

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

April 22, 2025

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 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; Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Marcus Dykes 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 noting the deletion of Crawford Law/Sheriff discussion which will be moved to the May 13, 2025 Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the April 08, 2025 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the minutes as published. 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, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve all claims as submitted with the exception of claim #'s 25040171 in the amount of \$67.78; #25040208 in the amount of \$708.39 and #25040208 in the amount of \$340.00 all payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$1116.17. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve claim #'s 25040171; #25040208 and #25040208 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$1116.17. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30 A.M. there being no one for Public Comment, Board reports ensued to wit: **Stewart:** Region 23 met and sent out second draft re: budget which will be finalized in May. They also discussed generator grants for local fire halls. NNDC is working on building a new website design to impact economic development in the area. RSVP will lose one (1) employee and the Director will be cut to from forty (40) hours a week to ten (10) hours a week to keep the program alive through the summer months. Community Services which assist with utilities and food banks may also be eliminated. A sheet with a QR code will be available at various courthouse office to scan and encourage the government to save federal programs. Commissioner Stewart indicated for the record if anyone has any questions relevant to the QR code request please reach out to him. He went on to report the Head Start program affects 800,000 plus children and a million families. The Northern Panhandle could possibly lose around \$33,000,000.00 if all funding were eliminated. **Juhlin:** Crawford Senior Center is thinking about selling pictures on a wall in the center to buy carpet. Area Aging met. Federal funding is coming in slower. They are done with ARPA funding and moved \$60,000.00 into the general fund to use where needed. Their projected budget for 2025-2026 is \$3.862 million. He also mentioned there is another insurance carrier available for Panhandle and they are called Black Hawk. OHD will receive \$363,000.00 in ARPA funding which can only be used for bonuses. They have 2200 employees. They have purchased a group home in Scotts Bluff to house individuals. **Rivera:** SWANN met. The baler building work has started, there is also a new rate proposal for 2025-2026. Proposals are being sought for site cameras at the Harrison, Gordon and Rushville landfill sites.

At 9:20 A.M. Wade Yada presented road updates to wit: All Districts are blading roads, District 2 finishing up gravel on Marsland Cemetery Road, District 3 working on building Squaw Creek Road. He reported in the past two (2) weeks all districts have bladed a total of 316.55 miles of county roads. District 1 bladed 125.5 miles; District 2 bladed 108.55 miles and District 3 has bladed 82.5 miles respectively. The crusher is here but wasn't ready as promised so the first week of rental won't be paid. They are also having issues with the Stacker so a technician will be coming out. He also informed the Board that District 3 has a loader going to Scotts Bluff for repairs.

At 9:30 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. As asked, he contacted two (2) other companies to secure additional bids for a mower tractor. He never received any bids from Butler or 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The only bid received was from Modern Farm in the amount of \$21,000.00 to purchase a mower tractor. Modern Farm is also willing to work on the payments with the county. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to award the bid to Modern Farm in the amount of \$21,000.00 and award the bid for a mower which was previously approved to Butler in the amount of \$9,444.00. The Butler mowing award will be paid out of Tribal funding. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Chairman read aloud Resolution No. 2025-12 which was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, revising management of national grasslands. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 9:43 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:50 A.M. Don Fryda, Casey Keim, Brad Streeks and Deann Koerber joined the meeting. Deann Koerber reported the personnel policy committee met. The policy was reviewed regarding per diem, emergency personnel and added the word "essential" to emergency staff. Discussion ensued. The personnel policy committee was asked to leave the word emergency and add Jailers to the listing of emergency staff. Overtime was briefly discussed. Commissioner Juhlin asked if the roads would get back five (5) hours of pay. Discussion ensued. No action taken. Brad Streeks met briefly with board and presented an application for use of the Courthouse grounds for the Walk a Mile event planned. The Board indicated for the record that anytime the courtyard is used, the event is open to the public. A certificate of insurance will be obtained for the event. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the use of the Courtyard for the event Walk a Mile sponsored by Chadron State College with the event being open to the public. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart reported Mobius has requested a letter of support to install more fiber. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, approving the letter of support for Mobius and directing all board members to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:10 A.M. a motion to enter executive session re: personnel was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Juhlin. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Brad Streeks had a performance appraisal. At 10:20 A.M. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 10:21 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin moved to enter executive session re: personnel. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Dan Wordekemper had a performance appraisal. At 10:33 A.M. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Stewart. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 10:34 A.M. a motion to enter executive session re: personnel was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, to enter executive session re: personnel. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Wade Yada had a

performance appraisal. Motion by Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Stewart, to reconvene to regular session at 10:54 A.M. with no action taken during executive session. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to enter executive session at 10:55 A.M. re: personnel. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kerri Rempp had a performance appraisal. At 11:10 A.M. motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera left the meeting. At 11:11 A.M. Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Stewart moved to enter executive session re: personnel. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Robert Jordan had a performance appraisal. At 11:18 A.M. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Commissioner Stewart. Commissioner Juhlin seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 11:19 A.M. a motion to enter executive session re: personnel was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Juhlin. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Casey Bach had a performance appraisal. At 11:36 A.M. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Stewart. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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 May 13, 2025 beginning at 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 May 08, 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**

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**Vic Rivera**

**April 22, 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**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTCLAIMS</b>
100	AFLAC	\$ 2,009.85
100	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC-TREAS	\$ 18.99
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 12,698.92
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 451.88
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$ 297.59
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$ 82.17
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-250 MAIN ST	\$ 449.78

100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-342 MAIN ST	\$ 319.08
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-451 MAIN ST	\$ 49.38
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 41,869.39
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 2,764.29
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 113.96
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$ 468.00
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$ 1,592.99
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$ 580.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$ 770.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$ 16.95
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$ 34.75
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$ 13.90
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$ 380.00
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 624	\$ 8.43
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 651	\$ 56.38
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 467.00
100	DIERKSEN ENTERPRISES LLC	\$ 23,000.00
100	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$ 80.58
100	ENGRAVERS	\$ 25.95
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$ 97.19
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 21,086.47
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$ 110.85
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 162.27
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$ 640.92
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 70.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$ 174.60
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 3,829.41
100	KONE,INC	\$ 2,007.16
100	LOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF	\$ 10.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$ 6.19
100	MIPS INC	\$ 40.00
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 8,674.00
100	MONUMENT HEALTH RAPID CITY HOSPITAL	\$ 500.00
100	NACO	\$ 400.00
100	NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	\$ 525.00
100	NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY TREASURERS	\$ 175.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 2,826.63
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$ 31.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 1,657.93

100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$ 116.12
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/WEED DEPT	\$ 437.36
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 220.82
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$ 5,261.05
100	PESTS GO	\$ 35.00
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 67.78
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$ 109.32
100	TRAVIS SCHIAFFO	\$ 66.99
100	SHERIDAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	\$ 42.50
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$ 5,618.40
100	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 10,000.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-PREDATOR CONTROL	\$ 82.34
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$ 82.30
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 275.60
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$ 144.13
100	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$ 227.00
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC	\$ 71.17
100	WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY	\$ 102.93
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$ 78.51
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$ 127.04
100	385 XPRESS LUBE	\$ 108.74
200	AFLAC	\$ 506.23
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,410.22
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,381.01
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$ 1,624.47
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$ 303.55
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$ 67.36
200	CULLIGAN-ROADS	\$ 6.95
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 3,883.95
200	JAY D GOFF	\$ 3,320.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 6.19
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$ 81.69
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 76.06
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	NE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$ 337.05
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 852.27
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 151.80
200	NKC TIRE	\$ 20.00
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$ 16,326.32
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 251.42

200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$ 1,719.50
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 1,048.39
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 100.78
200	WESTCO	\$ 4,843.30
200	WOHLERS RANCH LLC	\$ 945.00
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 88.00
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 111.26
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 174.87
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 34.60
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$ 233.58
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$ 2,753.38
2580	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO,INC	\$ 163,250.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 18.17
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 570.51
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 3.84