

## **CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**July 8th, 2025**

### **DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:05 AM, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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 Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Tom Menke, Chadron City Manager, Deann Koerber, and Casey Keim. 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 June 24th, 2025 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed with the amendment of the grant award of \$750 for the promotion of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend needing to be amended from the awardee of City of Crawford to the Crawford Area Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Stewart motioned, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the amendment. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart motioned, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the minutes from June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 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 motioned, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve all claims as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence acknowledged by the Board was a letter received from Micaela Wuchler from Lincoln County informing the Board the of changes to the Nebraska Broadband Deployment Program. Commissioner Stewart informed the board he has already written one letter in support of funding for the high-speed grant. Commissioner Stewart plans on drafting an additional letter for the board to show their support for the Nebraska Broadband Deployment Program.

Chairman Rivera opened the meeting for public comment at 9:15am. No public comments were made.

At 9:15 AM, Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board for road updates. In district one, the crew is hauling gravel to Stockade Rd. They are also working on a culvert replacement on Trinkle Rd. They plan on hauling gravel for McHenry Rd. In district two, the crew is hauling gravel for Table Rd. In district three, the crew is hauling gravel for North Whitney Lake Rd. They are planning on hauling to Lemmon Rd. once that is completed. In additional department updates, there have not been any applications for the part time truck driver position yet. The crusher crew is operational after repairs to the rock crusher. The scraper is being put back together this week and is expected to be finished by the end of the week.

At 9:30 AM, Discussion ensued regarding APHIS cooperative agreement. There are concerns over the split of time in the proposed contract. Currently, there is proposed \$10,000.00 for aerial expense. The board would like a clarification as to how many hours of flight this would provide and a clarification if APHIS has access to a plane. Commissioner Juhlin posed the question if one agent can realistically cover four counties and what that coverage would actually look like for Dawes County residents. Commissioner Stewart stated we would need more coverage and clarity stated in the proposed contract. Deputy County Attorney, Adam

Edmund, brought up the possibility of subcontracting to manage predator categories separately. He also informed that Sioux County has not made a decision in regard to the cooperative agreement yet. Commissioner Juhlin said he had also been in contact with Shawn Patras about predator control options and they spoke about the possibility of a coyote bounty to help control the coyote population. They would still need to figure out how to setup a level of management to control that program if the county wished to pursue that as an option. Commissioner Juhlin posed the question if we could fund subcontracts for pest birds and prairie dogs in addition to the proposed APHIS contract. Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund, stated if we commit to the proposed APHIS contract there would likely not be any funding available for alternative avenues of control. Adam Edmund did bring up the option of reducing the proposed contract to create funding for subcontracts for additional predator control measures. The Board stated they would like to have a representative from APHIS come back in and further clarify the proposed contract at the next meeting if possible.

At 9:40 AM, Commissioner Stewart discussed a transition for Deb Lesmeister from the Predator Control Secretary to the vacant Safety Committee Secretary due to the elimination of the Predator Control department. Commissioner Stewart motioned, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the appointment to the Safety Committee Secretary position. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:42 AM, Deann Koerber and Casey Keim brought forth the final draft of the personnel policy manual to be signed by the Board. Commissioner Stewart motioned, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the final draft of the personnel policy manual. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:43 AM, An application for use of the courthouse grounds was presented to the board by Fur Trade Days, Inc. for use for the vendor market, expositions, food trucks, and live music. Commissioner Stewart motioned, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve courthouse grounds application. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:44 AM, Adam Edmund addressed the lodging tax letter which was issued from his office on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. He stated a copy of the regulations were sent out with the letter to businesses. Tom Menke, Chadron City Manager asked how often the businesses will need to report on the lodging tax. Adam stated the reporting will need to be quarterly and businesses will be responsible for filing the correct paperwork. He stated these letters were sent out from a list provided to his office from tourism director Kerri Rempp.

At 9:45 AM, the Board was presented with a grant request for The Slim Days Foundation. The grant request was submitted for \$2125.00. Dawes County Tourism Board recommended a grant in the amount of \$900.00 for The Slim Days Foundation. Commissioner Stewart motioned, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the \$900.00 grant for The Slim Days Foundation. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:47 AM, the Board was presented with a surplus request from Treasurer Sam Wellnitz for 1 Steelcase 6-drawer cabinet and 3 6-drawer Anderson-Hockey file cabinets. Commissioner Stewart recommended opening up bidding for the surplus items for a period of two weeks to be opened on the July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Stewart motioned, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve surplus. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50 AM, Assessor Lindy Coleman, discussed designating MIPS as the printer for the LB 644 Postcards. MIPS can pull the information directly from our system for the cards. The Board agrees with the Assessor's recommendation.

At 9:55 AM, Brad Johnson, the planning engineer for Northwest Rural Public Power District presented a petition for road crossing to trench across Table Rd. The project is to replace underground cable which was installed in 1978. The trenching request would close the project

site on Table Rd just west of the Hereford Rd intersection for approximately 1 hour depending on the fiber location and would be trenched at a depth determined by Dawes County Superintendent Wade Yada. Commissioner Stewart motioned, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the petition of road crossing for NWRPPD. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00 AM, Adam Edmund provided the update on the Crawford Law Enforcement agreement that we are waiting on budget numbers before we proceed.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on July 22, 2025 beginning at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in the Dawes County Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on July 17, 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Casey Keim**  
**Dawes County**

**DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Vic Rivera**

**July 8th, 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	\$2,263.85
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$12,119.97
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$512.93
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$66.25
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$40,265.29
100	CLINT W BRUHN	\$61.18
100	WESTON BURCH	\$16.49
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,600.43
100	JOHN CATTIN	\$14.60
100	CENTURYLINK	\$587.31
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$234.00
100	CHARM-TEX INC	\$155.60
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$904.84
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$49.75
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 624	\$8.43
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 651	\$56.38
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$2,294.75
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$36.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$304.50

100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER/MISC #1	\$425.16
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER/MISC #2	\$625.98
100	DOCU-SHRED LLC	\$170.00
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$1,210.00
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$1,000.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$508.39
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$46.98
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$20,670.44
100	GALLS	\$106.35
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$245.83
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$174.60
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$314.00
100	JEFFREY JOHNS	\$15.00
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$292.00
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$4,070.00
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$70.46
100	MIPS INC	\$3,566.15
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$295.19
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$210.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,735.32
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$104.81
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$150.00
100	RHONDA L PELTON	\$21.81
100	PIP MARKETING, SIGNS AND PRINT	\$2,000.00
100	PROCOPY INC	\$15.09
100	QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	\$1,650.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$139.99
100	LARRY W RISING	\$43.62
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$9.40
100	CASEY JOHN SCHUHMACHER	\$10.53
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$731.82
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$133.99
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$3,270.00
100	TIMOTHY J TIDYMAN	\$11.10
100	ROSALENE B TOLLMAN	\$66.36
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$90.14
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$265.78
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$80.18
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$22.25
100	GARRETT WILD	\$2.87
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$332.72

100	385 XPRESS LUBE	\$159.56
200	AFLAC	\$449.81
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,438.12
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$208.46
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,395.62
200	CENTURYLINK	\$26.87
200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$50.00
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$56.37
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$45.92
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$0.96
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$4,186.67
200	WALDO L GOFF	\$75.00
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$622.32
200	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$1,963.00
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$10.98
200	KAISER TIRE MOBILE SERVICE	\$275.00
200	LITTREL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$495.00
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$75.84
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$928.92
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$2,187.58
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$941.00
200	TOOF'S DIESEL REPAIR	\$353.41
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$81.38
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$100.81
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$88.74
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$116.98
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$4.42
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$176.69
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$35.08
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
995	ASSOCIATIONS INC	\$400.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,750.00
995	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$983.12
995	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING INC	\$1,817.00
995	HOMESLICE MEDIA GROUP,LLC	\$4,249.11
995	KCSR-AM	\$200.00
995	MILES PARTNERSHIP,LLLP	\$500.00
995	NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	\$600.00
995	OREGON TRAIL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	\$3,511.00
995	PLACER LABS INC	\$4,250.00

995	SHRPA INC	\$1,375.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$5,518.40
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$17.86
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$386.98
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.77
4600	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$10,528.75