

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

January 23, 2024

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 23rd day of January, 2024 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Member present was Vic Rivera. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to excuse Commissioner Jake Stewart from today's meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Also, present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, Katie Schenbeck and Dave Redden. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. 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 Johnson, moved to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the minutes of the January 09, 2024 as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, approving all claims as submitted noting that claim #'s 24010199 in the amount of \$252.00 #24010227 in the amount of \$6042.50 and claim #24010175 in the amount of \$411.34 will all be resubmitted for payment at the next Commissioner meeting. Correspondence acknowledged by the Board included a letter from Nebraska Game and Parks. Commissioner Rivera indicated the Nicholson walking trail is subsidized by the State. Dawes County shouldn't be held liable for maintenance on the Cowboy Trail. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent all monthly fee/mileage reports submitted by the various departments. There being no one for Public Comment, board reports ensued to wit: **Stewart** (sent in): Region 23 met with a full board, made a purchase of a vehicle and discussed money market rates. NCAP met and discussed playground equipment for the Valentine Head Start. The audit showed there is a \$30 million dollar impact on the area of the Northern Panhandle from federal funds that come in to support services from Sioux to Cherry County and down to Box Butte County as well. NNDC met with a full board and welcomed Cody Benton from Homestead Bank. The Executive Directors evaluation was approved before the board and budget cuts were discussed for next fiscal year. **Rivera:** Region 1 met and the main discussion was again working from home policy. The Board set February 8th to vote on continuing the practice. There was backlash from staff regarding the up coming vote. Panhandle Public Health District didn't meet. **Johnson:** December meetings were all cancelled. Commissioner Johnson attended the NACO Conference in Kearney. He reported there were good breakout sessions, two sessions in particular were the Open Meetings Act and Consumption Tax sessions. January meetings have all been cancelled for Commissioner Johnson.

At 9:30 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates included all crews are pushing snow and Pete has been helping. District 1 has an opening. In other business the ARPA Reporting appointment was discussed. Casey Keim has indicated he isn't interested in the ARPA reporting. Discussion ensued. Another individual has indicated a desire to do the ARPA reporting. The ARPA reporter will be put back on the February 13, 2024 Commissioner agenda. Commissioner Rivera discussed LB 996 whereby the Department of Corrections would assume responsibility for the County Jail operations. The Clerk presented a surplus request to surplus a Troy laser printer. Upon review, Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to surplus the Troy laser printer which will be disposed of as it no longer works. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:07 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, met with the Board. Three tourism board appointments are needed. Two lodging board members and one at-large board member. Names submitted for consideration were Robin Baquet, Janell Winkelman, Stacy Swinney and Barb McDaniel. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to re-appoint Robin Baquet and Janell Winkelman as lodging board members and re-appoint Stacy Swinney as the at-large member. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Rempp reported LB 398 has been introduced by the Legislature which would require Game and Parks to pay taxes on land acquired prior to 1977. In other business Resolution No. 2024-10 was introduced by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, appointing Commissioner Jake Stewart as the representative from Dawes County for the Hazard

Mitigation renewal. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 10:17 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:24 A.M.

At 10:25 A.M. Caleb Johnson, Budget Coordinator, met with the Board. He presented the 2024/2025 budget contract which increased by \$200.00 and an option was added to lock into a plan for three (3) years at \$3700.00. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the budget proposal for three (3) years at \$3700.00 per year. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Any additional duties required of Mr. Johnson outside the budget will be paid separately.

At 10:37 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, presented his annual NDA report for the Boards review. Upon review, Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the NDA report and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:04 A.M. Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects, met with the Board. Also, present was Brad Streeks, Custodian. He informed the Board there is a new law whereby rural projects can recoup 30% of initial expenses. His fees would be included in the 30% and projects can be bundled together with five (5) years to complete. The County would pay for the projects up front then the State would pay back 30% of the total project costs to the County. Mr. Streeks indicated the plumbing in the Courthouse is old and other projects were discussed. Mr. Berggren will prepare a proposal for the Board.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on February 13, 2024 beginning at approximately 9:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization meeting followed by the Commissioner meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. Both meetings will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on February 08, 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

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Webb L. Johnson, Chairman

January 23, 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	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC/SHERIFF	\$575.00
100	AFLAC	\$2,100.05
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$12,621.86
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$451.40
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$185.60
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$79.68
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-250 MAIN ST	\$381.87
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-342 MAIN ST	\$333.22
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-451 MAIN ST	\$42.40
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$43,816.75
100	BOB'S SNOW REMOVAL	\$270.00
100	CAPTIAL ONE NA	\$8.30

100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,710.34
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$388.08
100	CENTURYLINK	\$99.99
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$42.29
100	CHADRON PLUMBING,INC	\$374.03
100	CLERK OF DIST COURT ASSOCIATION	\$50.00
100	COAST TO COAST COMPUTER PRODUCTS	\$120.00
100	AARON CONN	\$378.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$307.36
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELY,WATSON,HARF	\$2,500.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$620.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.50
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$26.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$13.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$6.50
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$748.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$140.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$392.00
100	DAWES COUNTY 125 CAFETERIA PLAN	\$28.95
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$11,050.00
100	EAKES,INC	\$310.50
100	FIRESRING PRINT INC	\$990.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$166.66
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$100.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$20,812.72
100	GALLS	\$201.68
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,295.85
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$329.65
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$934.22
100	HEART CITY DRUG	\$12.29
100	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-KEARNEY	\$107.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$163.17
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$218.75
100	JEFFREY JOHNS	\$95.68
100	KONE,INC	\$548.16
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$330.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$25.18
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$6.06
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$682.25
100	MIPS INC	\$287.95
100	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	\$450.00

100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOC	\$75.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,852.24
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,774.71
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$375.60
100	NEBRASKA.GOV	\$17.00
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$189.59
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$4,966.63
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$359.99
100	OWEN DENTAL CARE	\$781.00
100	PANHANDLE ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION	\$125.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	POSTMASTER	\$93.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$117.99
100	QUILL CORPORATION-DISTRICT COURT	\$35.99
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$45.00
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$582.86
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,PC	\$634.50
100	STOCKMEN'S DRUG	\$262.68
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	TREE DOC	\$1,290.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$43.26
100	USDA,APHIS,WILDLIFE SERVICES	\$6,383.01
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$286.91
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$14.00
200	AFLAC	\$504.31
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,406.75
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$969.15
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,493.22
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$21.57
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$116.30
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$13.37
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$4,019.92
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$3,131.88
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$3,876.00
200	KCSR-AM	\$275.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$6.06
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$904.70
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$86.16
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA	\$17,697.20

	MACHINERY	
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$317.49
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$157.99
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$106.95
200	WESTCO	\$14,209.56
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$126.00
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$82.41
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$119.07
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$153.79
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$30.34
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
2580	BOLEK, BRADLEY J	\$5,355.00
2580	JAY D GOFF	\$19,460.00
2580	WOHLERS RANCH LLC	\$2,152.50
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18.27
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$268.31
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$4.19
2913	NE REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK	\$2,400.00