

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
May 26, 2015
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:31 A.M. on the 26th day of May, 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 Deb Lesmeister, Dawes County Deputy Clerk. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney was absent. 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 and adding the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all who were present. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of commissioner meeting of May 12, 2015 with the following corrections to wit: spelling of Annette and change the wording from rock of to rock for. Seconded by Rivera. Roll call vote: Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rivera, to approve all claims with the exception of Claim#'s 15050175 and 15050206. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, to approve the following claims #'s 15050175 and #15050206 to River A Holdings. Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Abstaining: Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Chris Fankhauser, KCSR, joined the meeting in progress at 9:03 A.M. There were no correspondence items to discuss. No one came before the Board for public comment although Marchant Road was discussed and it was reiterated that it is an open road. Commissioner Rivera reported on the Panhandle Mental Health Board, for the 2015-2016 budget years they are projecting a \$5,000.00 increase in the substance abuse line item. They did approve their overall budget. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Area Aging Board, he said they are getting their reimbursements back. He also serves on the PADD Board and stated they are moving in June 2015 to a new office in the Twin City Development. He stated they also approved their budget. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Northwest Community Action Board. He said on Wednesday the 20th of May 2015 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. the mobile food pantry was in Chadron. He stated they served 383 people and 120 families. He also reported that Fred Hlava is retiring from the SWANN Board. After his resignation the Board was reorganized and Commissioner Stewart is serving as the Vice Chairman. Deputy Clerk Deb Lesmeister shared with the Board that Brooke Jamison had contacted the Clerk's Office on Friday and stated that she would be out of town for a meeting and not be able to attend the Commissioner meeting for a 9:30 A.M. appointment concerning the relocation of the Probation Office that is located in the Courthouse building. In other business the Official's fee and mileage reports were reviewed and approved by general consent. An application from the Chadron Chamber of Commerce for use of the courtyard for Farmers Market and Fur Trade days were reviewed. It was accompanied by a certificate of liability. They requested use from June through October 2015 to hold the market with hours of use being from 8:00 to noon and also for Fur Trade Days BBQ on July 11, 2015. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Johnson made a motion seconded by Rivera to grant use of the Courtyard for the Farmers Market only. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Blue Cross Blue Shield Subgroup application was reviewed and discussed. Following the discussion Commissioner Johnson made a motion to apply for the subgroup in conjunction with NACO for the year beginning in July 2015. This application will have the \$1,500.00 individual/\$3,000.00 family deductible, with the dental option 3 premier. The employee coverage split will be 75% county, 25% employee of the premium while the elected official split will 90% county and 10% employee premium. Motion was seconded by Rivera. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board Chairman signed the contract on behalf of Dawes County. The Board recessed at 9:32 A.M. and reconvened at 9:45 A.M.

Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, approached the Board at 9:45 A.M. Resolution 2015-10 pertaining to Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections was put on hold at the request of Larry Hankin,

Highway Superintendent and Stacy Swinney. Road updates were as follows: Road District #1, the culvert on North Slim Buttes is still holding as they had an issue with large trees going through and unraveling the inside. It will be replaced in the future with either an 8 or 10 foot culvert. Airport Road is closed due to flooding. Ormesher Road is closed from flood waters and replacement culverts are now here and will be installed in the future. County Line road has washout damage. Egan and Antelope Road have shoulder damage due to excess water.

Road District #2, Bethel Road is closed between the 2 highways and they are waiting for drier conditions to do maintenance.

Road District #3 is short staffed with only 1 employee.

Work continues on Soester Bridge, Albertson Engineering is working on a proposal. Larry McCaslin is also giving input. The Board would like the Highway Superintendent to oversee and coordinate all aspects of the project. Mr. Hankin reported on the pup trailer the County purchased. It will need to be made compatible with the trucks they now use in all three districts for the hauling of red rock for roads. In June it will be transported offsite for this work to be done. Mr. Hankin reported they now only have 1 part-time seasonal driver, down from the seasonal normal of 2. He would like to advertise for 2 additional part-time seasonal drivers. In District #3 an all wheel drive motor grader is having major problems. It is a 1997 model with 15,000 hours on it. Mr. Hankin would like to do a certified Caterpillar factory rebuild on it for \$82,000.00 with an additional \$3,000.00 for ring and pinion work bringing the total cost to \$85,000.00 more or less. This rebuild is 0% interest for a 6 month period which would delay the payment until the next fiscal year. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to allow Mr. Hankin to schedule the work to be done on the District #3 machine. At 10:15 A.M. Mr. Hankin left the meeting.

At 10:15 George Ledbetter entered the meeting followed by Annette Trylick at 10:11 A.M. and Justin Haag at 10:12 A.M. They along with Chris Fankhauser are members of the Dawes County Tourism Board. Lacy Peterson, HR Director, joined the meeting at 10:15 A.M. Their appointment with the Board was to discuss the Tourism Director position. The pay scale for the position will be around \$30,000.00 with benefits costs of approximately \$10,000.00 for a budget total of around \$40,000.00. Discussion was held on the merits of taking part of the salary from Visitor Promotion Fund and part from Visitor Improvement Fund versus all from one fund. The Clerk's office will research this and report back to the Board. Commissioner Rivera asked that information pertaining to the Tourism Director search, list where the revenue came from so the public is aware that lodging taxes will fund this position. Commissioner Stewart wants to have added to the job description that this person will act as the media representative for the promotion of Dawes County. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, to advertise the position for a Dawes County Tourism Director. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The closing date for this job will be June 15, 2015 with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2015. The Tourism Board will be doing the interviews. Due to the absence of the Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund, the scheduled approval of the By-Laws was postponed. All members of the Tourism Board exited the meeting as well as Lacy Peterson, HR Director.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to enter into executive session at 10:43 A.M., seconded by Rivera concerning personnel/compensation time. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to reconvene to regular session at 11:32 A.M., seconded by Rivera. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. No action taken.

At 11:34 A.M. Janice German, Dawes County Abstract, met with the Board to discuss the Hitch property in Marsland. After discussion and consulting with maps provided by Ms. German the Board decided to take no action at this time. Ms. German also shared with the Commissioners the progress of updating the road records. The next step will be working with Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent on the process. Ms. German left the meeting at 11:47 A.M.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, to go into executive session concerning personnel/Assessor at 11:53 AM. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, to return to regular session at 12:48 P.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action taken.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:49 P.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be June 9, 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 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 2:00 P.M. June 4, 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: _____
Deb Lesmeister
Dawes County Deputy Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 26, 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=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	\$531.36
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$7,597.07
100	AS CENTRAL SERVICES	\$170.80
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-EXTENSION	\$43.88
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$27,676.28
100	ROBERT HARDY	\$150.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$369.31
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-ASSESSOR	\$29.08
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$8.12
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$14.75
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$4.45
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$18.27
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CUSTODIAN	\$2.93
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$10.02
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$28.16
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$26.74
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$18.11
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-VETERANS	\$14.09
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$2.93
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$428.80
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$1,396.43
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$25,612.00
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD/CRAWFORD PD	\$128.36
100	ALAN P CONNELL	\$80.04
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$28.75
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$21.50
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$27.25
100	CULLIGAN-VETERANS	\$19.75
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$21.50

100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$1,690.04
100	DAVE'S PHARMACY	\$66.51
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$371.00
100	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$21.83
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$117.18
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$97.50
100	FIRST BANKCARD/BARBARA J SEBESTA	\$14.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$349.95
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$5.33
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$12,380.86
100	JAMIE GOFFENA	\$20.34
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS,INC	\$162.50
100	HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$25.26
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$200.78
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$180.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,248.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$141.16
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ASSESSOR	\$202.46
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$117.93
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$40.86
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$724.83
100	HERB L PETERSEN	\$228.00
100	PINE RIDGE LAND SURVEYS,INC	\$2,579.50
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$91.99
100	RAMADA INN	\$207.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL-WEBSITE	\$99.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$156.41
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$3,767.80
100	RESIDENCE INN LINCOLN SOUTH	\$249.00
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$238.98
100	JACOB STEWART	\$68.20
100	UNIVERSITY NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER	\$180.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN INTERNET	\$600.00
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$680.28
100	VERIZON WIRELESS-WEED	\$62.86
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$148.03
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$182.10
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$2,000.00
100	WESTERN PLAINS INC	\$91.16
100	WEX BANK/SHERIFF/BOSSelman	\$164.65
100	DAN WORDEKEMPER	\$10.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$105.37
200	AFLAC	\$220.10
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$819.49
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,255.34
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$976.50
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$16.22
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$30.00

200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	DWARE,INC	\$1,000.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,278.08
200	MARK CHRISMAN TRUCKING INC	\$7,460.00
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$98.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$354.36
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$69.80
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$15.00
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$2,519.31
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$98.23
200	RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$43.36
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$10,397.30
200	EARL RUSSELL	\$12.50
200	SHEEHAN MACK SALES & EQUIP,INC	\$2,884.09
200	STATE OF NE DEPT OF NATRL RESOURCES	\$60.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$113.21
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$116.20
2910	CORNERSTONE TOWER SERVICE INC	\$3,000.00
2910	OFFICE DEPOT	\$65.90
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$1,039.00
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$298.79