

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**  
**January 27, 2015**  
**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015 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 Rivera. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney and Roy Norgard. 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, moving the claim approval to the end of the Agenda and adding the annual weed report approval due to time issue involved. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, approving the January 08, 2015 minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. No correspondence was received.

At 8:34 A.M. Lacy Troester, HR Director, met with the Board. She reviewed personnel policy changes with the Board. Commissioner Johnson moved to accept and approve the policy changes. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. She also reported a CPR/First Aid class will be offered by NIRMA on March 18, 2015 in the conference room at 250 Main Street. The Board encourages Dawes County employees to take advantage of this training at no cost to them. In other business the Board reviewed and approved the Sheriff mileage report for December 2014 and the Civic Docket. A surplus request submitted by the Weed Department was reviewed. Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the surplus request. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Board reports ensued with Commissioner Johnson reporting he attended meetings of the OHD, PADD and RC&D Boards respectively. PADD has funding available for small businesses and will be relocating their offices. The Area Aging Board hasn't met yet and the OHD Board meeting went smoothly. Commissioner Stewart reported NWCAP has Vista volunteers to assess needs of area Veterans and emergency preparedness. Individuals desiring more information can contact Karen at NWCAP. Dan Wordekemper joined the meeting in progress. He presented the annual Noxious Weed and Activity Report for the Boards review and approval. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress. Mr. Wordekemper reviewed the report with the Board. Commissioner Rivera moved to accept the report and direct the Chairman to sign the annual Noxious Weed and Activity Report. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment ensued at 9:00 A.M. with Roy Norgard addressing the Board on the following concerns to wit: Mr. Norgard indicated for the record the \$50,000.00 committed to the Chadron pool project by the Dawes County Tourism Board has caused upset with Crawford residents. Crawford is a part of Dawes County and as such should've been considered when their pool was in need. He also reported approximately 1 1/4 mile of Mill Road needs graveled and weed control is an on-going issue. Sandy Roes, WCHR Director, joined the meeting in progress. Commissioner Stewart recommended the Crawford City Council invite Mr. Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, to a meeting for introduction purposes. The road issue will be addressed with the Highway Superintendent. Jim Gardner joined the meeting in progress. Mr. Norgard thanked the Board for their time.

At 9:24 A.M. George Ledbetter, Gail DeBuse-Potter and Annette Trylick, Tourism Board members, addressed revisions to the Travel Board By-Laws. Mr. Ledbetter reported the issue at hand is located in Section 8; Article 4 which addresses a Commissioner being a voting member on the Travel Board when the Board of Commissioners review and approve all claims of the Travel Board. Gail DeBuse-Potter indicated for the record the Travel Board is in fact an Advisory Committee to the Board of Commissioners per State Statute. Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund, reported previous Commissioner Stacy Swinney, was concerned with the amount of activity/money receipted by the Travel Board and felt the Commissioner serving on the Travel Board have a vote. Commissioner Stewart

informed those present that every other Board Commissioners serve on have a vote. Those present, including the Board of Commissioners expressed a desire to promote tourism in the area. Several ideas were shared to promote the area. The Travel Board would like to see more individuals representing an attraction become involved on the Travel Board and develop a NW Nebraska tourism office. Social media and mountain bike racing will also be looked at as an avenue to promote tourism. Debusse-Potter reported the Travel Board donates \$15,000.00 to the Chadron Chamber and \$7,000.00 to the Crawford Chamber to be used in promoting our area. Travel Board members reported the donation to the Chadron Pool project was based upon activities the pool would offer to area residents and individuals coming to the area for sports events, vacations, etc. Sandy Roes reported a study was done and shared with the Travel Board as well. She reported the pool will offer water slides, water features, therapy pool, walking track and a community room that can be used for parties, meetings, etc. Jim Gardner reported several communities were visited to obtain admission fees charged for use of similar facilities. Commissioner Rivera reported more education is needed, especially the funding aspect of the project. Sandy Roes reported a joint-planning session will be held in Crawford on January 28, 2015 beginning at 5:30 in the Community Center. The purpose of the session is to seek input from the Crawford area on needs. The Board recessed at 10:23 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:32 A.M. Commissioner Johnson moved to accept Gail Debusse-Potter's resignation from the Travel Board. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board thanked Ms. Debusse-Potter for her years of service to the Travel Board.

At 10:34 A.M. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, met with the Board. Also present was Sheriff Karl Dailey and Highway Superintendent, Larry Hankin. She presented a contract to obtain a pictometry program for six (6) years at a cost of \$46,600.00 annually. She indicated funding is available through the Appraiser Fund for the initial payment. The Departments looking at sharing the program and costs are Assessor, Sheriff, Roads and Region 23 Emergency Management. Commissioner Stewart asked what each department would use the program for. Ms. Coleman reported the program would reduce ground work and mileage expenses, assist in accuracy and ability to measure buildings, etc. they can't get too. Program costs include training of an individual on an annual basis re: updates to the program, flights conducted as part of the program, maintenance, etc. Sheriff Dailey reported the program can be used to assist in apprehending individuals, locating lost individuals, assist with building dimensions, latitude and longitude, tag buildings that have explosives or chemicals, train Law Enforcement personnel, assist with natural disasters re: distribution of resources available and overall contribute to the safety of Officers. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, reported the Roads Department would benefit from the program on road projects, bridge/stream hydrology information, aerial photos could be used in obtaining water permits and snow routes could be mapped. The Board asked Adam Edmund to review the contract. A decision will be made at the February 10, 2015 Commissioner meeting.

At 10:45 A.M. Alan Connell, VSO, met with the Board. Also present were Gene Von Forell, John Stumph and Philip Lockwood. Mr. Connell read aloud the minutes of the January 22, 2015 Veterans Board meeting. He requested his part-time secretary become full-time due to the needs of area Veterans and no coverage in the office when he's away. Discussion ensued. The secretary will come in on an as needed basis in addition to her current hours until such time this position can be budgeted on a full-time basis. The minutes of that meeting are attached for public record.

At 11:32 A.M. Jerrod Jeager, Public Defender, met with the Board to discuss his salary. Upon discussion it appears Mr. Jeager was started at an incorrect salary. Mr. Jeager shared a spreadsheet with the Board showing what his salary should've been when he started in 2013. Per State Statute Mr. Jeager should've been started at what the out-going Public Defender was paid with annual increases as adopted per Resolution. Mr. Jeager will submit through payroll requisitions what is owed in back wages/raises for tracking purposes and his base salary will be \$49,107.06 for calendar year 2015-2016. The Board recessed at 11:58 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 12:06 P.M.

At 12:07 P.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He updated the Board on the Saw Log grade crossing issue. BNSF Railroad will install automated signals and gates at the Saw Log crossing. BNSF will pay the county's 5% share of the costs involved. NDOR (Nebraska Department of Roads) and BNSF will need to enter into an agreement for the project. Timeframe to completion of the project is one year. Mr. Hankin presented the Annual Road Report and reviewed it with

the Board. Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the report. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Road updates included the following to wit: All three districts plowed snow and are conducting equipment maintenance. District 1-autogate fixed on Table Road; District 2-autogate fixed on Highland Road and hauling gravel on Table Road; District 3- hauling gravel to North Moody Road; Crusher-maintenance to get it up and running. Commissioner Johnson and Mr. Hankin met with Larry McCaslin re: Soester and Lemmon Bridge projects. Chrisman Trucking is back crushing rock at the Rickenbach pit and Todd Lewin is resigning his position effective January 30, 2015. There are two Roads Department positions that will be filled. Mr. Hankin requested permission to go to bid for a new motor grader with a trade. Commissioner Johnson moved to direct the Highway Superintendent to secure bids for a motor grader. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Hankin went over contract proposals received re: 40,000 gallon of dyed diesel fuel delivered to shops and pits beginning March 01, 2015 to November 30, 2015. Panhandle Coop-Ruby Red diesel-\$2.25 gallon; Westco-\$2.249 gallon; Pine Ridge Service Center-\$2.075 gallon which requires a 10 cent per gallon deposit; Phillips F&T Inc.-\$2.30 gallon with \$20,000.00 down payment. Commissioner Rivera abstained from any comments or decisions made by the Board relevant to the fuel contract. Mr. Hankin recommended the Board go with Pine Ridge Service Center's contract bid of \$2.075 per gallon as it was the lowest bid received. Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the Highway Superintendents recommendation to go with Pine Ridge Service Center's bid of \$2.075 per gallon. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart, with Rivera abstaining. Mr. Hankin asked permission to go to bid for a ¾ ton pickup for the Weed Department. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, directing the Weed Department to go to bid for a ¾ ton pickup. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The last order of business was review and approval of claims. Upon review, a motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, approving claim #'s 15010201 in the amount of \$20.03 to River A Holdings and #15010242 in the amount of \$286.00 to River A Holdings. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart with Rivera abstaining. Commissioner Rivera moved to approve remaining claims with the exception of claim#15010253 in the amount of \$25,000.00 to City of Chadron. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:12 P.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be February 10, 2015 beginning at 8:30 A.M. with a Board of Equalization meeting followed by the Commissioner meeting at approximately 8:50 A.M. Both meetings will be held in former County Courtroom located in the basement of the Courthouse. A current agenda is available at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours but will close at 2:00 P.M. February 05, 2015.

**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**  
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**January 27, 2015 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.**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTCLAIMS</b>
100	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$231.00
100	AFLAC	\$501.07
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$8,369.60
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$15.02
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$641.38

100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$162.95
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$39.25
100	BIGHORN AUTO SUPPLY	\$19.50
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$27,123.18
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE/MISC	\$388.32
100	ROBERT HARDY	\$510.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$381.78
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-ASSESSOR	\$13.74
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$10.72
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.50
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$4.56
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$21.53
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CUSTODIAN	\$2.92
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$13.74
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$19.82
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$22.02
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$11.56
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$2.92
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$214.00
100	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$353.22
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$60.67
100	ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$22.90
100	COMPTECH COMPUTERS	\$399.99
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$180.75
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$28.75
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	\$1,406.40
100	DATASPEC INC	\$798.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$130.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$371.00
100	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$595.60
100	FAMILY SKILL BUILDING SERVICES,LLC	\$760.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/BARBARA J SEBESTA	\$235.26
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14,093.57
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$110.85
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$308.28
100	RUSSELL W HARFORD	\$338.00
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$24.98
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$266.36
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$36.40
100	JAEGER LAW OFFICE	\$149.77
100	KONE,INC	\$373.56
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$252.49
100	MATTHEW BENDER & CO,INC	\$70.71
100	MIPS INC	\$3,031.77

100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$60.00
100	NE DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$9.50
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY TREASURERS	\$75.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,457.97
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$21.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,840.57
100	NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	\$615.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ASSESSOR	\$4,005.02
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$89.86
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$44.94
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$239.75
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$268.96
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$561.56
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$42.37
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$10.50
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$764.25
100	PRIDE	\$50.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$109.75
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$147.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$113.61
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$581.78
100	BARBARA SEBESTA	\$133.05
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,241.92
100	SOUTHERN HILLS FIRE & SAFETY	\$887.75
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$505.28
100	VERIZON WIRELESS-WEED	\$63.26
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$147.90
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$167.65
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$6.70
100	WEST 2ND APPLIANCE	\$929.99
100	DAN WORDEKEMPER	\$10.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$115.45
200	AFLAC	\$202.42
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,000.08
200	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$16.86
200	BIGHORN AUTO SUPPLY	\$164.12
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,378.59
200	CENTURYLINK	\$43.06
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$17.28
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$150.00
200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$325.00
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$106.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00

200	EDDIE'S TRUCK CENTER	\$495.66
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,941.16
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$76.93
200	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	\$2,451.50
200	JENSEN REPAIR	\$895.90
200	LARRY MCCASLIN CONSULTING	\$4,100.00
200	LITTREL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$28,941.50
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$272.38
200	MICHAEL TODD AND COMPANY,INC	\$455.01
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$504.49
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$326.04
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$88.30
200	NEWMAN SIGNS,INC	\$1,771.00
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$4,586.92
200	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$1,175.02
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$144.48
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$4,537.23
200	POWERPLAN	\$578.01
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$286.00
200	SHEEHAN MACK SALES & EQUIP,INC	\$1,592.04
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$246.48
200	UNITED STATES WELDING,INC	\$38.40
200	VERIZON WIRELESS/ROADS	\$220.41
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$104.43
200	WESTCO	\$16,861.96
990	LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$430.00
990	SHELLEY MCCAFFERTY	\$4,800.00
990	NEBRASKALAND MAGAZINE	\$300.00
990	ROBERT SHARP & ASSOCIATES	\$360.00
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$36.00
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$298.91
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$52.34
2910	OFFICE DEPOT	\$230.05
2910	WALMART COMMUNITY/E911	\$23.95
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$149.00
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$116.24
2913	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$134.60