animals. Entry deadline is August 01, 2025 with a \$100.00 cash prize. Dan Wordekemper joined the meeting. Commissioner Stewart reported the RSVP program has been cut due to lack of Federal Funding. The City of Chadron and Dawes County are looking for funding to continue RSVP services for Chadron, Crawford and Dawes County. Tom Menke, City Manager, indicated for the record he has met with Rachel Johnson to find out what would be needed to continue the RSVP program. An Inter-local Agreement would also need to be looked at if funding is secured. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. The tractor that was recently purchased is too small and not safe for operators. He presented a three-year lease with Modern Farm on a 2023 New Holland Tractor at \$17,751.69 per year with a buy out option. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved allowing the Weed Department to lease the tractor at terms specified in lease with Modern Farm. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business Commissioner Rivera asked to discuss the County Attorney budget. He reported the county had to go to outside Legal Counsel regarding Road No. 50. We have three (3) Attorney's that couldn't help with the Road No. 50 law suit. Discussion ensued. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, reported Vance Haug is in court 4-5 days per week. He also does Coroner calls. Joe Stecher and Adam Edmund are contracted to assist the County Attorney. Criminal cases are huge in Dawes County according to Edmund. Mr. Edmund handles all civil cases. Commissioner Stewart suggested appointments for all departments during budget time this year. Resolution No. 2025-13 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, updating the FEMA Region 23 Hazard Mitigation Plan and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:44 A.M. Ryan Powers, APHIS met with the Board. Also present was Gale Henry, JW Geiser, Sioux County Commissioner, Mike Hollibaugh and Tim Brewer, Predator Control for Sheridan and Box Butte counties. Mr. Powers indicated he has already met with the Sioux County Board. Tim Brewer would add Sioux and Dawes counties to his current workload with Sheridan and Box Butte counties. The Board asked Mr. Brewer if this would be too much to take

on for Predator Control services. Mr. Brewer is already certified to apply poisons/toxins. He indicated he would need help from the county with Prairie Dog control. Mr. Powers reported there is wildlife damage management legislation in the State of Nebraska. Federal and State funding is currently unreliable. A plane was also discussed. Nationwide there is a pilot shortage. Mr. Powers suggested using contract pilots. Funding sources was also discussed. The State needs to become more involved in Predator Control issues. Gale Henry indicated Game and Parks also need to become involved. Discussion then turned to networking to get information to Senators and the public. Deputy Attorney, Adam Edmund, indicated for the record there is currently an agreement in place between Dawes and Sioux counties for Predator Control services. This plan must be reviewed or go forward with APHIS. Sioux County is concerned with funding revenue and the availability of a plane. Dawes County shares the same concerns. Commissioner Rivera left the meeting at 11:18 A.M. Vice Chairman Jake Stewart took over meeting. Wally Juhlin, Dawes County Commissioner and J.W. Geiser, Sioux County Commissioner will represent Dawes and Sioux counties accordingly in this matter.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on June 24, 2025 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with the Commissioner meeting. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on June 19, 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

Vic Rivera

June 10, 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	\$ 1,955.45
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 12,540.95
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 75.72
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-PREDATOR CONTROL	\$ 237.36
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$ 864.56
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$ 279.43
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 40,596.75
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$ 1,004.90
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$ 66.62
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$ 17.00
100	CAPTIAL ONE NA	\$ 65.18
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 2,731.62
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 1,092.26

100	CENTURYLINK	\$ 587.31
100	CHADRON LOCK	\$ 125.00
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$ 218.40
100	CHARM-TEX INC	\$ 1,693.50
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 493.75
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$ 470.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$ 63.65
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 624	\$ 8.43
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 651	\$ 56.38
100	DAWES COUNTY ASSESSOR	\$ 100.00
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$ 598.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 258.67
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$ 4,050.00
100	EAKES,INC	\$ 114.40
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$ 670.00
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$ 1,250.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$ 147.28
100	FIRESPRING PRINT INC	\$ 990.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$ 139.30
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$ 202.06
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$ 595.85
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PREDATOR CONTROL	\$ 499.83
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 445.47
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$ 507.87
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$ 160.82
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 21,569.00
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 275.26
100	HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 20.19
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 160.02
100	HOME HAVEN FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE	\$ 818.00
100	REBECCA HUTCHINGS	\$ 392.51
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$ 174.60
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 970.00
100	LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$ 56.19
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$ 65.04
100	MIPS INC	\$ 3,430.30
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 829.07
100	NE COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION	\$ 550.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 2,880.87
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$ 31.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 144.07
100	NEBRASKA STATE AUDITOR	\$ 17,996.50

100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$ 29.50
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$ 60.24
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$ 314.40
100	NIRMA	\$ 147,343.00
100	NKC TIRE	\$ 26.99
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$ 618.00
100	PENNINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 60.00
100	POSTMASTER	\$ 120.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$ 133.99
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$ 1,013.97
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$ 5,643.60
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 118.64
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$ 75.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$ 90.14
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 265.78
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$ 6.30
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$ 140.95
100	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$ 300.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$ 14.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$ 172.14
200	AFLAC	\$ 506.23
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,298.31
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,381.14
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$ 1,797.50
200	BRENNAN ELECTRIC	\$ 356.11
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$ 216.85
200	CENTURYLINK	\$ 26.87
200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$ 30.00
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 58.61
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$ 47.07
200	DAWES COUNTY ASSESSOR	\$ 25.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 75.00
200	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$ 563.14
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$ 114.89
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 3,523.91
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$ 38.75
200	KCSR-AM	\$ 120.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$ 81.69
200	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	\$ 213.93
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 76.06
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00

200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 763.60
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 50.01
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 133.96
200	POWERPLAN	\$ 2,043.27
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 1,227.97
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$ 21.62
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$ 81.38
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 100.81
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$ 1,016.31
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$ 268.82
200	21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,745.60
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 83.07
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 111.27
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 156.02
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 29.46
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08
995	CHRYSTAL BROOKS	\$ 835.00
995	CHADRON FESTIVAL OF QUILTS	\$ 979.00
995	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 23.46
995	DAWES COUNTY AG SOCIETY	\$ 500.00
995	EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$ 1,005.00
995	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$ 719.68
995	HOMESLICE MEDIA GROUP,LLC	\$ 5,069.53
995	KCSR-AM	\$ 325.00
995	MILES PARTNERSHIP,LLLP	\$ 4,000.00
995	MARILYN NORMAN	\$ 713.15
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 4.50
2910	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$ 200.88
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 18.17
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 213.38
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 156.99
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 3.84
2913	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,277.50