

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

January 14, 2025

### DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:15 A.M. on the 14th day of January, 2025 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Jake Stewart. Board Members present were Vic Rivera and Walter Juhlin. Also, present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Pete Emerson, Val Jansante and Clifford Steihl. Per LB 898, Commissioner Stewart 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 Juhlin, moved to approve the agenda with removal of the transfer of funds to Fund 2500, moving Airport Zoning appointments to Board appointments portion of agenda and adding Resolution No. 2025-07 transferring funds to the Roads Department with 24-hour notice. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the December 23, 2024 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Rivera with Juhlin abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the December 30, 2024 Special meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Stewart with Juhlin abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Juhlin questioned a claim payable to CenturyLink in the total amount of \$4749.14. The Board was informed by the Highway Superintendent that no digging was taking place by the county when this line was cut. Discussion ensued. The Board doesn't feel it's Dawes County's responsibility to pay this bill. Claim #25010114 payable to CenturyLink was denied by the Board. The remaining claims presented were reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Juhlin, moved to pay all claims with the exception of claim #25010114. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. There wasn't any correspondence for Board review. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments were reviewed and approved by general consent of the Board.

At 9:28 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He informed those present all departments are knocking back drifting and doing equipment maintenance. Commissioner Stewart reminded the Highway Superintendent that road crew members need to be out plowing snow when they don't have vacation time to use. Mr. Yada reported the blade is coming from John Deere. Commissioner Juhlin suggested a wing be added to the blade at an additional cost of \$5000.00. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Stewart, moved to direct the Highway Superintendent to add a wing to the new blade coming from John Deere. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Juhlin. Nays: Rivera. Motion carried. The Crusher rental was discussed with Pete Emerson, he provided four (4) different options for the Board to review. Clifford Steihl commented he has operated a Power Screen Crusher and shared information relevant to operating/moving the equipment. Discussion continued regarding a crusher rental. Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Rivera, directing the Highway Superintendent and Pete Emerson to start working on the rental of a crusher for the county. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. No one spoke for Public Comment.

At 9:45 A.M. Brad Streeks presented a bid from Fire and Ice Mechanical in the amount of \$8950.00 for a new heat pump in the Jail facility. Sixteen weeks until delivery of the furnace. Discussion ensued. Mr. Streeks was directed to reach out to Jack's Refrigeration in Alliance, NE. to secure another bid before action is taken by the Board. Mr. Streeks also reported a heater is needed in the Courthouse elevator as it keeps freezing up.

At 10:00 A.M. Board Reorganization 2025 ensued with the following resolutions being adopted by the Board to wit: Resolution No. 2025-01 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin appointing Vic Rivera as Board Chairperson for the year 2025. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2025-02 was introduced by Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Rivera, appointing Jake Stewart Vice Chairperson for the year 2025. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2025-03 was introduced by Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Rivera, designating depositories for the year 2025. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2025-04 was introduced by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Juhlin, designating depositories for the year 2025. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2025-05 was introduced by Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Rivera, appointing Wade Yada as Highway Superintendent for the year 2025. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2025-06 was introduced by Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Rivera, establishing the 911 surcharge at \$1.00 per phone line for the year 2025. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Meeting dates for the year 2025 were reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the 2025 Commissioner meeting dates, noting that on occasion meeting dates need to be re-scheduled. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The 2025 Holiday Schedule was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. The 2025 Board appointments were reviewed by board members. It was learned the City of Chadron is wanting to reactivate the Airport Zoning Board so a representative from Dawes County needs appointed. Vic Rivera will be the county representative on this board. Walter Juhlin will take over all Boards former Commissioner Webb Johnson held. Commissioner's Stewart and Rivera will retain the Boards they served on previously. Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve 2025 Board appointments. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, expressed deep concern over Dawes County participating in the Airport Zoning Board due to issues experienced in the past. She indicated there was a resolution passed removing Dawes County from participating in the Airport Zoning Board. Commissioner Stewart indicated it wasn't a resolution but a motion. He went on to say he feels the county needs to participate so we are aware of what's going on. Ms. Coleman indicated for the record she feels the board is making a mistake. Commissioner Stewart thanked her for her input. The Board recessed at 10:19 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:24 A.M.

At 10:30 A.M. Brandi Brunz, Justice System Coordinator and Holly Brandt, Region 1 Administrator, Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority, joined the meeting. Brandi Brunz went over her responsibilities and discussed other programs available through Region 1. A copy of what was shared is a part of these minutes and available for public inspection during normal business hours of the Clerk's Office. Holly Brandt went over the Servicer's in the Dawes County area. A copy of what was shared is part of these minutes and is available for public inspection during normal business hours of the Clerk's Office.

At 10:44 A.M. Ashley Ahrens, UNL Extension, indicated UNL Extension serves all 93 counties in Nebraska with emphasis on eight program authorities. She also reported the Extension Board lost two board members. Angel Lindsey and Kyli Heiting have both expressed an interest to serve on the board. Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Rivera, moved to appoint Angel Lindsey and Kyli Heiting to the Extension Board for a term of two (2) years. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. She reported that Kylin Jersild has left employment with UNL Extension. This position will be advertised for. She

informed the board of three (3) new hired Educators. Brock Ortner will be the Livestock Education Coordinator. Caitlyn Rose introduced herself to the board. She will head Rural Prosperity Nebraska and Becky Hutchings is the new Early Childhood Educator. Becky introduced herself to the board.

At 10:54 A.M. Val Jansante, Representative for Senator Smith’s office, met with the Board. He reported Senator Adrian Smith is Chairman of Trade Committee. He discussed USMCA changes, reported the IRS is hiring more IRS Agents which Senator Smith is against. He’d diligently working on safe guarding American Sovereignty. He also reported President-Elect Donald Trump is looking into an external revenue service. In other business, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-07 introduced by Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Rivera, transferring \$200,000.00 from Miscellaneous General Fund to the Roads Fund to meet expenditures of the department. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. The last order of business was discussion of Jeff Johns salary. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, indicated his salary as an Elected Official is locked in by resolution so it can’t be changed. The only option available to add funding would be the Crawford Law Enforcement Budget under administrative duties. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed to increase the administrative salary by \$4000.00 per year effective immediately.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on January 28, 2025 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on January 23, 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**

**January 14, 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	\$2,072.91
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$2,015.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$13,176.03
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$92.86
100	JUDY BERGFELD	\$132.00
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-PREDATOR CONTROL	\$244.54
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$808.83
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$277.61
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$41,883.36

100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$30.45
100	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,INC	\$722.05
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$24.56
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$3,015.78
100	CELESTE CATTIN	\$94.95
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$36.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$498.08
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$1,040.35
100	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$160.00
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$117.00
100	CHADRON PLUMBING,INC	\$290.83
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$39.58
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$1,600.00
100	CLERK OF DIST COURT ASSOCIATION	\$50.00
100	AARON CONN	\$280.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$48.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$2,000.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$2,500.00
100	STEVEN R CRILE	\$84.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$1,320.00
100	CROWNE PLAZA	\$1,119.60
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$480.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$77.55
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.95
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$27.80
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$36.90
100	DANIELSON CONSTRUCTION	\$900.00
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$297.00
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$283.00
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$4,500.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$118.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$467.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$11.18
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$237.32
100	DOCU-SHRED LLC	\$80.00
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$2,018.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$13.67
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$179.70
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$92.76
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$564.18

100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$78.49
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$131.24
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$22,117.18
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,708.89
100	GRP & ASSOCIATES,INC	\$131.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$338.75
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$65.00
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$1,001.25
100	JEFFREY JOHNS	\$44.67
100	ARNOLD JOHNSON	\$60.00
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$93.00
100	FRANKLIN H KEIM	\$108.00
100	DEANN KOERBER	\$14.91
100	KONE,INC	\$2,467.06
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$59.62
100	GERALD D MCCOY	\$24.00
100	MIPS INC	\$3,460.50
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$605.31
100	NACO	\$160.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$525.00
100	NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOC	\$100.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,963.10
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$220.58
100	NORTHWEST AUTO BODY & PAINT	\$200.00
100	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$7,000.00
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$6,887.75
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$46.73
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$54.50
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	POSTMASTER	\$94.00
100	QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	\$1,650.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$129.99
100	QUILL CORPORATION-EXTENSION	\$201.74
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$3,285.00
100	REG 1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY	\$15,325.00
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$17,013.60
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$27.96
100	DUIANE E SEEGRIST	\$36.00
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$4,000.00

100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,721.35
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$160.00
100	STANARD APPRAISAL SERVICES INC	\$607.50
100	JERRY STERLING	\$36.00
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$5,604.00
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$12,312.86
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$88.21
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$275.66
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$498.60
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$770.00
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC	\$48.38
100	RANDALL WOLVINGTON	\$24.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$14.00
100	385 XPRESS LUBE	\$102.66
200	AFLAC	\$506.23
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,436.83
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$913.68
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$739.33
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,381.13
200	CENTURYLINK	\$27.12
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$96.08
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$58.61
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$45.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$0.90
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,986.87
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$2,607.91
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$161.79
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$1,848.00
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$2,277.78
200	KAISER TIRE,LLC	\$2,493.00
200	KCSR-AM	\$120.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$78.53
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$76.06
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$880.44
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$225.15
200	NKC TIRE	\$26.99
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$96,451.52

200	NORTH AMERICAN TRUCK AND TRAILER,IN	\$307.75
200	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$582.00
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$9,263.10
200	POWERPLAN	\$3,684.60
200	RDO TRUCK CENTER	\$508.19
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$5,417.61
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$2,642.00
200	TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT,LLC	\$407.13
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$81.42
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$100.81
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$93.42
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$111.27
990	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,829.24
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$9.52
990	DAWES CO TREAS/TOURISM BENEFITS PAY	\$6,843.38
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$233.21
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$195.60
990	HARVEST MOON FALL FESTIVAL	\$2,000.00
990	KCSR-AM	\$435.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$40.25
990	NEBRASKA PUBLIC MEDIA FOUNDATION	\$3,500.00
990	OMAHA MAGAZINE LTD	\$3,980.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,750.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,750.00
995	MILES PARTNERSHIP,LLLP	\$3,000.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$2,794.91
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$10.20
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2.47
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18.17
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$213.38
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$156.99
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.84
2913	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$1,425.00
2913	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$6,004.79
4600	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$11,097.50
4600	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75,200.00

