

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
May 23, 2017
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 23rd day of May, 2017 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 Rivera. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Mark Betson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited 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 Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, to approve the minutes of the May 09, 2017 meeting as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, joined the meeting in progress. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving all claims with the exception of claim#17050227 payable to River A Holdings in the amount of \$146.50. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to pay claim#17050227 payable to River A Holdings in the amount of \$146.50. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Public Comment ensued with Mark Betson discussing the Haynes Road approach project. He requested a copy of the study. He also requested information relevant to required miles of road to be maintained on an annual basis by NDOR (Nebraska Department of Roads) and cost associated therewith. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, joined the meeting. Mr. Hankin will obtain the information Mr. Betson has requested. Mr. Hankin reported the Lemmon Bridge project plans are at the State and East Ash Creek Road has box culverts installed by the Nebraska Forest Service.

At 9:51 A.M. Justin Bates met with the Board. He informed them Don Claussen's term on the Veteran's Service Board is ending and he doesn't want to remain on the Board. Alan Connell has expressed an interest in serving on the Veteran's Service Board. Darrell Marshall's term is also ending. The Board informed Mr. Bates to get letters of resignation and letters from anyone interested in serving and report back. No action was taken by the Board.

At 9:55 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road Updates included blading and equipment maintenance on-going in all districts. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting. He also reported Deadhorse Road has been pulled; however, due to recent rains, crew members haven't gotten back to finish up. A culvert was patched at Marsland Cemetery and a dead tree was removed on Airport Road. Mr. Hankin will be meeting with Dave Schaff next week regarding the Kneuppel Bridge project. Crew members are digging for rock in various areas and red rock is being hauled. To date, 975 ton of red rock has been hauled. He also has visited with Fred McCartney about fuels reduction in the county right-of-ways. The county share would be 25% of the total cost to do fuels reduction. The Board recessed at 10:12 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:18 A.M. The Blue Cross Blue Shield subgroup renewal was discussed. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to renew with Blue Cross Blue Shield at the \$1500.000 deductible plan with the county paying 80% of the total premium and employees paying 20% of the total premium. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Background checks were initiated by Dawes County in 2015; however, the policy was never officially approved by the Board. The Board feels background checks are a vital component in the final stages of the hiring process. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to continue background checks on qualified candidates in the final stages of the hiring process. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next order of business was the UNL Extension contract which will keep Terri Lemmon on board with the 4-H programs. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the UNL contract between Dawes County and UNL Extension for two (2) years with a review after the two (2) years have expired and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board opened eight (8) roads surplus bids to wit: **Bid#1-8** culverts @ \$20.00; **Bid#2-**

63' cab/chassis @ \$400.00; **Bid#3**-Air Compressor @ \$50.00; **Bid#4**-Pettibone rock crusher @ \$265.00, 2 duals for IHC tractor @ \$105.00 and 25 wood posts @ \$25.00; **Bid#5**-1986 Freightliner @ \$937.00; **Bid#6**-25 wood posts @ \$75.00; **Bid#7**-1986 Freightliner @ \$1000.00, 63' cab/chassis @ \$100.00, Pettibone rock crusher @ \$300.00, Bush Hog mower @ \$10.00, Bush Axe @ \$10.00, Pressure washer @ \$10.00, 2 duals for IHC tractor @ \$10.00, 8 culverts @ \$80.00, shop built dozer blade @ \$60.00, wind deflector for 2006 Freightliner @ \$10.00 and 25 wood posts @ \$50.00; **Bid#8**-25 wood posts @ \$165.65. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to award all surplus bids received to the highest bidder in each category. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The County Clerk will notify all successful bidders and inform them where to pay for surplus items bid on.

At 11:00 A.M. Celeste Cattin, District Court Clerk, met with the Board regarding her 2017/2018 Clerk of District Court and Judge budgets. She reported County Court and District Court will be going together to purchase a new copier to share and District Court's supply line item will go up. The Judge's budget will remain the same.

At 11:05 A.M. Phillip Black and Wesley Arning, Congressman Smith's Office, met with the Board. Updates included the following to wit: The pre-existing coverage will continue with the Health Care Plan; however, States can apply for a waiver to have Insurance companies charge differential rates in pre-existing conditions; The Trump plan for tax reform has been released with proposed cuts across the board to all working classes. Taxing of imports will begin and with trade matters being important, tariff taxes are being negotiated and American beef will start being exported to China starting in July of 2017. Commissioner Stewart expressed concern with Crow Butte uranium mine losing value which in turn is affecting the county valuation and school funding in Crawford. He went on to say overall funding for area schools is a huge concern.

At 11:30 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss his 2017/2018 roads budget. He reported he will have enough money in his budget this fiscal year to pay for the 12M3 Motor Grader. Crack sealing will be budgeted for and tire costs will be going up. He also budgeted \$94,000.00 for a motor grader, \$25,000.00 for a packer, \$80,000.00 for culvert projects under contracted labor and he informed the Board new radios will be necessary. The estimated cost to replace radios will be \$100,000.00 so radio purchases will begin with the 2017/2018 budget cycle.

At 12:00 P.M. Lori Miskimins and Judge Harford met with the Board regarding the 2017/2018 budget. The Juvenile Court appointed counsel will need to increase due to repeat offenders. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. The Board recessed at 12:15 P.M. and reconvened to regular session at 1:12 P.M.

At 1:14 P.M. Tony Serbousek and Chief Tim Lordino met with the Board regarding the 2017/2018 communication budgets. The contract renewal with CenturyLink will be \$6000.00 and the GIS contract will be \$5000.00 which will be paid out of this year's budget. Phone/Viper upgrades for communications is planned at an estimated cost of \$165,000.00 which includes support fees the first year. Beginning the second year, support fees will be \$10,000.00 annually. The majority of the costs associated with the phone/Viper upgrades will be paid for from the 2913 fund. They hope to start the upgrade project sometime next month. The Sleuth 9 system currently being used will no longer be supported according to Lordino so an upgrade to the Sleuth system will be necessary.

At 1:40 P.M. Jenny Nixon, UNL Extension, met with the Board regarding the 2017/2018 budget. Also present was James O'Rourke. They are still searching for a new extension secretary and no big ticket items are anticipated next year. In other business Jake Stewart reported SWANN and Region 23 have passed budgets for 2017/2018. SWANN will not have any increases. Region 23 will begin charging rent to other counties associated with Region 23 Emergency Management Services. NCAP is keeping an eye on Washington because of proposed cuts. Commissioner Stewart was excused from the meeting and left.

At 1:50 P.M. Karl Dailey, Sheriff and Steve Crile, Jail Administrator, met with the Board regarding 2017/2018 budgets. Mr. Dailey explained his sick leave policy. Every new employee is given 750 hours of sick leave. No one is allowed to accumulate more than 750 hours. There is no use it or lose it policy regarding vacation and comp time; however, there is a cap on both. The Sheriff's budget will increase overtime, vehicle maintenance and fuel line items. Steve Crile went over the Jail budget. Overall, the budget will go up \$11,000.00 fiscal year 2017/2018, with \$5000.00 of that being for Board of

Prisoners. The Crawford Law Enforcement budget will see a 2.3 percent increase to assist with Law Enforcement issues in Chadron if necessary.

At 2:20 P.M there being no further business before the Board, the Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be June 13, 2017 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 former County Courtroom at the Courthouse. A current agenda is available at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours but will close at 12:00 P.M., June 08, 2017.

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: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 23, 2017 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on the respective accounts: Key for claims: 100=General Fund; 200=Roads Fund; 650=Hwy Bridge Buyback Program Fund; 990=Visitor's Fund; 1100=Reappraisal Fund; 1150=Preservation & Modernization 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	\$603.65
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$9,318.39
100	BAUERKEMPER'S INC-WEED	\$15.90
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-EXTENSION	\$70.54
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$767.18
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$250.98
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$63.94
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$79.83
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$30,549.17
100	CENTURYLINK	\$58.86
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$16.37
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$22.69
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$4.89
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$27.70
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$26.55
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$36.21
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$24.26
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$4.89
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$70.64
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$257.99
100	CHADRON LOCK	\$50.00
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$234.00
100	CHERRY COUNTY TREASURER	\$2,115.00
100	COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL	\$626.95
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$79.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$178.60
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELY,WATSON,HARF	\$4,280.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$17.25

100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$15.75
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$21.50
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$551.32
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$308.04
100	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$63.84
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$118.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$502.00
100	DAYS INN	\$62.99
100	KOLTON DEAVER	\$277.91
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$1,022.83
100	DOWNS RURAL SERVICE	\$410.32
100	EXPRESS AUTO SALVAGE	\$270.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$16,440.74
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS,INC	\$37.50
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$424.15
100	GREATER NE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SER	\$126.00
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$70.00
100	DAVID HUNT IV	\$239.94
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$6.79
100	JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS,INC	\$2,200.00
100	KCSR-AM	\$120.00
100	KEVIN LOTTON	\$41.84
100	MICHAEL LOUTZENHISER	\$11.37
100	MAXIMUS,INC	\$2,100.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$200.25
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	\$100.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,754.49
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,326.94
100	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$13.99
100	NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICES	\$3,506.25
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$43.64
100	OFFICE DEPOT INC	\$43.93
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$28.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$123.00
100	PINE RIDGE LAND SURVEYS,INC	\$7,783.00
100	MARTHA QUAY	\$60.36
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL-WEBSITE	\$99.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ASSESSOR	\$11.41
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$83.02
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/TREASURER	\$277.80
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$488.13
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$15.00
100	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$71.44
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$303.15
100	TIII OPERATIONAL SOLUTIONS	\$1,300.00
100	UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$343.67
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$122.99

100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$2,663.36
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$548.19
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$99.04
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$277.56
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$36.07
100	XEROX CORPORATION-TREASURER	\$14.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$105.37
200	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$734.00
200	AFLAC	\$276.82
200	AL'S METAL WORK,INC	\$211.14
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,049.98
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$14.84
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$211.77
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,088.15
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$26.96
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$31.53
200	DALE CHASEK	\$240.00
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$116.01
200	CROELL REDI-MIX INC	\$2,131.94
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,397.76
200	GUSH WATER CO	\$5.50
200	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	\$95.00
200	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS,LINCOLN AIRPORT	\$564.99
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$98.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$583.96
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$72.99
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$5,990.12
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$156.35
200	PANHANDLE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	\$12,355.73
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$146.50
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$97.83
200	WESTCO	\$1,083.00
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$79.24
990	AFLAC	\$15.47
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$58.59
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$96.53
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$176.34
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$30.02
990	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TOURISM	\$58.89
995	ELEVATION OUTDOORS MAGAZINE	\$5,200.00
995	MALY MARKETING	\$14,030.02
1100	PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP	\$46,692.50
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$249.21
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$149.00
2913	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$132.73

