

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
January 13, 2026
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Board of Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:20 A.M. on the 13th day of January, 2026 pursuant to public notice as required by law. Notice of said meeting was posted on the Dawes County website and published in the Crawford Clipper Newspaper. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vic Rivera. Board Members present were Walter Juhlin and Jake Stewart. Also present was Casey Keim, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Lindy Coleman Assessor, and Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. 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 as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 22nd, 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 # 26010122 in the amount of \$92.50. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin, and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin moved to approve claim # 26010122 in the amount of \$92.50. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public comment was opened with no comment being made. No correspondence was submitted for commissioner review.

At 9:25 A.M. Board reorganization began. Discussion ensued on interest to be Board Chairman. Vic Rivera volunteered to serve as Chairman for 2026. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to nominate and appoint Vic Rivera as Board Chairman. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. **Resolution 2026-01 was signed.** Commissioner Rivera nominated Jake Stewart for Vice Chairman for 2026. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Juhlin, moved to Appoint Jake Stewart Vice Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-02 was signed. The following banks/investment firms were designated as depositories for the county: Homestead Bank, BMO, Security First Banks of Crawford & Chadron, FNBO, Nebraska Bank, Platte Valley Bank, Nebraska CLASS, and NPAIT. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the designated banks as depositories. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-03 was signed. The following media outlets were designated as official legal publications of Dawes County: The Crawford Clipper and Dawescounty.ne.gov. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the media outlets as official legal publications. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. **Resolution 2026-04 was signed.** Wade Yada was appointed as Dawes County Highway Superintended.

Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the appointment of Wade Yada as Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. **Resolution 2026-05 was signed.** The monthly emergency telephone service surcharge

was presented to the Board at the same level as 2025 which is \$1.00 per telephone number. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the E911 surcharge. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. **Resolution 2026-06 was signed.** The 2027 through 2030 Elected Officials' Salaries were presented to the Board. Discussion ensued about freezing commissioner wages for the four-year term with no change being made to the proposed salary levels from the December 22nd meeting. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the elected official's salary resolution. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. **Resolution 2026-07 was signed.** The Commissioner Board appointments were discussed for assignments per commissioner to each board having representation. It was agreed upon that each Commissioner will continue on with the Boards they represented in 2025 with the exception of Commissioner Juhlin taking the place of Commissioner Rivera was part of the Airport Advisory Board. The 2026 Commissioner meeting dates were presented to the Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the meeting dates as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30 A.M. The Highway 20 Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement was presented to the Board. Jeff Johns spoke over the phone and informed he had no issues or reservations on the agreement. Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the interlocal agreement. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The interlocal agreement was signed.

At 9:35 A.M. Highway Superintendent Wade Yada updated the Board on the progress of the roads department. Currently all districts are continuing with road maintenance and hauling rock. They have set up at the Huffman pit to mine gravel. The scrapper is also being worked on for an issue in its fuel system. Commissioner Juhlin spoke about the current layout of West Ash Creek Road. There is currently an "S" bend in the road that makes truck traffic difficult to navigate. It has been proposed to straighten the road and eliminate the bend. Wade Yada will speak with the Forest Service and see if they are willing to work with the county to enable the county the right of way to reroute the road.

At 9:39 A.M. Lindy Coleman informed the Board that Luke Norman opted to not renew his position on the Zoning Board. Jake Tollman has volunteered to fill his position. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to appoint Jake Tollman to the Zoning Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried

At 9:40 A.M. Lindy Coleman initiated a discussion in regard to IT services with Intralinks. Intralinks is implementing new security features and increasing costs as of January 1st. Last year the county paid Intralinks over \$35,000. Commissioner Stewart brought up that he had spoken with additional IT companies at our December conference and would be willing to provide contact to possibly look into other options. We have a meeting set up with Intralinks to discuss the new billing. The option of potentially hiring our own IT profession as we are already paying an outside company over \$35,000 annually was brought up. The Board said that may be an option and if we are going to switch companies or create a position now is the time to start looking into that option so it would be ready to go for budget time.

At 9:46 A.M. Kerri Rempp addressed the Board informing them that George Ledbetter was not renewing his position on the Dawes County Tourism Board. Jeremy Anderson was expressed interest in the vacancy. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to appoint Jeremy Anderson to the Dawes County Tourism Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kerri informed the Board that Drew Pope and Brandon Davenport have opted to renew their positions on the Tourism Board.

The Dawes County Board and our staff would like to express our gratitude for George Ledbetter's service to our communities in Dawes County.

Kerri presented a request from Fur Trade Days, Inc. for a grant of \$25,000 from the Tourism Board to assist in the purchase of a new stage which can be used for multiple events throughout the year as the current stage being utilized is in poor condition. The proposed purchase price for the new stage is \$200,000. They have already been awarded grants from The Nebraska Arts Council in the amount of \$87,400; 100 Women Who Care About Chadron in the amount of \$5,700; Private donations in the amount of \$7,000. They are currently approaching Chadron State College for possible grant funding as well. The Tourism Board has recommended a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Dawes County Tourism Board improvement fund. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the grant request in the amount of \$25,000.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kerri then spoke on the issue of lodging tax and its enforcement in Dawes County. She stated on January 5th the department of revenue sent out a packet of information in regard to the steps they have taken concerning outfitters and whether they are subject to paying lodging tax. The Department of Revenue is adamant that they must pay. The Department of Revenue informed Kerri the second you are providing lodging to the general public for a cost even if that cost is sales tax exempt you must pay the lodging tax. Kerri informed the State is the management and enforcement agency for lodging tax. Kerri said The Department of Revenue advised that she should turn over any information to the Tax Commissioner for enforcement. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to direct Kerri to send the information to the Tax Commission. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00 A.M. Sam Wellnitz addressed the Board about two requests to be added to our accepted bank depositories. Union Bank and Premier Bank have issued requests to be added. Sam informed the Board that we are not conducting business with either bank currently. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, motioned to deny the requests to be added to the accepted depositories. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:02 A.M. T.J. Rutledge with NPPD came before the Board to discuss an overhead line extension to the Slater residence on Country Club Road. T.J. informed they had applied for blessing from the FAA to put in the line and were granted the blessing. However, they were denied by the State for the request to put in the overhead line due to it being within 10 miles of an airport. They are seeking a variance from the Airport Advisory Board but they cannot be granted one since they county does not have representatives on that board. The City of Chadron currently have Jeff Johns, Roger Wess, and Tom Menke on the board and need the County to have a Commissioner and a County-appointed representative on the board so they can review and possibly address variances. Discussion ensued about past issues between the city and county when the county was a part of the Airport Advisory Board which led to the county voting to leave the board. Commissioner Stewart pointed out that now this is creating an issue for power districts and stressed that we need to remedy the issue. Commissioner discussion commenced about who would serve on the board with Commissioner Juhlin agreeing to be the commissioner on the Airport Advisory Board. Commissioner Stewart brought forth the Richard Sellman had agreed to be the County-appointed representative to the Airport Advisory Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to appoint Commissioner Juhlin as Commissioner Representative and Richard Sellman as County-appointed Representative to the Airport Advisory Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:22 A.M. The Board entered executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, motioned to enter executive session. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:58 A.M. The Board exited executive session at 10:58 with no action taken. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, motioned to exit executive session. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Juhlin and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on January 27th, 2026 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on January 22nd, 2026. **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 Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Vic Rivera
Vic Rivera, Chairman

January 13th, 2026 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	\$2,069.62
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$2,015.00
100	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC-TREAS	\$552.45
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$13,705.15
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$92.90
100	JUDY BERGFIELD	\$132.00
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$203.95
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$47.01
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$260.32
100	BLACK HILLS WEEKLY GROUP-DIST CT	\$139.99
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$40,756.89
100	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,INC	\$841.34
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$3,414.35
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$25.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$502.13
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$43.47
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$603.45
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$260.00
100	CHARM-TEX INC	\$1,517.52
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$498.94
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$3,250.00
100	CLERK OF DIST COURT ASSOCIATION	\$50.00

100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$471.34
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$2,500.00
100	STEVEN R CRILE	\$84.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$1,720.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$63.65
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$23.90
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$20.85
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$16.95
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$36.90
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$1,138.99
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$180.00
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$5,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$262.50
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$360.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$34.34
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$161.65
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$62.93
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$53.14
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$542.70
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$55.83
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$66.58
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$23,470.19
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$522.90
100	GREAT PLAINS REPORTING	\$2,271.43
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$280.18
100	HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	\$2,374.05
100	HOME HAVEN FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE	\$1,588.00
100	IAAO	\$255.00
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$475.00
100	CASEY KEIM	\$450.80
100	FRANKLIN H KEIM	\$108.00
100	KONE,INC	\$2,117.53
100	LA SIGN & SCREEN PRINTING	\$78.00
100	JESSICA M LANDERS LAW OFFICE	\$950.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$20.87
100	LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	\$365.10
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$65.04
100	MIPS INC	\$3,641.18
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$293.58
100	NACO	\$310.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$999.18
100	NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOC	\$100.00

100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,971.91
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$215.62
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$31.00
100	NEBRASKA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	\$200.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$37.85
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$120.24
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$385.00
100	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$9,000.00
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$702.15
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	POSTMASTER	\$99.00
100	PROCOPY INC	\$57.08
100	QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	\$1,650.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$168.12
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$3,285.00
100	REG 1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY	\$15,569.50
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$19,027.80
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$29.18
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$121.16
100	DUIANE E SEEGRIST	\$36.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,618.40
100	JERRY STERLING	\$36.00
100	STUDIO 308 LLC	\$150.00
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$100.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$90.53
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$259.61
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$61.63
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC	\$50.68
100	RANDALL WOLVINGTON	\$24.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$133.30
200	AFLAC	\$380.97
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,469.21
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$792.63
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,455.17
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$469.92
200	CENTURYLINK	\$26.93
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$59.52
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$45.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$65.62
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,909.29
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$299.42
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$117.14

200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$680.98
200	KAISER TIRE MOBILE SERVICE	\$302.00
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$476.12
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$6.27
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$29.19
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$76.04
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NACO	\$75.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$827.40
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$165.66
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$9,783.45
200	NORTH AMERICAN TRUCK AND TRAILER,IN	\$209.86
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$6,297.75
200	POWERPLAN	\$43,332.48
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$382.00
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$92.50
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$2,091.35
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$2,147.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$104.52
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$897.81
200	WALK-N-ROLL,INC	\$949.10
200	WALTER FIELD REPAIR	\$8,752.15
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$159.35
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$116.98
990	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,000.00
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$12.24
990	DAWES CO TREAS/TOURISM BENEFITS PAY	\$7,134.19
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$691.21
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$468.34
990	KCSR-AM	\$200.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$98.06
990	SLIM DAYS FOUNDATION	\$1,650.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,750.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,750.00
995	SHRPA INC	\$1,375.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$2,841.50
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$17.61
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$213.38
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$156.99

2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.35
2913	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$1,331.32
4600	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$10,328.75
4600	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75,200.00