

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

December 18, 2013

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:05 A.M. on the 18th day of December, 2013 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 Swinney. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Chris Fankhauser, KCSR; and Gale DeBuse-Potter, Travel Board. 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 Swinney, amending the agenda to include the Pledge of Allegiance and add a decision on the health insurance for elected officials due to processing of payroll next week. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the December 04, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the minutes with the following correction to wit: use the word could instead of would regarding appointment of tourism board members. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney and Stewart with Johnson abstaining. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress. Claim #13120218 in the amount of \$510.66 to NebraskaLand Tire will be recoded to 0100-803-00-5-0301. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Swinney, approving all claims and directing the County Clerk to recode claim #13120218. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences included a letter from Schindler Elevator advising the Board of a 3.11% increase in elevator inspection fees beginning in January 2014 and information that the High Point Welcome Center will be included as one of the 15 officially recognized I-80 Visitor Centers beginning in January 2014. Public comment ensued with Gale DeBuse-Potter sharing information on what expenditures were authorized from the newly established visitor improvement fund. She also reported this will be a separate fund from the current Visitor's Fund already in place. It was noted for the record that the Visitor's Fund annually receives approximately \$60,000.00 in lodging taxes. Denis Lyons met with the Board and indicated for the record that Commissioner Swinney agreed to meet with him but to date this hasn't occurred. Commissioner Swinney apologized to Mr. Lyons and asked for his telephone number so he could call Mr. Lyons and schedule a time to meet with him. Wayne Fisher joined the meeting in progress. The Board recessed at 9:50 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:58 A.M.

At 9:59 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent and Blaine Yardley met with the Board. Mr. Yardley presented information relevant to recent bridge inspections conducted. He reported some road limit signage is gone, however; signage overall has improved. The Schumacher Bridge on Airport Road needs repairs as soon as possible. Mr. Hankin reported materials have been ordered for those repairs and the fracture

critical bridge across Chadron Creek needs corners cleaned. Pictures and a report of all bridges inspected were given to Board Members. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Swinney, accepting Mr. Yardley's bridge inspection report. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Yardley left the meeting. Mr. Hankin reported the Sand Creek Bridge project is back on and the county's share of \$56,000.00 to replace the bridge is very cost effective for the county. He reported road crews are plowing snow. District 2 is working on building maintenance; Shane Cullan, Weed Superintendent, has been helping plow snow, doing equipment maintenance and working on his annual report; the Crusher was down due to weather but is now up and running. The Bethel Loop project has slowed down due to frost. Discussion ensued about which budget to pay the project costs from. The Board informed Mr. Hankin to pay project costs from his road budget as planned. Mr. Hankin informed the Board that FEMA won't reimburse snow removal done as a result of the October 04, 2013 snow storm. The only thing FEMA would reimburse is debris removal. Mr. Hankin reported due to the amount of paperwork required by FEMA for the debris removal vs. reimbursement amount by FEMA, it wouldn't be cost effective for the County to pursue reimbursement. He also informed the Board that he will be updating snow removal routes and the information will be shared with the public.

At 10:36 A.M. Phil Curd, Surveyor, met with the Board. Also present was Echo Clark from the Assessor's Office. He indicated the Assessor has asked him to survey MILE corners for State Plane Coordinates. In reading through his scope of work outlined in State Statute this service does not appear to be part of the County Surveyor's duties. The cost to survey these corners would run \$550.00 per corner and Mr. Curd expressed concern with his survey matching fence lines as many MILE corners have been found or reset since they were set in 1878-1882. Echo Clark indicated for the record that Berryville needs to be surveyed to establish MILE corners for State Plane Coordinates. There are approximately 10-12 corners in need of immediate attention. The Board asked Mr. Curd to present a proposal addressing the immediate concerns. As Mr. Curd is contracted by the County, Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, will study the issue to see if this type of survey would be part of those contracted services or not.

At 10:57 A.M. Sandy Roes, WCHR Director, met with the Board and presented the Panhandle's Juvenile Justice Plan. The grant application is due January 10, 2014. The amount of the grant has increased to \$24,675.00 with a \$2,742.00 in-kind match required. One of the priorities listed in the plan was a Resource Officer in the Crawford School system. Discussion ensued and Ms. Roes volunteered to accompany Commissioner Johnson when he visits with Crawford Schools to see if this is still a priority for them. She also informed the Board that work needs to begin now for next year's grant. There is a planning meeting scheduled on February 21, 2014 to start addressing needs for that grant application. She invited the Board to attend that meeting and bring their ideas. She asked the Board to authorize someone to sign the grant application so it can be sent in a timely manner. Commissioner Johnson moved to authorize the Board Chairman as signor on the grant application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swinney. Roll was called, Ayes: Swinney, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly reports of the various offices by general consent.

At 11:31 A.M. Deann Haeffner, from the Auditor of Public Accounts office, conducted a conference call with the Board regarding the final audit report for Dawes

County ending June 30, 2013. The management letter addressed segregation of duties in offices, establishment of petty cash accounts by resolution, county vehicle usage by employees, review of the manual change listing re: DMV, ACH authorization forms, unclaimed property procedures, etc. The Board asked about the line items created in the Veterans Aid Fund and were told that line items can be added to any budget at any time during the fiscal year as long as it doesn't affect the overall budget adopted for that department. John Axtel, Double Q Country, joined the meeting. The Board also learned the State doesn't intend to audit the county next year as they found the county to be compliant. The next order of business was setting the salaries of the elected officials. Commissioner Swinney informed those present the county had the opportunity to have someone serve on the salary study committee sponsored by NACO and he was able to do this. He read information from that study aloud and informed those present what has been accomplished by the current board during their tenure. Those changes have allowed the county to get out of debt with the exception of money owed on the elevator project for the courthouse. If the county wanted to pay off that debt, they have enough in savings to do so. Several different options were presented before final numbers were agreed upon so Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund, could draft a resolution to be presented at the January 08, 2014 Commissioner meeting for adoption. Commissioner Swinney moved to set the 2015 Elected Officials base salary at \$43,000.00 (excluding the Public Defender and County Attorney, who already receive more per year) with annual increases based on the consumer price index, not to exceed 3% for years 2016, 2017 & 2018. County Commissioners will receive a base salary of \$21,500.00 for 2015 with annual increases based on the consumer price index, not to exceed 3% for years 2016, 2017 & 2018. In addition, the County Clerk will receive \$2400.00 annually for ex-officio duties as Election Commissioner beginning January 01, 2014. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson moved to have the county pay 90% of all Elected Officials insurance benefits beginning January 01, 2014. Commissioner Swinney seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Swinney, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the County Clerk presented information relevant to Fire Sprinkler inspections. The Board learned that Nebraska Safety and Fire out of Scottsbluff could do these inspections at a cost of \$250.00 annually. Commissioner Johnson moved to hire Nebraska Safety and Fire to conduct annual fire sprinkler inspections at a cost of \$250.00. Commissioner Swinney seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The KONE Elevator contract for 250 Main Street was discussed. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Swinney, approving the KONE Elevator contract to inspect the chair lift in the amount of \$360.00 annually. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next order of business was appointing an authorized representative for Disaster#DR-4156 to work with FEMA on reimbursement to the County. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Johnson, appointing the County Clerk, Cheryl Feist, as authorized representative for Dawes County. Roll was called, Ayes: Swinney, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 1:05 P.M. to conduct a quarterly jail inspection. The Board reconvened to regular session at 1:53 P.M. Extension Board appointments were discussed. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Swinney, appointing Tim Milner to the Extension Board. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M. The next meeting will be January 08, 2014, 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 Commissioners Room at the Courthouse. A current agenda for the meeting is kept on file in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours for inspection, but will close by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, January 03, 2014. The meetings of the Dawes County Commissioners are open to the public. **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: _____
COMMISSIONERS

DAWES COUNTY

Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk

December 18, 2013 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; 1275=Health Claims Fund; 2910-911=Emergency Communications); 2913=Wireless Communications; 4000=Courthouse Bond Payment Fund.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	ABSALON FOOD CENTER	\$1,090.97
100	AFLAC	\$466.02
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$7,531.56
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$84.77
100	BAUERKEMPER'S INC-WEED	\$51.25
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$399.28

100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$25,300.40
100	ROBERT HARDY	\$180.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$107.10
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$94.28
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$372.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$321.51
100	CLARK HANDYMAN SERVICES LLC	\$158.37
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	\$144.75
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$224.20
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$209.99
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$15.75
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$358.00
100	DOLLAR GENERAL	\$35.75
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$12,346.81
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$361.18
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$48.50
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$28.95
100	LANDRETH PLUMBING & HEATING,INC	\$1,952.81
100	MAIL FINANCE	\$1,650.00
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$1,683.98
100	LARRY L MILLER	\$2,067.88

100	MIPS INC	\$3,021.04
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$60.00
100	NACO	\$1,188.38
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$210.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,208.62
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,364.21
100	NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION	\$680.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$66.59
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$233.79
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$41.98
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$210.00
100	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$510.66
100	NORTHWESTERN HEATING AND COOLING	\$65.00
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$161.88
100	OREGON TRAIL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	\$906.00
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$5.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$216.68
100	HERB L PETERSEN	\$387.00

100	MARTHA QUAY	\$7.19
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$171.94
100	RAMADA NORTH PLATTE	\$225.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$612.12
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$38.70
100	RUSHVILLE CLINIC	\$140.00
100	RUSS SEGER	\$90.00
100	SHELL-EXTENSION OFFICE	\$252.03
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,244.08
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$125.89
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$51.73
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-SHERIFF	\$240.48
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$178.80
100	WESTERN NEBRASKA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$150.00
100	WEX BANK/SHERIFF/BOSELMAN	\$1,228.59
100	WEX BANK/SHERIFF/EXXON	\$173.42
100	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	\$59.60
100	JON WORTHMAN LAW OFFICE	\$495.55
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$76.53
200	ACE IRRIGATION & MANUFACTURING	\$9,201.70
200	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$309.97

200	AFLAC	\$282.08
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$875.39
200	BIGHORN AUTO SUPPLY	\$481.08
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,047.13
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$30.00
200	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$2.65
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$103.26
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$109.11
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,526.37
200	PAT FURMAN	\$6,030.00
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$403.18
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$49.50
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$222.60
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$16.36
200	KRIS ENGINEERING	\$1,908.55
200	GERALD LUX	\$300.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$23.47
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$62.00
200	MID COUNTRY MACHINERY,INC	\$20.48
200	WALT MONTAGUE	\$1,065.00

200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$384.69
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$132.73
200	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$301.16
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$132.77
200	POWERPLAN	\$355.48
200	RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$183.48
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$80.00
200	SELLMAN RANCH LLC	\$285.00
200	SHEEHAN MACK SALES & EQUIP,INC	\$121.01
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$4.81
200	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$284.83
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$94.53
200	WESTCO	\$25,245.92
200	WISE-MACK, INC	\$46.30
200	JERRY BLAINE YARDLEY	\$3,360.00
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$610.73