

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
November 28, 2017
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:58 A.M. on the 28th day of November, 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; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Kate Rivera; Jamie Rivera-Haas; Karlin Moody; Connie Bosak; Twila Satchell; Fr. Bernard Berger; Tim Bosak and Mayor David A. Nixon. 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, removing the appointment scheduled for 10:30 A.M. and approving the amended agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting with the following correction to wit: screener, not screen is using oil. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve all claims with the exception of claim# 17110202 payable to NACO in the amount of \$125.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. There being no correspondence, Public Comment ensued with Dana Streeks objecting to closure of the railroad crossing located between the Crawford Livestock Auction and grain elevator located on Mill Road. If this crossing is closed it will limit egress in bad weather. Karlin Moody expressed concern with emergency personnel getting to her place and semi trucks can't get in to haul cattle. Jamie Rivera Haas expressed concern this crossing is the only avenue for trucks coming into the bulk plant. Connie Bosak reported train noise has been an on-going issue in the Crawford area. She reported NDOT and the Railroad are in support of closing the crossing due to safety concerns. An offer of \$342,600.00 has been made to the City of Crawford to assist with installing a silent warning system and pay for a First Street crossing. Ms. Bosak also indicated in speaking to the Crawford Fire Chief, they are in support of the City of Crawford in pursuing this issue. Roy Norgard and Casey Schuhmacher indicated the Fire Department is neutral on the issue. The Fire Department uses Bethel Road, not Mill Road. Karlin Moody reported the Bethel Road route is a private crossing. Twila Satchell suggested Bethel Road be fixed. Board Reports ensued with Vic Rivera-No report; Webb Johnson-Aging Board is working on their budget and Federal Law requires employees to log all work and calls. PADD-money is available for loans and they will possibly hire another person. OHD-working on budget. No RC&D report until January. Stewart-NCAP- The Salvation Army is still in need of bell ringers. The Head Start Program is working on grants. SWANN-The Board discussed insurance coverage which needs to be decided by January of 2018. Region 23-Jack Rhembrandt will join the Board as Deputy Director in January of 2018.

At 9:31 A.M. David Nixon, Mayor of Crawford, met with the Board regarding a silent railroad crossing in Crawford. He indicated after a feasibility study was conducted, the State and Railroad feel there is a safety issue with the railroad crossing located on Mill Road. The State has offered funding to install a silent crossing, however; the funding is time sensitive according to Nixon. Mr. Nixon also indicated for the record the city doesn't own anything around the Mill Road crossing. Commissioner Rivera asked counsel if the City of Crawford can close a county road. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, indicated only the county can close a county road. Commissioner Rivera went on to ask if the railroad is so concerned about safety, where are the crossing arms? Mr. Nixon indicated this is a railroad question. A letter from Ken and Laure Sinn was received addressing their concerns with the closure of the railroad crossing on Mill Road. Commissioner Stewart expressed concern with the time frame involved to address this issue. The County can't possibly close a road by January of 2018 due to State requirements in closing a county road. Commissioner Rivera added a silent crossing is great but it must accommodate all concerned. Adam Edmund asked Connie Bosak if anyone has talked to the railroad regarding the Bethel crossing and she indicated this is happening today. Karlin Moody indicated the Bethel Bridge has an eight (8) ton weight limit and is not the Burlington Northern Railroad. Roy Norgard indicated for the record he

likes silent crossings but not at the expense of being bribed. He suggested two (2) silent crossings might be the solution to this issue. Connie Bosak suggested Bethel Road be fixed. A road study resolution will be added to the December 12, 2017 Agenda.

At 9:55 A.M. Larry Hankin met with the Board. Also present was Steve Arner, Susan Leeling, Don Clausen, Pam Mandelko, Casey Schuhmacher and Robert Grant. Mr. Hankin presented Board Members with a bid tabulation sheet on the Kneuppel Bridge project. He reported he has been in contact with M.C. Schaff and Associates who have recommended Fuller Construction for the project. Mr. Hankin agrees with the suggestion of M.C. Schaff & Associates. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to award the Kneuppel Bridge contract to Fuller Construction in the amount of \$91,052.50. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 10:00 A.M. the Chairman declared the Public Hearing regarding closure of Arner, a portion of Hawthorne and Lawrence Roads open. Public Comment ensued with Steve Arner indicating for the record that Ralph Knode couldn't be present, however; Arner Road needs elevated and rock or close it due to people tearing up the road and nearby fields. He went on to say they didn't mean to cause problems by asking for the road to be closed and he will not continue to pull anyone out anymore. Casey Schuhmacher asked about signage on Arner Road. Discussion ensued. Mr. Schuhmacher feels Arner Road needs to remain open and suggested the County have the road surveyed. Robert Grant asked if the road needs to be 24' and Mr. Hankin indicated the road would be 26'. Don Clausen expressed concern if Arner Road is closed, the Postal Service must use an alternate route and the County should fix the problems with Arner Road. Pam Mandelko wants the road fixed, not closed. Pam Mandelko also shared letters from Carol & Terry Connell, Tanner Connell, Charlie and Calvin Ebermeier, Don Mandelko, Brooke & Kevin Keim, Robert Galey and Cher Reeves who all requested the Board keep Arner Road open. Susan Leeling wants the road fixed, not closed, as backtracking costs her money and time when delivering the mail. Steve Arner indicated for the record he asked Commissioner Stewart to take a drive with him at Mr. Arner's expense to look at the condition of the road. There being no further comment on Arner Road and no one addressing Hawthorne or Lawrence roads during the hearing, the Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:25 A.M. Road Updates included the following to wit: District 1-maintenance and blading; District 2-dozing at Brun's pit and looking at contracting out crushing of the rock; District 3-Rock has been hauled and spread on ½ mile of Galey Road. The Crusher is setting up at the Eleson pit. Hawthorne Road millings were discussed and Mr. Hankin informed the Board the Crusher engine is getting bad and District 3 needs to have the 140H CAT rebuilt. He shared costs associated with a rebuild. The Board recessed at 11:26 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 11:39 A.M. The next order of business was setting salaries of Elected and Appointed Officials for the next four (4) years. Present was Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Karl Dailey, Sheriff; Celeste Cattin, Clerk of District Court; Chelsie Sparks, Treasurer and Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent. An official decision regarding salaries will be made at the December 26, 2017 Commissioner meeting after additional information has been provided to the Board. The County Clerk presented the Board with the MAXIMUS contract renewal for review and approval. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the three (3) year contract with MAXIMUS and directed the Chairman to sign the contract. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Custodial Job description was updated to include services at 342 Main Street. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to add 342 Main Street to the Custodial Job Description. Roll call vote, Ayes; Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Tourism Board appointment will be addressed at the December 26, 2017 Commissioner Meeting to allow time to advertize the open position.

At 12:35 P.M there being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be December 12, 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 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 12:00 P.M., December 07, 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

November 28, 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	\$931.85
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$9,568.67
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$519.15
100	BLACK HILLS PEDIATRICS LLP	\$440.00
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$34,306.07
100	BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC	\$73.98
100	CENTURYLINK	\$14.63
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$14.31
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$17.64
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$4.97
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$24.10
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$22.61
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$40.71
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$38.52
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$22.12
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$4.97
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$111.15
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$2,435.75
100	CHADRON PLUMBING	\$297.89
100	ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$1,257.73
100	SANDI CRILE	\$30.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELY,WATSON,HARF	\$460.00
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$1,281.81
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$308.04
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$2,594.13
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$457.00
100	ENGRAVERS	\$60.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$16,327.13
100	GENE R GILES DDS PC	\$204.00
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS,INC	\$37.50
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$28.95
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED	\$4.89
100	LA SIGN & SCREEN PRINTING	\$652.00
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$314.00
100	MIPS INC	\$1,387.07
100	MORRILL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$1,080.00
100	NACO	\$125.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00

100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,743.69
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$176.67
100	NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION	\$240.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/VETERANS	\$33.00
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$210.00
100	NORTHWESTERN HEATING AND COOLING	\$95.00
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$55.99
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$117.68
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$45.88
100	RAMADA INN-KEARNEY	\$219.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ASSESSOR	\$12.15
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$279.07
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$6,208.75
100	SAFEWAY-ALLIANCE	\$19.99
100	SERVICE MATTERS CLEANING	\$736.58
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$50.00
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$401.52
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$549.10
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$99.49
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$257.63
100	WALMART COMMUNITY-TREASURER	\$184.39
100	WALMART COMMUNITY-VETERANS	\$63.85
100	WALMART COMMUNITY-WEED	\$118.55
100	WALMART COMMUNITY/CLERK	\$28.58
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$1,000.00
100	DAN WORDEKEMPER	\$24.64
200	AFLAC	\$270.58
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,154.51
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$337.88
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,097.45
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$22.92
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,593.71
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$357.37
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$623.79
200	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$36.00
200	SANDVIK MINING AND CONTRUCTION USA	\$400.10
200	TREE DOC	\$1,500.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$126.36
990	AFLAC	\$15.47
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$66.96
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$88.17
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$219.11
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$40.18
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$16.50
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.35
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$149.00

