

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

November 25, 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 25th day of November, 2025 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 Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney and Nelson Stephens. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. 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 Juhlin, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the agenda noting the cancellation of the UNL Extension appointment scheduled for 10:15 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the November 10, 2025 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the minutes as published noting the following corrections to wit: Commissioner Rivera, not Commissioner Stewart announced location of open meetings act copies; CD's coming due, not dual and working account language removed. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, joined the meeting. 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 25110177 in the amount of \$112.55 and 25110207 in the amounts of \$7698.15 and \$255.00 respectively. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin moved to approve claim #'s 25110177 in the amount of \$112.55 and 25110207 in the amounts of \$7698.15 and \$255.00 respectively. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. There being no correspondence or Public Comment, Board reports ensued to wit: **Stewart**-NW Development met November 20, 2025 and re-organized the Board. The new officers are Katie Schenbeck, President; Nancy Russell, Vice President from Gordon, NE. and Erin Huth, Secretary/Treasurer. All will begin their duties in 2026. A new truck was purchased for weatherization as well as a Department of Energy grant applied for. NNDC met with a full board. John Reed will replace Deb Cottier and has been working part-time until such time Deb Cottier leaves her position. Region 23 met and Commissioner Stewart reported Chadron received 1,111 calls; Dawes County received 393 calls; Dispatch Center for Sioux County received 31 calls. The Safety Committee will meet in December. **Juhlin**-OHD running smooth; Area Aging Office needs someone from Sioux County to serve on the Advisory Board. They need to be 65 years old and able to drive to ten (10) meetings per year. Business as usual. **Rivera**-SWANN met and approved September and October claims. Casey Petersen Audit Firm presented an audit report and the Holiday schedule was approved. The Baler and building are 85% completed. The baler has a twenty (20) year life span and two (2) days of training will be offered. The Tourism Board Improvement Fund is currently at \$235,240.32 with the Promotion Fund currently at \$51,168.12. October 2025 revenues came in at \$14,085.00. Commissioner Rivera also reported the Active Shooter training done by Officer Chrisman was good and the Board unanimously agreed that all training should be mandatory for all employees of Dawes County. Discussion ensued regarding placement of locks on the inside of vault doors for safety and fixing the roll down window in the Clerk's vault to protect books from fire.

At 9:22 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates ensued to wit: District 1 is grading roads, helping haul gravel on Squaw Creek Road. District 2 is hauling gravel on Table Road. District 3 is working on finishing up Squaw Creek project. Pete is installing culverts and auto gates. Shoulder work is being done as well. Employee evaluations will be done next week. Raises will be discussed at a meeting in December. One blade is down and being fixed. In other business Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to direct the Chairman of the Board to sign the Maximus Cost Allocation Plan Certificate. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30 A.M. Joni Roberts, Clerk Magistrate, met with the Board. She informed the Board fines have increased and current drawer amounts at \$75.00 doesn't provide enough cash to give back to individuals paying fines, court costs, etc. She requested the Board increase the drawer amounts to \$200.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved increase cash drawers from \$75.00 to \$200.00 each. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:39 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to enter executive session regarding personnel and legal matter. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 10:10 A.M. a 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, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on December 09, 2025 beginning at 9:20 A.M. after the Board of Equalization meeting. Both meetings will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on December 04, 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

Vic Rivera, Chairman

November 25, 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	\$ 2,069.62
100	AFLAC/MISC	\$ 135.41
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 12,623.06
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 452.04
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$ 169.23
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-WEED	\$ 49.81
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-250 MAIN ST	\$ 58.18

100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-342 MAIN ST	\$ 81.03
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-451 MAIN ST	\$ 53.60
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 38,939.83
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE/MISC	\$ 574.29
100	BRISTOL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 75.00
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 2,518.24
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 648.88
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$ 24.16
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$ 1,945.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$ 23.90
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$ 27.80
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$ 6.95
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$ 6.95
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$ 380.00
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 624	\$ 8.26
100	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$ 200,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 60.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 262.50
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$ 2,790.00
100	EAKES,INC	\$ 60.37
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$ 250.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$ 460.36
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$ 353.17
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 21,728.37
100	FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 50.00
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 2,428.19
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 155.03
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$ 645.92
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$ 1,595.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 23.33
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$ 4.45
100	MARICOPA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 200.00
100	JUSTIN MILLER	\$ 20.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$ 93.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$ 210.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 3,005.59
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$ 31.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 1,516.66
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$ 11.35
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$ 5.32
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/DISTRICT CT	\$ 30.75

100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 220.84
100	PENNINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 120.00
100	PESTS GO	\$ 35.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$ 130.99
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/WEED	\$ 289.00
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 112.55
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY	\$ 6,991.23
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 34.34
100	UNL EXTENSION DAWES COUNTY	\$ 75.81
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$ 82.15
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 249.48
100	VSP VISION PLAN-MISC	\$ 6.17
100	WESTCO	\$ 24.00
100	WHARTON COUNTY SHERIFF	\$ 75.00
200	AFLAC	\$ 333.76
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,268.85
200	B & C STEEL CORPORATION	\$ 148.92
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$ 215.08
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,338.12
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 131.80
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 3,234.03
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$ 18.90
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 768.00
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$ 65.84
200	BRENDAN C LILLEY	\$ 1,725.00
200	LITTREL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$ 585.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 6.27
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$ 83.25
200	MIDWEST COATINGS COMPANY INC	\$ 142,165.84
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 702.92
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 107.86
200	NKC TIRE	\$ 64.99
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 139.18
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$ 7,042.61
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 7,953.15
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 94.61
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$ 21.28
200	WESTCO	\$ 13,776.85
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 84.64
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 116.98

990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 161.02
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 30.81
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$ 100.00
2501	PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	\$ 3,920.00
2910	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$ 400.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 17.86
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 3.77