

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

April 23, 2024

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 23rd day of April, 2024 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Members present was Jake Stewart and Vic Rivera. Also, present was Deb Lesmeister, Dawes County Deputy Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. 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. Gary Bridges, VSO entered the meeting at 9:03 A.M.

Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Rivera, seconded by Stewart to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to approve the following claims with the exception of claims payable to Rivera A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Johnson to approve claims #24040167 in the amount of \$304.43 and claim #24040199 in the amount of \$7,681.95 payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Abstain: Rivera. Motion carried. Sam Wellnitz, Dawes County Treasurer entered the meeting at 9:07 A.M. Payroll was approved by general consent.

Gary Bridges, Veterans Service Officer met with the Board. He has tendered his resignation effective May 3, 2024. The Board thanked him for his service to Dawes County. He stated he has enjoyed working for the County and will be relocating out of state. The Board reviewed the job announcement with some changes and Gary will post the announcement. Applicants will submit their applications to the County Clerk's Office. Mr. Bridges then left the meeting. The Board by general consent approved all monthly fee/mileage reports from various departments. Correspondence concerning Bolek Feedlot Modified Construction/Permit was next on the agenda. After discussion that issue is being referred to the Dawes County Zoning Board. Correspondence for the NE Department of Transportation, project No. NH-385-4(141). This project is for Highway 385 north of Chadron. The jail inspection will be on May 2, 2024. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Rivera to acknowledge correspondence on the above 3 issues. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public comment: Commissioner Stewart reported that Dawes County participated in the Big Event hosted by Chadron State College on April 13, 2024. Seven college volunteers including President Dr. Patterson were working on the Courthouse grounds. He would like to thank them making the Courthouse grounds look nice.

Board reports: Rivera. Crawford Law Enforcement met with representatives from the City of Crawford on April 9, 2024. There was a lot of discussion between the 2 entities, some were complaints but the meeting ended with positive outcome. The next meeting will be July 30, 2024. Region 1, went over the by-laws, May is mental health month, and the rest is business as usual. SWANN, they went over the budget and discussed the new baler building and financing with a bond. Rates for services for SWANN were also discussed.

Board reports: Stewart. NNDC and Region 23 did not meet in the month of April 2024. NCAP-reviewed policy manual. Head Start impasse procedures and training on school readiness. The Dawes County Safety Committee met with recommendations for the County Board.

Board reports: Johnson. Area Aging office is moving to the new office in Gering. They approved the budget and the cost of meals. They are closing the sites in Hay Springs and Rushville. Clients will now receive the Hay Springs meals from the Chadron site and the Rushville meals from the Gordon site. Harrison has home delivery service with the exception of days when the Commissioner's meet. Crawford Senior Center and PADD did not have meetings in the month of April 2024. OHD, the evaluation on the Director is complete and vehicle repairs were discussed. The wait list has now been eliminated for the clients; however, the providers had not been involved in the conversation to do away with the wait list so they will meet to try to resolve the issue.

The Resolution for 2910/2913 Fund was not available and will be rescheduled for the meeting on May 13, 2024.

Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent met with the Board for a 9:30 A.M. appointment.

Road District #1, they are grading and fixing signage. They are working on East Table Road from Wolvington's to Highway 385 with rock. Davenport Road is not yet done.

Road District#2, they are grading and fixing signage. There have been complaints about the asphalt on Table Center Road going to Box Butte Reservoir. Wade is also going to get quotes on chip and seal for cracks on Dunlap Road and report back to the Board.

Road District #3, they are also grading and fixing signage. Work on Deadman Road is complete. He stated that Game and Parks is going to do a controlled burn on April 24, 2024 at the entrance to Box Butte Reservoir and would like to have County permission. They plan to start on County Right of Way and burn toward Game and Parks property, they will just burn off the fencing and replace it later. The Board granted permission by general consent. Pete Emerson is doing reclamation work on Stumph gravel pit.

Brad Streeks, Custodian met with the Board at 9:50 A.M. He had requested quotes from 2 local vendors for heat pump replacement in the Sheriff's office, men's bathroom and file room. Fire and Ice Mechanical returned a bid of \$7,750 and the other vendor chose not to bid. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to accept the bid from Fire and Ice Mechanical. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Brad then left the meeting.

Ashley Ahrens, UNL Extension met with the Board at 9:53 A.M. She shared a handout with the financial status of the program and schedule of events through April 30, 2024. She stated they were almost done with school education programs and STEM day is complete. The early childhood education position is still vacant and applications will be reviewed in May. The Beef Educator and Rural Prosperity positions also remain vacant at this time. Ashley left the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

The May Mental Health Proclamation was read aloud by Commissioner Johnson. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to proclaim May as Mental Health Month. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Stewart had recommendations from the Dawes County Safety Committee to present. The Sheriff's Office will need to upgrade security cameras and monitors and also the intercom system will need addressed. Road District #2 shop the well is faulty. The water is full of sand and the well will need to be redone. Wade is to get bids and bring them back to the Board. The security light on the Weed Department shop will need to be replaced.

The surplus request from the Communications department was reviewed. The items were broken and will be disposed of. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to accept the surplus request. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to change the July 9, 2024 meeting to July 8, 2024. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on May 13, 2024 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on May 9, 2024. **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: _____
Deb Lesmeister
Dawes County Deputy Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Webb L. Johnson, Chairman

April 23, 2024 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	\$1,862.78
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,863.41
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$451.08
100	BEAST CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$1,943.50
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-EXTENSION	\$87.13
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$964.17
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$28.01
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$305.86
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-250 MAIN ST	\$335.47
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-342 MAIN ST	\$264.20
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-451 MAIN ST	\$42.76
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$41,984.65
100	CLINT W BRUHN	\$70.55
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$105.73
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,352.47
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$349.69
100	CHADRON LOCK	\$545.00
100	CLERK OF DIST COURT ASSOCIATION	\$75.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$562.20
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$1,415.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$1,030.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$27.80
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.95
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$27.80
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$48.40
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$748.00
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$570.00
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$246.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$74.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$392.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$22.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$6,632.75
100	EAKES,INC	\$563.80
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$1,882.97
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$298.78
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$19,758.73
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,341.51

100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$260.57
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$952.78
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$41.00
100	HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	\$269.90
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$163.17
100	KCSR-AM	\$55.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$23.26
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$6.02
100	MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO	\$100.00
100	MIPS INC	\$355.33
100	KYLIN MUNGER	\$90.06
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,617.14
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,798.34
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$23.28
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$19.16
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$198.32
100	OWEN DENTAL CARE	\$1,115.00
100	PANHANDLE DISTRICT CO OFFICIALS	\$350.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	POSTMASTER	\$2,000.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$117.99
100	QUILL-SHERIFF	\$1,117.28
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/EXTENSION	\$6.22
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$538.30
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$304.43
100	JONI ROBERTS	\$24.76
100	RR DONNELLEY	\$82.86
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$131.70
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$2,800.00
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,PC	\$2,595.26
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,609.04
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$4,670.00
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	UNL EXTENSION DAWES COUNTY	\$451.41
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$82.91
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$266.96
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC	\$42.78
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
200	AFLAC	\$436.29
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,334.87
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$282.85
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,356.99

200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$2,999.49
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,844.30
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$1,922.00
200	KAISER TIRE,LLC	\$646.00
200	KCSR-AM	\$220.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$6.02
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$868.63
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$150.41
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$9,000.72
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$212.91
200	PESTS GO	\$290.00
200	TERRY PIPER	\$64.00
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$7,681.95
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$513.94
200	VERIZON WIRELESS/ROADS	\$194.28
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$90.70
200	WESTCO	\$22,071.09
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$106.01
990	AFLAC	\$33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$83.34
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$119.07
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$157.37
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$31.32
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$10.08
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$200.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$2,666.90
2580	JAY BRUNS	\$562.50
2580	PATRICK FURMAN	\$866.25
2580	JAY D GOFF	\$4,530.00
2580	PINE SPRINGS RANCH,INC	\$2,385.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18.27
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$156.99
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$4.19