

CHADRON, NEBRASKA**August 12, 2025****DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:10 A.M. on the 12th day of August, 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; Nelson Stephens 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 adding Resolution No. 2025-16 with twenty-four (24) hours' notice. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the July 22, 2025 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the minutes as published. 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. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Public Comment ensued with Rob Wolvington asking if the rock on East Table Road will be crushed and informed the Board someone has hay bales sitting next to the road that will create problems this winter.

At 9:30 A.M. Wade Yada met with the Board. He reported since last report the Roads Department has graded 173.95 miles of road. District 1 is working on McHenry Road; District 2 patching East/West River Road; District 3 working on Whitney Lake Road and will move onto gravel Lemmon Road. Crusher has moved to the Goff pit and the State pit is being reclaimed. The county will receive a portion of the rock crushed. Resolution No. 2025-15 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, approving the annual program certification for the Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2025-16 was introduced by Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Stewart authorizing the transfer of \$200,000.00 from General Fund to the Road Fund to meet expenditures. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. A petition request received from Great Plains Communications to bore telecommunication lines under Long Road was reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the petition request of Great Plains Communications. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. A surplus request from the Public Defender's Office to surplus a fatigue mat and Kyocera copier was reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin moved to accept the surplus request and dispose of the mat. The copier was traded in. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. A surplus request from the County Attorney's Office to surplus a Dell Computer Screen. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to accept the surplus request and dispose of the monitor. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. A surplus request from the Sheriff's Office to surplus a 2011 Chevrolet with 115,000 miles. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to accept the surplus request and the Sheriff's Office will advertise for sealed bids on Chadrad and county website. Sealed bids will be opened and awarded at the September 09, 2025 Commissioner meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. A surplus request from the Roads Department to surplus the following equipment to wit: 2004 Rock and Roll packer; 2000 GMC 2500 pickup and

a 2016 Cornhusker pup trailer. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to accept the surplus request and instructed the Highway Superintendent to sell the equipment through on-line auction. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:53 A.M. Brad Johnson, NWRPPD, presented a petition request to bury a line in the east ditch of Road No. 50. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the petition request of NWRPPD and directed the Board Chair to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, met with the Board. She explained the Western Wild Life Art Show didn't receive a recommendation from the Tourism Board for approval as the grant application wasn't received in a timely manner. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to not accept or award the grant from Western Wild Life Art Show due to failure to meet the grant deadline. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Slim Days has requested \$750.00 which the Tourism Board recommends approval for. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve the Slim Days grant in the amount of \$750.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board then reviewed the Sheriff's Distress Warrant report. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to accept the Sheriff's Distress Warrant report. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:10 A.M. a motion to enter executive session re: legal matter was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 10:15 A.M. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Commissioner Juhlin, seconded by Stewart. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. The Board recessed at 10:16 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:25 A.M.

At 10:26 A.M. Senator Tanya Storer joined the meeting. Also present were Ryan Powers and Tim Brewer, APHIS; Brandon Martens and Brian Prosser, Chadron Fire Department. She shared information relevant to Legislation, passed or not passed. Her priority bill LB 383 re: Parental Rights in Social Media Act passed. Property taxes are an on-going issue, she believes in reform, not relief. She also went on to say she isn't a strong supporter of the EPIC tax. LB 170 was touted as property tax relief but contained other taxes. Community Colleges are no longer a part of the tax process. She informed the Board she would like to see Sheriff's Departments move costs associated with jails/inmates to the State. Commissioner Rivera informed Senator Storer that representatives from APHIS and Chadron Fire Department were present and wanted to discuss Predator Control funding. Ryan Powers, APHIS, informed her that state help is needed to control prairie dogs, coyotes and European Starlings. Currently the Federal Government and Counties fund Predator Control programs. Predator Control funding was eliminated by the State of Nebraska in the late 80's. Funding by the state is necessary to maintain the program. He suggested a cooperative agreement with the state for funding be strongly looked at. The Federal Government receives approximately \$400,000.00-500,000.00 with counties contributing approximately \$60,000.00. Discussion ensued. She informed those present she meets with the Governor tomorrow and will bring these concerns to him. APHIS will provide her with additional numbers and information. Commissioner Rivera indicated agriculture/producers across the state need protected. All present agreed. She informed the Fire Department a C-Plane agreement is in place for wildfire control for the next ninety (90) days. Commissioner Stewart reminded her of broadband concerns. She informed Commissioner Stewart the broadband office has requested an extension to address broadband access. Inheritance tax was discussed. Senator Storer indicated for the record unless there is replacement revenue, she doesn't support getting

rid of inheritance tax. Ryan Powers informed those present APHIS is planning another meeting to continue efforts for legislative action to gain state funding for the predator control program. Predator control is a statewide issue and networking is priority to accomplishing this goal according to Powers.

At 11:05 A.M. Jordan Roberts, VSO, called into the meeting. He went over an interlocal agreement between Dawes and Sioux counties for veteran's services. Sioux County has agreed to pay \$10,620.00 annually to Dawes County for veteran's services in Sioux County. In addition, Sioux County will also pay for all grave markers in the Sioux County Cemetery. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to approve entering into an interlocal agreement with Sioux County for veteran's services with Sioux County and payback from Sioux County for such services. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Roberts will discuss budget issues during the scheduled budget meeting.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on August 26, 2025 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on August 21, 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

August 12, 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	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC/SHERIFF	\$ 962.00
100	AFLAC	\$ 2,208.01
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 13,439.75
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 544.56
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$ 936.32
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$ 44.84
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$ 266.96
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$ 570.76
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-WEED	\$ 45.35
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 40,795.26
100	BOX BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF	\$ 6.00
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 2,718.40

100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 100.04
100	CENTURYLINK	\$ 581.88
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$ 137.45
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$ 234.00
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$ 373.26
100	CHAMBERLAIN CHAPEL INC	\$ 2,595.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 1,107.05
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 413.10
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$ 91.45
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$ 23.90
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$ 27.80
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 16.95
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$ 36.90
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$ 20.85
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$ 380.00
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 624	\$ 8.43
100	DAWES CO TREAS/NPERS PAY BACK 651	\$ 56.38
100	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$ 200,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 304.50
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$ 6,584.80
100	EAKES,INC	\$ 891.79
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$ 750.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$ 460.94
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 438.07
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$ 49.57
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$ 711.41
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 23,472.95
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 2,749.82
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 181.25
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$ 46.50
100	HI-TECH CAR CARE	\$ 143.24
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 41.00
100	STERLING HUFF LAW OFFICE, PC, LLO	\$ 3,914.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$ 186.81
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 2,311.47
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$ 133.00
100	KCSR-AM	\$ 55.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 24.93
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$ 6.17
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$ 68.19
100	MINTKEN MASONRY	\$ 5,000.00

100	MIPS INC	\$ 3,566.15
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 293.35
100	NACO	\$ 53.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$ 84.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$ 630.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 3,171.09
100	NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	\$ 153.99
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$ 31.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$ 102.16
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 2,722.70
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$ 92.29
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$ 48.99
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/DISTRICT CT	\$ 152.92
100	PC MATIC,INC	\$ 249.00
100	PROCOPY INC	\$ 17.67
100	PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC	\$ 4,642.70
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$ 167.57
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$ 19.93
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$ 5,653.92
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 26.94
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$ 75.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$ 90.12
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$ 82.18
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 271.95
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$ 606.62
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC	\$ 63.68
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$ 340.48
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$ 143.87
200	AFLAC	\$ 449.81
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,579.13
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$ 105.20
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,395.62
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$ 1,337.47
200	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 325.00
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$ 341.82
200	CENTURYLINK	\$ 26.82
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$ 8.92
200	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$ 1,015.72
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$ 58.61
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$ 46.15
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 160.00

200	CULLIGAN-ROADS	\$ 20.85
200	DT ENTERPRISES WELDING AND REPAIR	\$ 6,366.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$ 29.80
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 4,798.03
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$ 2,493.69
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$ 861.73
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 75.00
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$ 1,243.42
200	KCSR-AM	\$ 220.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 6.17
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$ 81.69
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$ 36.00
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 75.84
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 1,086.07
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 53.17
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$ 1,913.77
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$ 4,093.00
200	POWER SCREENING,LLC	\$ 42,500.00
200	POWERPLAN	\$ 1,340.17
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$ 2,088.07
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$ 81.04
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 100.81
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$ 3,270.61
200	WALTER FIELD REPAIR	\$ 14,744.90
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 104.75
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 116.98
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$ 4.42
990	DAWES CO TREAS/TOURISM BENEFITS PAY	\$ 6,781.63
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$ 1,311.16
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 242.39
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 52.10
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 6,192.38
995	COX/JOHNSON CORPORATION	\$ 830.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$ 704.00
995	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING INC	\$ 1,817.00
995	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-CHADRON	\$ 330.00
995	HOMESLICE MEDIA GROUP,LLC	\$ 5,554.66

995	KCSR-AM	\$ 400.00
995	MALY MARKETING	\$ 3,200.00
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$ 250.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$ 4,859.35
2910	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$ 24.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 4.50
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 17.86
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 213.38
2910	INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	\$ 152.56
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$ 156.99
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 3.77
2913	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,275.38