

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**  
**May 21, 2014**  
**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:04 A.M. on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2014 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stewart. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. Also present was Deb Lesmeister, Dawes County Deputy Clerk, Dennis Lyons and Vic Rivera. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited by those present. Per LB 898 the Chairman announced the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Swinney to approve the agenda, seconded by Johnson. Roll call. Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Chris Fankhauser, KCSR radio entered the meeting at 9:10 A.M. Motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2014 with the following corrections: In the first paragraph it should read: Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Johnson approving the agenda, deleting the website award and adding lawn care bids due to clerical error. Also to be corrected in the same paragraph is the sentence: Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Swinney approving the minutes with the following corrections, correcting the minutes to read the meeting with Chadron State College, Commissioner Swinney and Lacy Peterson, HR Director, was held at the Courthouse, not the College as recorded. Also in paragraph three Bid #3 should have read Eagle Chevrolet not Wahlstrom Ford submitting the bid for a 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500. Also to be noted concerning the bids for a used county vehicle the lowest bid from Tommy's Car Lot was a 2006 Buick Lucerne CXL with 91,000 miles for \$9935.00 was sold prior to the bid award. The vehicle the County then purchased was the 2006 Buick Lucerne CXL with 69,983 miles at \$10,535.00. Roll call vote. Ayes: Swinney, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kerri Rempp, Chadron Record entered the meeting at 9:20 A.M. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the claims with the exception of a claim to Pine Ridge Land Surveys in the amount of \$7708.16 which was denied. Seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote. Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The payroll report was approved and signed. Correspondence from the Fall River County Emergency Management regarding input on the Hazard Mitigation Plan was discussed. Commissioner Stewart will take the information to Nan Gould, Region 23 Emergency Manager. Commissioner Swinney shared a letter from Greg Powell requesting gravel for 2 miles on McGannon Road. This information will be forwarded to Highway Superintendent, Larry Hankin for review. Lacy Peterson, Dawes County HR Director entered the meeting at 9:40 A.M. Ms. Peterson shared information for adjustments that must be made on the front Courthouse step for safety reasons. NIRMA stated that the landing must be 44 inches wide to be in compliance. Commissioner Johnson made a motion directing Commissioner Stewart to seek bids to get the landing fixed. Seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Peterson left the meeting at 9:44 A.M. Shane Cullan, Weed Superintendent entered the meeting at 9:45 A.M.

Public comment ensued at 9:45 A.M. Dennis Lyons approached the Board. He had concerns that Vance Haug, Dawes County Attorney is not attending the Commissioner Meetings as part of his duties. He does not feel that attending the meetings will be a conflict for Mr. Haug. Deputy County Attorney Adam Edmund is contracted by Dawes County and does attend the Commissioner meetings and he also is council for the City of Crawford stated Mr. Lyons. Mr. Lyons thanked the Board for their time and consideration. Mr. Lyons left the meeting at 9:50 A.M. The Dawes County Tourism minutes were discussed. Chris Fankhauser is the secretary for the tourism board and if you would like copies of the minutes please contact her. Kerri Rempp questioned that the minutes were public record and they should be published in the newspaper. Commissioner Johnson had talked Jo Kaskey with the Visitor Center in Kimball, Nebraska and shared with her the intertribal gathering that is happening in Crawford on June 6, 2014. If this was advertised at the Visitor Center it would be another way to promote tourism in our area. Larry Hankin and Larry McCaslin entered the meeting at 10:10 A.M. The Board recessed at 10:00 A.M. The Board reconvened at 10:10 A.M.

At 10:10 A.M. Shane Cullan, Weed Superintendent approached the Board. Mr. Cullan reported that spraying has been completed in areas northeast of Chadron. 27 pass miles south of Chadron have also been sprayed. He has changed nozzles on the sprayers for wetter conditions. If the weather changes to drier conditions with dust in the air he will change back to the other nozzles. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to accept the bids for the 16 lots of surplus property offered by the Weed Department and instructed Mr. Cullan to contact the successful bidders. Seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote. Ayes: Swinney, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Cullan left the meeting. The complete list of 16 lots will appear at the end of the minutes and prior to the claims listing.

At 10:15 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent and Larry McCaslin, McCaslin Consulting, met with the Board. They discussed the Beth Loop Project, Project #C23-(89). There has been some erosion on the project site but Littrel Construction is going to go and see how to correct that. There is silt in the northeast corner that is over the silt fence. It was stated there is a 1 year warranty on this project. Motion by Commissioner Swinney to close the N Bethel Loop project, seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote. Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. This project is now complete and the final payment will be issued on May 21, 2014. Bart Dierksen, Dawes County Road Foreman and John Axtell, KCOW, entered the meeting at 10:20 A.M. Larry Hankin will haul rip rap to this project and fencing will be put up. Mr. Hankin stated that he has had four interested people in doing the fencing.

Proposed project #C23-(93) on the southern part of Bethel Loop Road is a replacement of a bridge (C002314810P). Mr. Hankin has the specifications and would like construction to start in the fall, preferably early September 2014. The estimated cost for this project will be \$117,000.00. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Swinney to move ahead with this project with bid due date on June 27, 2014 and opening of the bids will be on July 2, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Larry McCaslin left the meeting at 10:34 A.M. Daniel Bennett entered the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

At 10:33 the public hearing concerning the Dawes County Comprehensive Plan was declared open. Daniel Bennett with Panhandle Area Development District (PADD) distributed to those present a 2014 complete plan and went through the material and stated what the plan consists of. A suggestion was to keep the plan updated that it could be put on the agenda yearly to see if updates and revisions were needed to keep it current. Commissioner Johnson said it was required to be updated every 10 years. The hearing was closed at 11:00 A.M. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to adopt the 2014 Dawes County Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote. Ayes: Swinney, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Daniel Bennett left the meeting at 11:01 A.M.

At 11:04 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent presented the semi bids. Sahling Kenworth proposed 2 bids: Bid #1 2007 International, Mileage 482,933 with trade in allowance, net difference \$37,000.00 plus additional amount \$1,800.00 for new exhaust. Bid#2 2007 International, mileage 427,249 with trade in allowance, net difference \$37,000.00. Bid #1 from this supplier was chosen. There were 4 bids from Sheehan Mack: Bid#1 was a 2010 Mack with 271,179 miles, trade in allowance, net difference \$58,000.00. Bid #2 was a 2010 Mack, 281,052 miles, trade in allowance, net difference \$58,000.00. Mr. Hankin has inspected only 1 of these but will inspect the other. 2 other bids from Sheehan Mack were submitted but were not chosen. 2 bids from Nebraska Truck and Equipment were submitted but they did not meet the specifications. Motion by Commissioner Johnson for Mr. Hankin to purchase 1 International semi and 1 Mack semi with the stipulation Mr. Hankin look at both of the Mack semi's and pick the best of the 2. Seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote. Ayes: Stewart, Johnson, and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Hankin gave updates for the road crews. He reported Road District #1 has been plowing snow and blading roads. They have replaced a culvert on Ormesher Road and they are doing work by Sanfords. Road District #2 has also been plowing snow and blading roads. They have also been pulling shoulders on Cottonwood Road. Road. District #3 has been plowing snow and blading roads. They have installed an autogate on West Ash Creek Road for Fishers. They have also been doing maintenance on the Guest Bridge. Toadstool Road is closed at this time for work being done on the Sand Creek Bridge. Dawes County Abstract will be invited to a later Commissioner meeting for a report on the completion of the road records. Commissioner Swinney moved to go into executive session with Larry Hankin and Bart Dierksen at 11:28 A.M. Johnson

seconded motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 11:48 A.M. Commissioner Johnson moved to come out of the executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote. Ayes: Swinney, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tony Serbousek, E911 Communications met with the Board at 11:50 A.M. He gave an update on equipment to be moved and generator installation associated with the Communications Center. He said some of the issues being the VIPER system that is very noisy, where the consolette is located in the back room, dust is problematic and some of the equipment is on the verge of being obsolete. The equipment will need to be updated. Century Link phone equipment costs will be \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 which they would like to do this fiscal year. Western Communication radio costs will be approximately \$14,000.00 to be considered for the next fiscal year. 1<sup>st</sup> Wireless costs have not yet been estimated. Recording equipment is getting old and new quotes are expected to be around \$23,000.00. Wes-Com has recommended Eventide equipment as it works with state equipment for potential compatibility in the future. The proposed plan would be to move present phone, radio and generator out of the present generator room, cut out a portion of the wall to allow for new phones and consolette, recording equipment, window air conditioner for dust and climate control and a new generator. The 2910 fund, landline fees are collected and can be used at 30%. The 2913 fund, cell phone fees are collected and can be used at 70%. The revenue from these funds can help to pay for the upgrades. These upcoming expenditures will be reviewed again during budget preparation.

Proposals for a computer for the VSO office were presented. VSO Alan Connell was not present. 2 proposals were given. A proposal from Millennium Computer Systems for \$1732.85 and a proposal from Manna Systems and Consulting for \$2,947.99. No action was taken.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to keep Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance under NACO. This plan will pay 75% of the employee's share. It will have a \$1,500.00 deductible and a PPO plan for medical and dental. The plan is expected to have a 5% increase in premium. Seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote. Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Swinney would like a car port to be purchased to keep the 2 county vehicles in. Motion by Commissioner Swinney directing Commissioner Stewart to get estimates. Seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various offices were approved by general consent of the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 12:34 P.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be June 4, 2014 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization Meeting followed by the Commissioner Meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. Both meetings will be held in the Commissioners room at the Courthouse. A current agenda is available at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours but will close at 2:00 P.M. on May 27, 2014. The meetings of the Dawes County Commissioners are open to the public.

Weed Surplus Bid Awards

May 21, 2014

Must be picked up by June 6, 2014

Make checks payable to: Dawes County Weed Department

Lot 1-Brian Cross- \$508.00

Lot 2-Warren Mitchell-\$1450.00

Lot 3-Jim McGannon-\$250.00

Lot 4-Roger Westimeir-\$1,000.00

Lot 5-Craig Hoffmann-\$55.00

Lot 6-Dawes Co. Ag Society-\$55.00

Lot 7-Craig Hoffman-\$55.00

Lot 8-Randy Honstein-\$50.00

Lot 9, 10 & 11-Marty Tobiasson Lot 9-\$6.00 Lot 10-\$11.00 Lot 11-\$6.00

Lot 12-Sioux County Weed-\$700.00

Lot 13-Cliff McCormick-\$776.99

Lot 14-Norm Richardson-\$200.00

Lot 15-Don Fryda-\$105.00

Lot 16-Jeff Lampmann-\$425.00

Note: Individual bids can be viewed at the Clerk's office during normal business hours.

**Disclaimer:** A complete text of all resolutions passed by the Board is available upon request in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Deb Lesmeister

Dawes County Deputy Clerk

May 21, 2014 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts: **Key for Claims:** 100=General Fund; 200=Roads Fund; 990=Visitors Fund; 1100=Reappraisal Fund; 1150=Preservation & Maintenance Fund; 1900=Veterans Aid Fund; 2360=Drug Fund; 2500=Grants Fund; 2700=Inheritance Fund; 2910-911=Emergency Communications; 2913=Wireless Communications; 4000=Courthouse Bond Payment Fund.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$517.24
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$7,964.61
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$1.32
100	AS CENTRAL SERVICES	\$50.60
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-CUSTODIAN	\$18.26
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$250.97
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$219.45
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$27,678.86
100	ROBERT HARDY	\$90.00
100	BRENNAN ELECTRIC	\$120.00
100	CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES,INC	\$58.86
100	CENTURYLINK	\$298.59
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-E 911	\$5.95
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$240.00
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$34.99
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$322.19
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$4,409.65
100	CLEO'S FLOWER BOX	\$33.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$571.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$34.50
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$21.50
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$21.50
100	CULLIGAN-VETERANS	\$14.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$10.00
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$644.44
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$534.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$358.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$10.00
100	DAYS INN	\$69.99
100	DOWNNS RURAL SERVICE	\$934.87
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$255.30
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$54.92
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13,431.27
100	GEMPLERS INC	\$125.65

100	GIS WORKSHOP,INC	\$2,500.00
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$371.18
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$97.50
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$17.50
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$33.98
100	KCSR-AM	\$210.00
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$180.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$580.35
100	MILLENNIUM COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$303.00
100	MIPS INC	\$3,021.04
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$60.00
100	NACEB	\$100.00
100	NACO	\$85.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,357.02
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,412.38
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ASSESSOR	\$20.60
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$65.41
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$71.13
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$80.31
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/PUBLIC DEFEND	\$34.93
100	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$236.25
100	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$64.54
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$210.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$290.47
100	RAMADA INN	\$154.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$132.82
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/TREASURER	\$166.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/WEED	\$14.73
100	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$390.59
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$13.50
100	SHELL-EXTENSION OFFICE	\$25.98
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,241.92
100	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$145.23
100	TOMMYS CAR LOT	\$10,535.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-COMPUTER COSTS	\$645.11
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$1,467.81
100	VERIZON WIRELESS-WEED	\$66.33
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$184.28
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$136.83
100	MICHELLE WESTERBUHR	\$692.10
100	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$29.00
100	WEX BANK/SHERIFF/BOSSelman	\$188.05
100	WEX BANK/SHERIFF/EXXON	\$53.81
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$105.37
200	AFLAC	\$311.81
200	AL'S METAL WORK,INC	\$196.55
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$961.92
200	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$90.38

200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$218.04
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,454.24
200	BOB'S WELDING & REPAIR	\$75.00
200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$1,334.85
200	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$37.25
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$102.16
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$108.13
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$56.70
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	SCOTT DILLON	\$2,382.00
200	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$145.80
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,840.49
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$190.81
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$498.90
200	LITRELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$31,309.15
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$241.15
200	MCCASLIN CONSULTING,INC	\$11,135.00
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$98.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$470.14
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$128.84
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$7,715.61
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$10,994.42
200	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$622.79
200	NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP	\$80.70
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$157.35
200	PANHANDLE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	\$20,810.39
200	PETERSEN DRUG	\$3.49
200	POWERPLAN	\$1,906.86
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$4,157.56
200	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ROADS	\$28.36
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$522.79
200	RURAL COMPREHENSIVE CARE NETWORK	\$467.75
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$9.19
200	VERIZON WIRELESS/ROADS	\$285.60
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$106.61
200	WEST RIVER INTERNATIONAL INC	\$48.29
200	WESTCO	\$1,152.99
200	WISE-MACK, INC	\$457.57
990	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/TRAVEL BOARD	\$2.21
2910	COE ENGINEERING	\$300.00
2910	GIS WORKSHOP,INC	\$2,170.00
2910	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$2,648.00
2910	NE EMERGENCY SERVICE COMM	\$75.00
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$149.00
2913	GIS WORKSHOP,INC	\$1,330.00