

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
February 24, 2015
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:32 A.M. on the 24th day of February, 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 Kevin Larsen, KCSR. 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, adding road updates after bid openings to the Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, approving the February 10, 2015 minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. No correspondence was received. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, approving all claims with the exception of claim #15020242 payable in the amount of \$7,944.51 to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, approving claim #15020242 payable in the amount of \$7,944.51 to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart with Rivera abstaining.

At 8:50 A.M. Lacy Troester, HR Director, met with the Board. She reported on Custodial hours to wit: Tyler Regier works M-F 9:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M. and Brad Streeks works M-TH 7:00 A.M. to Noon and 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. She recommended the Board implement pre-employment drug testing and background checks on all new hires. She informed them Northwest Community Action Partnership utilizes IntelliCorp to conduct these services. Discussion ensued. The Board directed the HR Director to develop a policy addressing these issues and report back at the March 24, 2015 Board meeting. At 9:00 A.M. a motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, to enter executive session re: case# NEB 1-14/14-2-45579-RT. Roll was called, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson moved to reconvene to regular session at 9:13 A.M. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress. There being no public comment, the Board reported on their individual meetings attended to wit: Commissioner Rivera reported he attended the Airport Zoning Board meeting and the emphasis is on selecting a carrier which has been narrowed down to four Vendors. He reported Panhandle Mental Health Board is focusing on agreements/health contracts. Some of those approved was a grant re: youth suicide and a contract re: gambling addiction assistance. Commissioner Johnson reported the Area Aging Board has received their federal funding; The OHD Board was general business and PADD/RC&D are moving their offices to the Twin City Development Center. Commissioner Stewart reported he attended the NCAP Board meeting and auditing of federal funds has been moved from every three (3) years to five (5) years due to consistency and accuracy in managing funds received. The next order of business was approval of the Pictometry aerial program. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, joined the meeting in progress. Commissioner Johnson reported he visited with the Assessor and broke down costs associated with using an Appraiser as opposed to the Pictometry program. Dawes County has 3,689.00 parcels (includes commercial properties) and appraisal costs run \$172.00 per parcel or \$634,508.00. Without commercial appraisals that amount is \$565,508.00. The proposed aerial program, which is recognized by the State as a means of appraisal would cost \$285,508.50 over a six year period. The Treasurer shows a balance of \$164,026.00 as being set aside to date for appraisal services. By staying with a contracted appraiser the county would need to set aside \$72,000.00 per year. Total savings by using the pictometry aerial program would be \$33,000.00 per year. Commissioner Stewart asked for comments from the Board. Commissioner Johnson indicated he feels the aerial program would be cost effective after studying numbers and Commissioner Rivera indicated he was ok with the information received. Commissioner Johnson moved to direct the Chairman to sign the contract with Pictometry and

Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: Rivera Motion carried.

At 9:34 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. He presented recently updated copies of the Nebraska Weed Control Act to all Board members and directed them to the last page of the Act which addresses State recommendations. He asked if the Board had anything they wanted added as far as recommendations. It was agreed he will go by State recommendations. He reported he will have all continuing education hours completed by April of 2015 as required by the State, is updating files at his office and is addressing five complaints received by his office. He informed the Board he will be hiring a part-time sprayer for this next season. One sprayer will be returning from last season. The chemical inventory was discussed. Mr. Wordekemper reported he has enough chemical to start the season. Kevin Lotton joined the meeting in progress. The Board recessed at 9:43 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:59 A.M.

At 10:00 A.M. The Chairman of the Board declared the Public Hearing open regarding the One and Six Year Road Plan. Present was Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent; Richard Bates, Dora Lee Bates, Yvonne Grant, Levi Grant, Kevin Lotton, Marlen Flamig (Lone Tree Ranch), Robert Grant and Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record. Mr. Hankin reported the plan addresses construction, not general maintenance issues. Three bridge projects were completed last year. A bridge on Toadstool Road and two bridges on Bethel Loop Road. The One Year Plan includes Soester and Lemmon Bridges. He presented the engineering study relevant to Soester/Lemmon bridge projects. Different options are available for bidding the two projects and he hopes to go to bid sometime in March of 2015. Gravel and maintenance projects are also a part of the One Year Road Plan. The Six Year Plan addresses several bridge projects and a copy of the plan can be viewed at the Clerk or Highway Superintendent's offices. The Chairman opened the hearing up to public comment and the following comments were received to wit: **Levi Grant**-Mr. Grant indicated he has land in District 3 and there are problems with the roads. Last summer he counted 18 mud holes on the roads and couldn't get hay to cows due to roads. Lone Tree Road has been graded 3 times the past year. Culverts have been cut into and some are missing steel post markings. He presented Exhibit #2 showing pictures of Lone Tree Road taken in 2012 and again in 2015. He reported there is no difference in road conditions during that time frame. Pictures also included culverts cut into by Graders, washouts and a picture of East Whitney Road was shared. Mr. Grant indicated road conditions are affecting economic development and recreational activities. He asked the Board to keep this area in mind as several issues need addressed. **Dora Lee Bates**-Ms. Bates reported she and her late husband bought their ranch in 1991 and she was able to use her car to run supplies, parts, etc. to the guys but has to drive a 4-wheel drive now. She indicated for the record that taxes in 1991 were \$3600.00 per year, now she pays \$21,000.00 per year. She feels part of her taxes need to be addressing road conditions. **Richard Bates**-Mr. Bates reported the right type of rock isn't being used and once the roads get muddy you can't drive them. **Marlen Flamig**-Mr. Flamig reported a pump had to be installed to pump water off the road as it runs across the road when it rains or snows. Getting cattle in and out is a real issue. He also reported grading is an issue; there are no ditches for the water to go to. A letter received from those present was presented as Exhibit #1. **Yvonne Grant**-Ms. Grant lives on North Whitney Lake Road. She reported from East Lone Tree Road to Highway 20 there are no ditches, it's just like a swamp. Graders need to pull shoulders and crown so water doesn't run down the road. **Kevin Lotton**-Mr. Lotton reported North Wayside Road by Stewarts needs graveled. He appreciates the culverts that were installed. **Levi Grant**-reported concrete from the airport facility and materials from the State project from 3rd Street to Highway 20 could be crushed and used by the Roads Department if needed. Larry Hankin informed those present he has been in contact with some of the residents regarding the ditch issue on North Whitney Road. He has also been in contact with the Whitney Irrigation District on the same issue to discuss liability issues. He reported Whitney will be more of a focus this year. He also reported he is looking at sand as an alternative to gravel in elevating roads. He talked to an individual re: school sections and they would prefer gravel not be used. There being no further comment from the Public, the Chairman declared the hearing closed at 10:37 A.M. Resolution No. 2015-8 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the One and Six Year Road Plan and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll was called, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:42 A.M. Three bids were opened regarding the purchase of a Weed Department pickup to wit: **Eagle Chevrolet**-2015 Chevrolet Silverado ¾ ton 4x4 bid at \$29,989.00; **Chadron Motor Company**-2015 Dodge Tradesman ¾ ton 4x4 bid at \$25,612.00 with delivery in 60-90 days and **Wahlstrom Ford**-2015 Ford F-250 4x4 bid at \$26,538.32 with an option to buy a five year warranty at a cost of \$1750.00. Eagle Chevrolet and Chadron Motor Company bids included warranty. The Board discussed the bids received. Commissioner Johnson moved to accept all bids received for a Weed Department pickup and awarded the bid to Chadron Motor Company for a 2015 Dodge Tradesman ¾ ton 4x4 pickup at \$25,612.00. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Bids were opened regarding the purchase of a motor grader in the Roads Department to wit: **Murphy Tractor & Equipment-Bid#1**-2015 670 GP at \$236,260.00 less trade-in allowance of \$45,000.00 for a total bid of \$191,260.00 and delivery in 10-11 weeks. **Bid#2**-2015 672 GP at \$251,977.00 less trade-in allowance of \$45,000.00 for a total bid of \$206,977.00 and delivery in 10-11 weeks. **Bid#3**-2015 770 GP at \$247,394.00 less trade-in allowance of \$45,000.00 for a total bid of \$202,394.00 and delivery in 10-11 weeks. Murphy Tractor & Equipment bids all include a service package and an optional deduction of \$14,860.00 off selling price if county chooses to go with standard G series hydraulic controls. **Nebraska Machinery Company-Bid#1**-2015 CAT 12M3 at \$241,500.00 less trade-in allowance of \$41,900.00 for a total bid of \$199,600.00 and delivery on 4/15/15. This bid includes warranty and a parts credit of \$8,380.00. **Bid#2**-2015 CAT 12M3 at \$235,209.00 less trade-in allowance of \$42,600.00 for a total bid of \$192,609.00 and delivery on 7/15/15. This bid includes warranty and a parts credit of \$9,726.00. **Bid#3**-2015 CAT 12 M3 at \$233,975.00 less trade-in allowance of \$41,900.00 for a total bid of \$192,075.00 and delivery on 4/15/15. This bid includes warranty and a parts credit of \$8,380.00. This bid also includes a diamond ripper. The Board reviewed all bids received and asked questions were warranted. Commissioner Johnson moved to accept all bids received and award the bid at the March 10, 2015 Commissioner meeting. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The last order of business included road updates. All Crews are blading where ground isn't frozen. District 3 is hauling gravel on Moody Road and an extension on a tube is being installed.

At 11:22 A.M. A motion to enter executive session for personnel reasons was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson. Roll was called, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson moved to reconvene to regular session at 11:37 A.M. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session.

At 11:38 A.M. Sandy Roes, Chadron School Board President, met with the Board. She reported an economic impact study was done to educate patrons on what impact schools have on communities and legislative matters. The study was paid for through donations. Attached to these minutes is a copy of what Ms. Roes discussed with the Board.

At 11:47 A.M. Tim Buskirk, Nebraska National Forest, met with the Board. He informed the Board Jane Darnell has left the Forest Service and Jim Pitts has been named interim Forest Supervisor until a replacement is found. He reported the Forest Service is done burning slash piles for the year, there's a possibility for prescribed burns this coming fall and fuels reductions will be done as weather permits. There will not be a reduction in grazing permits issued and fencing agreements with area landowners is still in progress. He also requested the Board keep him informed of any road closings they do. The last order of business was approval of monthly fee/mileage reports by general consent of the Board.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:57 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be March 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. The meeting will be held in the 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. March 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

February 24, 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; 995=Visitor Improvement 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	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC/SHERIFF	\$3,492.00
100	AFLAC	\$517.45
100	TOM AHRENS	\$957.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$8,018.46
100	AS CENTRAL SERVICES	\$170.80
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$27,217.29
100	CENTURYLINK	\$203.87
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-ASSESSOR	\$22.39
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$8.70
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$15.16
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$4.84
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$20.35
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CUSTODIAN	\$3.14
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$26.61
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$29.01
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$17.22
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$2.92
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$209.10
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$482.00
100	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$100.92
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD/CRAWFORD PD	\$116.17
100	ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$14.50
100	COMPTECH COMPUTERS	\$56.07
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$28.75
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$15.75
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$21.50
100	CULLIGAN-VETERANS	\$19.75
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$21.50
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$1,249.22
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$492.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$371.00
100	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$38.95
100	COLEEN ELLIS	\$350.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$117.18

100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$22.94
100	FIRST BANKCARD/LARRY HANKIN	\$70.05
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VALENTIN RIVERA	\$93.30
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$9.91
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13,356.01
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$484.05
100	GRP & ASSOCIATES,INC	\$87.00
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$92.00
100	JENSEN REPAIR	\$43.20
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$42.73
100	TERRI LEMMON	\$65.99
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$243.49
100	LARRY MILLER,ATTY AT LAW	\$413.25
100	MIPS INC	\$323.35
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,381.87
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,808.29
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$564.99
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$283.24
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$120.00
100	JENNIFER NIXON	\$14.29
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$299.95
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$189.90
100	PANHANDLE DISTRICT ASSN	\$250.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$53.72
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$598.93
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL-WEBSITE	\$1,294.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ASSESSOR	\$2.03
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$217.89
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/TREASURER	\$62.59
100	REGIONAL WEST PHYSICIANS CLINIC	\$75.00
100	RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$95.43
100	LORI ROWLEY	\$413.25
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$98.58
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$44.48
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$240.85
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$1,593.00
100	LACY TROESTER	\$15.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$243.23
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$6,120.62
100	VERIZON WIRELESS-WEED	\$63.01
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$173.13
100	DAN WORDEKEMPER	\$23.56
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$105.37

200	AFLAC	\$202.42
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$815.48
200	B & C STEEL CORPORATION	\$953.60
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,151.08
200	CENTURYLINK	\$15.32
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$22.69
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$95.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,251.63
200	JENSEN REPAIR	\$388.54
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$271.59
200	MICHAEL TODD AND COMPANY, INC	\$379.52
200	MOTION INDUSTRIES, INC	\$1,182.32
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$355.85
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$127.67
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$175.83
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$160.16
200	PANHANDLE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	\$7,957.85
200	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ROADS	\$179.65
200	RDO TRUCK CENTER	\$568.65
200	RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$352.68
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$7,944.51
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$129.43
200	LACY TROESTER	\$6.00
200	VERIZON WIRELESS/ROADS	\$220.93
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$104.43
200	WESTCO	\$2,071.56
200	21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT	\$155.24
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$2,170.58
990	ENGRAVERS	\$40.66
990	LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$430.00
990	MID STATES GROUP	\$1,170.00
990	NEBRASKALAND MAGAZINE	\$300.00
990	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$209.99
990	WESTERN NE TOURISM COALITION	\$400.00

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Chadron Public Schools Economic Impact Study

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Monetary Investment

- 1) For each \$1 million spent by CPS, 31.6 FTE jobs were supported or created in Chadron & 34.1 FTE jobs in Dawes County.
- 2) When CPS lost \$1.6 million in state aid in 2011 50.6 jobs in Chadron and 54.6 jobs in Dawes County were effected or eliminated on top of the 16 FTE jobs the CPS cut.
- 3) The expenditures of \$8.45 million in 2012-13 by CPS created an additional \$3.12 million in additional economic impact inside of Chadron and an additional \$6.29 million inside Dawes County.
- 4) In the City of Chadron 261.9 FTE jobs resulted from the full balance of the school spending and 288.1 FTE jobs in Dawes County.
- 5) Over a 4-year period, school district spending of \$35.4 million created \$49.3 million in local impacts in Chadron and CPS spending of \$37.4 million in Dawes County resulted in \$65.1 million of total impact.

Social Investment

- 1) Graduates of CPS will earn \$850,000 more over a lifetime. Those who complete some college will earn \$1,2 million more in lifetime earnings while those completing a 4-year degree can expect \$3.7 million more in lifetime earnings.
- 2) An additional \$212 million is added to the economy, if 50% of a 55-student class complete a 4-year degree and remain in Chadron for 10 years. Added to that is \$98.7 million, if the remaining 50% of the high school graduates remain in Chadron for 10 years. The total economic impact of the above model is \$310.8 million.
- 3) Future graduates are poised to become future business owners because a number of current business owners are in their 50's and are expected to retire in the next 20 years.
- 4) Chadron K-12 graduates have a lower risk of experiencing poverty, will have between 15% to 24% high labor force participation rates, 3X less risk of unemployment, less likely to use Medicaid, less likely to use school lunch programs, and less likely to participate in Supplemental Nutritional Assistance programs.

From the above results state aid is a jobs bill along with an education bill. State Aid and Property Taxes are clearly an economic investment in the Chadron and Dawes County Community.

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