

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

March 12, 2024

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:34 A.M. on the 12th day of March, 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; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. 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 Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024 meeting noting for the record that Commissioner Johnson's report on RSVP was actually for Dawes County SR. Center. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart seconded by Rivera, approving all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board by general consent approved all monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments.

At 9:46 A.M. Tim Buskirk, Nebraska National Forest, met with the Board. He reported the Forest Service has been awarded \$870,000.00 to address culverts on West Ash Road. There is a time frame of ten (10) years to complete the project. Plans are being drafted now for the project and an engineering study will be conducted by the Forest Service. The fire staff crew is full and the Forest Service has brought on new staff. In 2023 fifty-five (55) individuals were hired with 2024 already seeing 24 new hires.

At 9:55 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, presented his annual NDA reports for the Boards review and approval. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept the reports and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:58 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. All crews are grading and pulling shoulders. Pete is still working on Deadman Road. Blading will start soon on all roads. The Roads Department went to ten (10) hour days Monday through Thursday with the time change. March 21, 2024 is Red Card training for crew members. Mr. Yada also reported an individual has made application to the Roads Department. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to enter executive session regarding personnel at 10:12 A.M. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session at 10:16 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Privacy Officer appointment was moved to the March 26, 2024 Agenda. The Sip Chadron Event had no action taken by the Board. Kerri Remp, Tourism Director, will be contacted to discuss the grant with the Board before any action is taken.

At 10:30 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, met with the Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to enter executive session regarding personnel. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to reconvene to regular session with no action taken at 10:45 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 10:50 A.M. to conduct a quarterly jail inspection. At 11:13 A.M. the Board reconvened.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on March 26, 2024 beginning at approximately 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on March 21, 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

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Webb L. Johnson, Chairman