

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

March 26, 2024

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:04 A.M. on the 26th day of March, 2024 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Member present was Jake Stewart. Also, present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to excuse Commissioner Rivera from today's meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Joining the meeting were Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer; Lindy Coleman, Assessor and Jennifer Van Vleet. 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 Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart seconded by Johnson, approving all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board by general consent approved all monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. There being no one for Public Comment, Board Reports ensued to wit: **Stewart**-NCAP met and went over four (4) bids for Auditing services. Philip Gilmore, a vendor out of Kansas was approved for a five (5) year contract. Region 23 held the local LAPC meeting. Hazard lists for each county were reviewed and approved. NNDC welcomed a new Board Member, Dr. Patterson, new loans were discussed and CDBG money has been sent to the County. **Johnson**-Area Aging met and are working on the budget. Federal assistance isn't covering the cost of food. The April meeting will be held in the new building. PADD met with business as usual and noting they still have funds available for loan. OHD met with business as usual and approved an insurance package. Crawford Seniors didn't meet.

At 9:15 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. All crews are blading when possible. Pete is finishing up work on Deadman Road. The Stumph pit will be reclaimed. The Red Card training was held and crew members attended. Initial Red Card training will be offered to new hires once a large enough class is available. New hire in District 2 starts on April 15, 2024. Calcium Chloride pilot test with Box Butte County will be conducted on 1/8 mile stretch of road. County equipment for the most part is up and running. The Urban Boundary Adjustment approval ensued with Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, approving the Urban Boundary Adjustment received from the Nebraska Department of Transportation and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, approached the Board with the 2023 Tax Sale report which was held on March 04, 2024 at the Platte Valley conference room. A total of \$187,074.53 in back taxes was collected. The 2910/2913 resolutions were tabled until the April 09, 2024 Commissioner meeting. Katie Schenck joined the meeting in progress at 9:35 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept the tax sale report submitted by Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business Katie Schenck reported she has reached out regarding the Opioid Grant and it has been suggested by the High School and District 12 Probation that the grant money be used to educate individuals about opioids/opioid use. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, suggested the Board appoint Jenny Van Vleet as reporter for all Federal Grants. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to appoint Jenny Van Vleet as Federal Grants Reporter with pay of \$25.00 per hour. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, presented a grant request from the Chadron Arts Center to host a Sip Chadron event. The amount of the grant approved by the Travel Board was \$1000.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the Chadron Arts Center grant in the amount of \$1,000.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next order of business was a policy approval regarding Sales Tax paid on personal and county credit cards. Per

Neb. State Statute 77-2704 sales tax cannot be reimbursed on personal/county credit cards effective immediately. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the sales tax policy effective immediately. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The County Clerk was directed to send the policy to all departments. Commissioner Stewart briefed those present regarding the CDBG funds. A plan for the remaining grant money must be in place by April 29, 2024. The cities of Chadron and Crawford are planning ADA improvements and will work closely with Brian at PADD on the project. The County has made a final payment to NNDC who administered the previous grants. All CDBG funds have been spoken for according to Stewart. The Privacy Officer appointment will be moved to the April 09, 2024 Commissioner agenda. The last order of business was discussion of vacation payout. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney informed those present that vacation leave has no sunset. Payout according to law doesn't occur until you separate employment. Discussion ensued. A cap of 30 days or 240 hours was discussed. The County Clerk questioned the change in the cap on vacation. Upfront of vacation is a concern for Lindy Coleman, Assessor. It was apparent that some Elected Officials, Supervisors, Appointed Officials aren't managing their departments vacation thus creating vacation carry-over above and beyond the personnel policy. Language changes in the vacation policy removed the use it or lose it policy. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the language change to the vacation policy which will essentially remove the words "use it or lost it". Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. All department heads were instructed to put together a report of what is owed in vacation on each employee and report the information back to the Board at the April 09, 2024 Commissioner meeting

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on April 09, 2024 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization meeting, followed by the Commissioner meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. The meetings will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on April 04, 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: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Webb L. Johnson, Chairman

March 26, 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	\$ 11,766.98
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 544.18
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-WEED	\$ 115.02
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-250 MAIN ST	\$ 435.79
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-342 MAIN ST	\$ 327.43
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-451 MAIN ST	\$ 42.80
100	SHERRI BLOME	\$ 200.00
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 41,926.18
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$ 3,970.99
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$ 104.98

100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$ 2,069.72
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$ 172.39
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$ 327.81
100	ARON CHRISMAN	\$ 33.01
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$ 2,491.96
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$ 540.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$ 48.65
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$ 21.95
100	CVSOAN TREASURER	\$ 200.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$ 748.00
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$ 422.50
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$ 132.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 392.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 19,446.30
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 2,224.40
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$ 123.78
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$ 8.25
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 69.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$ 326.34
100	KONE,INC	\$ 2,905.08
100	LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	\$ 1,795.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 29.17
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$ 6.06
100	MIPS INC	\$ 205.42
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$ 87.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$ 105.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 2,581.08
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$ 60.80
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$ 137.67
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 187.40
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$ 316.99
100	QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	\$ 1,650.00
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 244.50
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$ 25.76
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$ 1,600.00
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,PC	\$ 467.50
100	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES	\$ 78.85
100	KARLA S THOMPSON-HALL	\$ 200.00
100	ANGELA TOOF	\$ 968.75
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$ 83.10
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 260.79
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$ 75.62

100	WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY	\$ 81.81
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$ 75.79
200	AFLAC	\$ 480.97
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 1,360.49
200	ANTIOCH MACHINE	\$ 600.00
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$ 646.98
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ROADS	\$ 247.92
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 1,415.46
200	CONSTRUCTION TRAILER SPECIALISTS	\$ 99.12
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 3,905.07
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$ 50.00
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$ 206.96
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$ 6.06
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$ 165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 870.37
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 87.27
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$ 257.49
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$ 11,019.18
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 96.87
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$ 121.35
990	AFLAC	\$ 33.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 75.38
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$ 119.07
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 126.95
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 23.02
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$ 10.08
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$ 428.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$ 2,666.90
2501	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$ 118.00
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$ 2.70
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$ 7.94
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$ 1.96
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