

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

September 26, 2023

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:41 A.M. on the 26th day of September, 2023 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Members present were Vic Rivera and Jake Stewart. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney and Kathleen Schenbeck. 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 Stewart, moved to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 meeting as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to pay all claims with the exception of claim# 23090225 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$5467.35. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to pay claim #23090225 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$5467.35. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart, with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. There being no correspondence, Board Reports ensued to wit: **Rivera**-Region 1 met, due to recent hail damage they are looking at roof repairs in the amount of \$108,909.53. He reported the majority of Staff are still working from home. Two days a week Staff does come to the office. Panhandle Public Health met and approved the budget in the amount of \$5,299,744 which includes a contingency fund of \$750,000.00. **Stewart**-Region 23 met and are in the process of updating the Hazard Mitigation grant. NCAP met, two grants for rental assistance have been applied for. NNDC met and discussed loans and housing opportunities in the area. **Johnson**-RSVP met, discussed roof repairs needed and business as usual. Area Aging met, they wanted to use ARPA funding to build a new building but have learned funds can't be used for this project. They are looking into remodeling to see if ARPA covers those expenses. They have an audit coming up next month. PADD-No report. OHD met and they are disposing of a trailer house as they bought a house. SWANN-the baler is working but a new baler will be needed in the near future. Disposal of tires was also discussed at the meeting.

At 10:00 A.M. Public Comment ensued with Lindy Coleman, Assessor, who reported she has met with FEMA regarding the release of grant money regarding flooding. Discussion ensued. The Board reported she didn't need to pursue the grant. Also discussed amongst the Board, Highway Superintendent and Assessor was a road called Access Road a/k/a Trinkle Road. Commissioner Stewart wanted the public to know to start preparing for Winter now. The Board wants the Public to be aware that county roads close during bad weather and people need to be prepared to be stuck in town. The Board recommends no travel on county roads when weather is bad. Also discussed at this time was the untimely delivery of the pink post cards that were sent out announcing the Joint Public Hearing. Commissioner Rivera indicated he received two (2) calls accusing the county of trying to hide something from the Public because pink cards weren't received by them. The Assessor and Clerk explained the 4th of September was the deadline for political subdivisions to notify the Assessor they would need a Joint Public Hearing. September 4th was a holiday so those requests didn't come in until September 5th at which time the Assessor sent information to the State Print Shop. The post cards were printed on September 6th and all mailed out at the same day on September 8th. The Assessor has requested the form used by political subdivisions have a box to check no, a Joint Public Hearing won't be necessary, as some entities didn't get back to the Assessor in a timely manner. The Clerk reported the same date the notices were due to the Assessor from the political subdivisions, she had to inform the Assessor of the date/time/location of said Joint Public Hearing. A press release went out when the Clerk and Assessor realized cards weren't being delivered in a timely manner. Next year a later date for the Joint Public Hearing will be used to allow sufficient time for all post cards to be delivered.

At 10:23 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates included the following: All Districts are blading roads due to recent moisture. District 1 finished Stockade Road

then onto Bartlett Road. District 2 is moving onto Dead Horse Road project. District 3 is finishing up on Ferguson Road. Pete is working with crews at the intersection of Deadman and Four Mile Roads. The site line study on Road No. 50 is complete. A report will be forthcoming. In other business the Chairman read aloud the following two (2) resolutions for adoption. Resolution No. 2023-25 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, setting the tax request at \$4,108,099.44 which is different than the 2022/2023 property tax asking of \$3,950,574.83 and setting the levy at .376962 which is different than the 2022/2323 levy of .392259 which is a 3.9% decrease. The Dunlap Road Bond request will be \$74,949.38 as compared to 2022/2023 which was \$123,373.99. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2023-26 was introduced by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, adopting the 2023/2024 budget and authorizing departments to expend such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to direct the Chairman to sign the budget message. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on October 10, 2023 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 October 05, 2023. **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

September 26, 2023 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	AFLAC	\$1,850.54
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,841.69
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$399.14
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$160.17
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$40,815.17
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$179.97
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,390.42
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$118.77
100	CENTURLINK	\$9.40
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$202.80
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$218.00
100	ARON CHRISMAN	\$70.18
100	CHRISTIAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$70.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$2,010.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$1,330.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$748.00
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$259.00

100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$531.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$102.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$392.00
100	DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	\$11.62
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$4,530.96
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$69.54
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$43.76
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18,898.53
100	GALLS	\$281.31
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$330.51
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$313.57
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$87.11
100	KCSR-AM	\$220.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$14.87
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$25.38
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$5.82
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$210.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,627.29
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$190.79
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$4,303.91
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$424.45
100	PARIS FISHER AUTO SALES	\$245.00
100	QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	\$1,650.00
100	RODAK LAW OFFICE	\$230.00
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$5,190.00
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$57.60
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,PC	\$350.00
100	TEMPLE ALUMINIUM FOUNDRY INC	\$994.46
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$10,000.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$82.52
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$277.04
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$38.63
100	WESTCO	\$63.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$336.77
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$146.35
200	AFLAC	\$435.92
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,118.49
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$81.70
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,356.99
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$207.65

200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$72.00
200	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$259.68
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,315.64
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$918.32
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$5.82
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$728.15
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$71.88
200	NKC TIRE	\$48.00
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$48,295.13
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$124.40
200	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$292.00
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$5,467.85
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$90.70
200	WESTCO	\$23,407.61
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$134.96
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$79.13
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$119.07
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$144.39
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$29.22
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18.59
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$4.42