

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**  
**July 22th, 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 AM, on the 22nd day of July, 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 Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; and Casey Keim. 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. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Minutes of the July 8th, 2025 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart motioned, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the minutes from June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. 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 with the exception of Claim 25070167 River A Holding LLC \$341.71 and Claim 25070204 River A Holding LLC \$219.76. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart, and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to pay claim# 25070167 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$341.71 and claim# 25070204 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$219.76. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Juhlin. Nays: None. Rivera abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Correspondence acknowledged by the Board was a letter received from Crites, Shaffer Law in regard to the lodging tax.

Chairman Rivera opened the meeting for public comment at 9:05am. No public comments were made.

Board reports ensued to wit: **Stewart**-NWNE Development met for their monthly meeting. They welcomed a new member to their board, Jennifer Branson from NPPD. They have started a hiring committee to begin the search for a new economic development director to replace Deb Cottier once she retires from the position. NCAP met and conducted their CEO annual evaluation and renewal of contract. In other business they put out for bids for a new vehicle and for counseling services for all HeadStart centers respectively. Region 23 met and discussed submission of hazard mitigation. They are working with Chadron PD and Chief Hickstein for searching for grants for emergency sirens. Courthouse buildings and grounds met and discussed Tree Doc continuing maintenance and trimming on the Courthouse lawn trees and bushes. They are also looking for families who want to participate in planting trees in courthouse lawn in September. Anyone who is interested can contact Jake Stewart. **Juhlin**-Commissioner Juhlin did not make it to any meetings. **Rivera**-Swann met to discuss their budget. They also provided update on the new bailer; it is progressing and is expected to be delivered in early September.

At 9:20 AM, Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board for road updates. In district one, the crew is hauling gravel to Stockade Rd. and Beaver Valley Rd. In district two, the crew is hauling gravel for Marsland Cemetery Rd. In district three, the crew is hauling gravel for Lemmon Rd. The Roads department has completed one hundred twenty-one and one quarter miles of maintenance since the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

At 9:25 AM, Brad Streeks met with the board about the condenser going out on the 250 Main St building. Brad went out for informal bids on the repair and received only one back which was Fire & Ice for \$11,500.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to award bid to Fire & Ice for air conditioning repair in the amount of \$11,500.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Brad also put out for informal bids for removal and replacement of the concrete structure on the courthouse lawn. He received two bids. The first from Danielson Construction for \$7,350.00. The second from Mintken Masonry for \$5,530.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to award bid to Mintken Masonry for concrete removal and replacement in the amount of \$5,530.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Juhlin Abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

At 9:30 AM, The county court office requested to surplus a desk, asset tag 01749, for disposal. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the surplus of the desk. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:35 AM, The board opened bids for one Steelcase 6-drawer cabinet and three 6-drawer Anderson-Hockey file cabinets. One bid was presented in the amount of \$5.00 from Sam Wellnitz. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to accept the bid from Sam Wellnitz in the amount of \$5.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart, and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:37 AM, The board was presented with a bid for the 2025 county audit. Commissioner Stewart said from a list of twelve firms approached only one was interested in taking on the county for the 2025 annual audit. One bid was presented from Lengemann & Associates in the amount of \$19,500.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to accept the bid from Lengemann & Associates in the amount of \$19,500.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart, and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

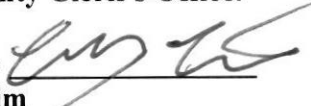
At 9:40 AM, The board opened discussion on the RSVP program. Commissioner Stewart asked if it was possible to move the direction of the RSVP program under the direction of our tourism director. Commissioner Rivera stated he did not see that as a good idea. Our tourism director should be focused on tourism and staffing and time would be an issue if we put the RSVP program under that department. Commissioner Stewart stated that currently the program retains 200+ volunteers and that 38 organizations use the RSVP program volunteers. Commissioner Stewart said he is currently looking at a platform for organizations to be able to find volunteers in Dawes County and that the platform would enable volunteers of all ages not just the RSVP limit of fifty-five and over to be listed. If anyone is interested in volunteering or utilizing volunteers, please reach out to Commissioner Jake Stewart.

At 10:00 AM, Robert Basse was scheduled and did not appear.

At 10:10 AM, Ryan Powers with APHIS came before the board to discuss the predatory control contract with APHIS. The current iteration of the contract includes five hundred twenty-five hours of man time in Dawes County. Mr. Powers said they can get airmen and pilots through training now as they do not have to send them as far for training anymore. Discussion ensued about the possibility of parting out the contract. Mr. Powers suggested that it would be a better use utilizing the whole package because they would not be limited on tools if they needed additional support which had been potentially opted out of. He said overall we need to be looking at this as wildlife management and not just killing to kill. It is more effective if the control process is implemented where there are problems rather than just killing to see big kill numbers. Commissioner Rivera posed that he did not feel five hundred twenty-five hours and having one agent for four counties would be realistic. Mr. Powers said the contract would be more expensive if Dawes and Sioux counties wanted to break off from the four-county contract. He quoted approximately sixty-four thousand dollars per county if Dawes and Sioux wanted to do a two-county contract. Mr. Tim Brewer commented that four-counties are doable for an agent

it's just very busy. Mr. Adam Edmund commented that he felt one agent for a two-county contract made more sense. Each county would then get one thousand forty-three hours in man time. Sioux County Commissioner J.W. Geiser commented he agreed with Adam's assessment. Commissioner Stewart commented that we need to get the program rolling as we have been without predatory control for too long already this year. Mr. Powers said we could alter the contract to break off Dawes and Sioux in the future if we wanted to start now with the four-county agreement. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to accept the current proposed APHIS contract. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart, and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on August 12, 2025 beginning at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in the Dawes County Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on August 7, 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:   
Casey Keim  
Dawes County

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
  
Vic Rivera

**July 8th, 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	\$2,263.85
100	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC-TREAS	\$299.99
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$14,137.63
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$92.86
100	BAUERKEMPER'S INC-WEED	\$30.16
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$66.25
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$137.96
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$507.06
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-250 MAIN ST	\$115.16
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-342 MAIN ST	\$96.14
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-451 MAIN ST	\$67.19
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$40,265.08
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$439.25
100	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,INC	\$844.29
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,826.32
100	CASPER MEDICAL IMAGING PC	\$49.86
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$377.10

100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$1,067.01
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$468.00
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$5,200.00
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$310.45
100	CHARM-TEX INC	\$59.70
100	COAST TO COAST COMPUTER PRODUCTS	\$284.99
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$386.92
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$1,740.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$740.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.95
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$27.80
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$36.90
100	CVSOAN TREASURER	\$120.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$426.00
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 624	\$8.43
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 651	\$56.38
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$62.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$304.50
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$332.22
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$8.78
100	FIRST BANKCARD/JAKE STEWART	\$50.75
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$24,904.02
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$110.85
100	GALLS	\$145.70
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,531.28
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$219.94
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$854.74
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$125.00
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$4,875.00
100	LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	\$376.65
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,222.75
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3,427.11
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$31.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,984.01
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$218.62
100	PANHANDLE LAND SURVEYING	\$2,126.25
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	POSTMASTER	\$94.00
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$341.71
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$43.38
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,716.40



100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$265.73
100	WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	\$773.63
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$15.37
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
200	ACE IRRIGATION & MANUFACTURING	\$13,000.05
200	AFLAC	\$449.81
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,458.73
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,395.54
200	BOLEK, BRADLEY J	\$1,653.75
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$1,426.44
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$1,614.59
200	CENTURYLINK-CABLE CUT	\$733.83
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$87.75
200	CIRCLE J GLASS-N-MORE	\$1,554.85
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$160.00
200	DAKOTA BATTERY & ELECTRIC	\$355.49
200	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$36.88
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$4,253.80
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$112.55
200	JAY D GOFF	\$6,960.00
200	KCSR-AM	\$220.00
200	LEVI'S AUTO & METAL RECYCLING	\$25.00
200	LITTREL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$1,947.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$79.59
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$949.03
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$104.88
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$11,676.86
200	NORTHWEST AUTO BODY & PAINT	\$425.00
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$128.22
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$1,784.50
200	POWER SCREENING,LLC	\$42,500.00
200	POWERPLAN	\$1,140.04
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$219.76
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$100.78
200	WESTCO	\$12,041.26
200	WOHLERS RANCH LLC	\$1,758.75
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$116.06
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$98.22
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$116.98

990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$214.65
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$45.07
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
1100	STANARD APPRAISAL SERVICES INC	\$39,296.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$225.10
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$17.86
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$213.38
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$247.50
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.77
2913	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$1,277.50