

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

April 08, 2025

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:22 A.M. on the 8th day of April, 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 Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Robert and Deb Pickering; Casey Keim, Marcus Dykes and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. 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 noting the addition of Brad Streeks, Custodian, to remit mowing bids for board approval 24 hours prior to said meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the minutes as published with the following corrections to wit: Head Start program involves Box Butte County, strike Northern Panhandle; Funding is currently on hold for some of the NCAP programs, not all programs as recorded; Add the word management after the word risk. 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 #25040042 payable to Juhlin Plumbing in the total amount of \$1177.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve claim #25040042 payable to Juhlin Plumbing in the total amount of \$1177.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Rivera with Juhlin abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondence acknowledged by the Board included an annual report from the Historical Society outlining expenditures with the funding provided by Dawes County and NCAP Newsletter.

At 9:30 A.M. there being no one for Public Comment, Wade Yada presented road updates to wit: All Districts are blading roads, District 1 finished last mile of Davenport Road build and will start working on Beaver Valley Road. District 2 finishing up gravel on Marsland Cemetery Road, District 3 working on Breakneck Road fixing a mud hole. Pete is getting ready for the crusher. Mr. Yada also reported the City of Chadron is getting ready to do a crack seal project and he would like to go to bid. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to direct the Highway Superintendent to go out to bid for a crack sealing project. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Yada also reported the structure on Road No. 50 is down, gates are still there but will also come down. Commissioner Rivera indicated he received a complaint addressing approaches. Mr. Yada will look into this and visit with crew members.

At 9:43 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to enter executive session re: personnel issue. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 9:58 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, presented his NDA report for board approval and signature of the Chairman. He indicated the State isn't giving scores of 100%

no longer. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, approved the report and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Wordekemper then discussed the rental of a mowing tractor. He reported the mower from last years lease had damage which was turned into NIRMA but NIRMA indicated for each rock chip there would need to be a claim filed so the claim won't be honored. He reported Modern Farm has a 2001 mowing tractor with 3300 hours they would sell to the County for \$21,000.00. He indicated Modern Farm is willing to work with the board on payments of such. Discussion ensued. Two more bids will be solicited and no action was taken on the mowing tractor until such time the additional bids are secured. The Board recessed at 10:12 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:15 A.M. Two promotional grants were reviewed to wit: Classics in the Park in the amount of \$2343.00 and White River Wacipi in the amount of \$1000.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve both promotional grants as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. An SDL application received from Wild's Bar to cater a wedding reception to be held on June 14, 2025 at the Cogdill Ranch was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the SDL application of Wild's Bar to cater a wedding reception. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Sugar Loaf Grazing resolution was tabled until such time the resolution has been reviewed by the board and make any necessary adjustments for Dawes County. A surplus request was submitted by the County Clerk to surplus a Dell Computer which will be disposed of was reviewed by the board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to surplus the Dell Computer and dispose of said inventory. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Courthouse closures were discussed. Celeste Cattin and Deann Koerber joined the meeting. Commissioner Stewart expressed concern with clerical employees being paid when the courthouse closes. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, indicated an elected official has the authority to close their individual offices even if the Courthouse remains open by the Board. All departments work together to ensure the safety of employees. Deb Lesmeister indicated if the Roads Department is a different classification than clerical, who's going to plow her road so she can get to work. Discussion ensued. Bob Pickering indicated for the record when Harvey Keim was the Highway Superintendent if the Courthouse closed Roads Department employees went home unless there was an emergency or work to be done. Roads Department employees have been denied five (5) hours of overtime pay when snow plowing. He wants to be paid just like everyone else when the courthouse closes. This issue will go back before the personnel policy committee. The per diem discussion will also be readdressed by the personnel policy committee.

At 10:50 A.M. Brad Streeks, Custodian, presented two (2) mowing bids to wit: Vernon Stokey bid \$325.00 each time and Mike Felton bid \$250.00 each time. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to award the bid to Mike Felton in the amount of \$250.00 with edging per occasion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:57 A.M. Casey Bach, Predator Control met with the Board. He reported there is a plane available to contract out for coyote hunting. He reported to date he has taken out 117 coyotes. Coyotes have been an issue this spring with calves. His commercial applicator's license is in hand and on April 30, 2025 he will take category 14 application license testing. Prairie Dogs will be addressed this fall and poison will be ordered. Six-month evaluations will be conducted on April 22, 2025 beginning at 10:30 A.M.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on April 22, 2025 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will

close at noon on April 17, 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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April 08, 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	\$2,009.85
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$12,648.14
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$92.86
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-PREDATOR CONTROL	\$372.60
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$899.00
100	BLACK HILLS WEEKLY GROUP-DIST CT	\$139.99
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$41,869.71
100	BOB'S SNOW REMOVAL	\$180.00
100	CLINT W BRUHN	\$39.01
100	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS,INC	\$722.05
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$12.36
100	CAPTIAL ONE NA	\$38.18
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,249.71
100	CELESTE CATTIN	\$33.54
100	CENTURYLINK	\$589.08
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$394.85
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$117.00
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$134.80
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$472.45
100	CLERK OF DIST COURT ASSOCIATION	\$75.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$454.02
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$63.65
100	DANIELSON CONSTRUCTION	\$5,250.00

100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 624	\$8.43
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 651	\$56.38
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$332.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$467.00
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$1,800.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$8,730.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$601.67
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$28.25
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$140.18
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$31.26
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$20,928.17
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,488.94
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$126.01
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE- PREDATOR	\$109.07
100	HOME HAVEN FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE	\$1,446.00
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$4,572.78
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$465.00
100	ANISSA JONES	\$168.85
100	JUHLIN PLUMBING	\$1,177.00
100	LA SIGN & SCREEN PRINTING	\$90.00
100	PHILLIP LEWIS	\$37.70
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$24.58
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$6.17
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$65.04
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,669.75
100	MIPS INC	\$3,702.30
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$757.75
100	NACEB	\$100.00
100	NACO	\$250.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$84.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,756.57
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST- WEED	\$192.96
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$17.95
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL	\$80.46

	OFFICE/TREASURER	
100	NORFOLK LODGE AND SUITES,LLC	\$500.00
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$19.00
100	PROCOPY INC	\$14.03
100	QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	\$1,650.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$127.99
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$60.90
100	TRAVIS SCHIAFFO	\$48.62
100	TACTECH	\$154.00
100	UNL EXTENSION DAWES COUNTY	\$131.72
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$90.16
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$275.66
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$14.00
200	AFLAC	\$506.23
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,458.66
200	BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS,INC	\$2,655.00
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$823.77
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,381.14
200	CENTURYLINK	\$27.15
200	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$3,419.12
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$60.85
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$45.00
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$10.54
200	DAWES COUNTY ASSESSOR	\$50.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$19.61
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$4,071.00
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$159.79
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$6.17
200	MODERN FARM EQUIPMENT CORP	\$12,937.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NE ASSOC OF CO ENGINEERS,SUPER,SURV	\$50.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$902.52
200	POWERPLAN	\$30,005.56
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$1,775.48
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$543.00

200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$81.32
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$100.81
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$132.81
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$88.49
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$111.27
990	CORNHUSKER HOTEL	\$440.00
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$4.76
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$1,040.85
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$176.76
990	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING INC	\$1,817.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$35.11
990	PLACER LABS INC	\$4,250.00
990	POST PLAYHOUSE INC	\$300.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,750.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,750.00
995	EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$3,005.00
995	POST PLAYHOUSE INC	\$30,000.00
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$350.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18.17
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$213.38
2910	INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	\$267.45
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.84
2913	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$1,275.39