

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
March 14, 2023
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Board of Equalization in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 14th day of March, 2023 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Rivera; Commissioner Jake Stewart and Commissioner Webb L. Johnson. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney and Kay Hill, HR. 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. The poster can be found on the door next to the United States Flag. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting or requesting a copy. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, accepting the agenda with the deletion of tax corrections. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting with the following correction to wit: 2005 Ford Freestar, not Freestart as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, presented an exemption renewal for Red Cross on a 2005 trailer. Upon review, Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the exemption renewal for the Red Cross and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business Mr. & Mrs. Steve Cornish approached the Board. Mrs. Cornish indicated for the record there is a mix up re: Congregational Church exemption. They received a post card in January of 2023 indicating the church wasn't tax exempt. Several letters were apparently sent but not received by the church. Commissioner Stewart informed Mrs. Cornish that November is the month to get their information to the Assessor re: tax exemption renewals. The Assessor indicated for the record she was never asked to send a copy of a letter sent to them. She was also told the church is being mismanaged. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Cornish indicated the church never received their tax statements either. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, joined the meeting. He presented the Cornish's a copy of the tax statement he sent to the church. Penalties can't be waived re: taxes. Mr. Wellnitz reported the church was sold at tax sale for past due taxes. Interest accrues daily. The Investor will hold the certificate for three (3) years or until such time taxes are caught up. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to uphold the exemption denial regarding the Congregational Church. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:21 A.M. The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. A current Agenda to the Board of Equalization proceedings is kept on file in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours for inspection, but the agenda will close by 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 06, 2023. The agenda may be modified to include items of emergency nature. The meetings of the Dawes County Board of Equalization are open to the public. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners Room located in the Courthouse. **Disclaimer: A complete text of all resolutions passed by the Board of Equalization is available upon request in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours.**

ATTEST: _____
CHERYL FEIST
DAWES COUNTY CLERK

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION**

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

March 14, 2023

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:22 A.M. on the 14th day of March, 2023 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Members present were Vic Rivera and Jake Stewart. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Kay Hill, Human Resources Director and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. Per LB 898, Commissioner Johnson announced the location of the Open Meetings Act located on the door by the United States Flag. Copies of the Act are available upon request. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences acknowledged by the Board included Invitation to the Treasure Check Workshop; RSVP invitation to volunteer appreciation party; NW Community Action newsletter and NW Nebraska Development Corporation newsletter. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart to approve all claims as presented with the exception of claim#'s 23030072 in the amount of \$317.22 and #23030111 in the amount of \$630.50. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, to approve both River A Claims in the total amount of \$947.72. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson with Rivera abstaining from the vote.

At 9:40 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He reported the Red Card training is March 16, 23. The Red Card training allows for reimbursement to the County re: man and equipment hours while fighting fires. CDL's were discussed. Districts 1, 2 & 3 are trying to grade roads and fix soft spots. Equipment repairs were also discussed.

At 10:00 A.M. The Chairman declared the Public Hearing open to receive comments, suggestions, etc. regarding the use of CDBG re-use funds to cover costs associated with the multi-purpose/Jury room construction. Bids were advertised for, received, accepted and approved by the Board for this project. PADD is the Administrator of the CDBG re-use funds. Present was Celeste Cattin, District Court Clerk. There being no one from the Public with suggestions, comments, etc. regarding the purpose of the hearing the Chairman closed the hearing at 10:16 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to go forward with the construction project after the Public Hearing and utilize CDBG re-use funding to cover project costs. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Bids for the Custodial surplus sale were opened to wit:

Cheryl Feist bid \$50.00 on 10' steel ladder; Mike Felton bid \$12.00 on Craftsman gas powered leaf blower, bid \$24.00 on Stihl gas power weed eater, bid \$8.00 on Homelite gas power weed eater, bid \$18.00 on leaf bagger pull behind, bid \$10.00 on wooden stools and bid \$18.00 on the 14" Stihl chainsaw. Sam Wellnitz bid \$5.01 on 3ft ladder, bid \$6.00 on 7 ft aluminum ladder, bid \$10.00 on 10 ft aluminum ladder, bid \$5.55 on pull type fertilizer spreader, bid \$11.00 on leaf bagger pull behind, bid \$56.00 on Craftsman snow blower, bid \$41.00 on Stihl gas weed eater and bid \$79.00 on 14" Stihl chainsaw. Janell Stewart bid \$7.00 on wooden stools. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept all high bids with equipment removal by March 21, 2023. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to surplus the 2006 Buick Lucerne with 136,000 miles. It will be sold by bid. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Two bids were received to wit regarding the 2006 Buick Lucerne to wit: Paris Fisher Auto Sales bid \$2675.00 and Autos, Trucks and More bid \$3,150.00. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept both bids and award the bid for the 2006 Buick Lucerne to Autos, Trucks and More in the amount of \$3150.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Johnson, with Stewart abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. A Veteran's Service Board member appointment was reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to appoint Stacy Swinney to the Veteran's Service Board replacing Ken Marlett. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. An Extension Board appointment was

reviewed. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to appoint Tim Milner to the Extension Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera opened discussion regarding a weapons policy. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, joined the meeting. Commissioner Rivera indicated he open carries because of personal threats made towards him. Commissioner Stewart indicated personnel policies need reviewed. No one should be in fear for their life. Dan Wordekemper indicated he feels he should be able to open carry in his vehicle. It was noted for the record that open carry is allowed except in schools. Local Governments can address open carry through personnel policies. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to review a weapons policy for Dawes County. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Human Resource Director was instructed to call a personnel policy committee meeting to review policy re: weapons. Mr. Red Nest didn't show for his scheduled appointment. Commissioner Stewart reported he works for Native Futures out of Alliance and is contracted with DHHS to bring children/parents together for visits. He is seeking office space to schedule these appointments. The Board recessed at 10:58 A.M. to conduct a quarterly jail inspection.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on March 28, 2023 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on March 23, 2023. **All Resolutions adopted by the Dawes County Board of Commissioners are available for public inspection during normal business hours of the County Clerk's Office.**

ATTEST: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 14, 2023 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on the respective accounts: Key for claims: 100=General Fund; 200=Roads Fund; 650=HwyBridgeBuyback Program Fund; 990=Visitor's Fund; 1100=Reappraisal Fund; 1150=Preservation&Modernization Fund; 1900=Veterans Aid Fund; 2360=Drug Fund; 2500=Grants Fund; 2501=CDGB Fund 2700=Inheritance; 2910-911=Emergency Communications; 2913=Wireless Communications; 4600= Bond Payment Fund

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$1,698.37
100	ASHLEY AHRENS	\$13.92
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$9,385.39
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$706.74
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$169.62
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$56.16
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$37,056.73
100	BOB'S SNOW REMOVAL	\$270.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$2,150.40
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$1,954.51
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$40.42
100	CENTURLINK	\$542.87
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$145.15
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$580.25
100	SEAN D CONSIDINE	\$30.06
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$1,721.88
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$1,580.00

100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$64.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$19.50
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$21.50
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$16.50
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$34.50
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$13.00
100	CVSOAN TREASURER	\$120.00
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$450.50
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$288.00
100	DAWES COUNTY EXTENSION	\$179.47
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$498.50
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$422.10
100	DO DROP IN	\$1,000.00
100	DOCU-SHRED LLC	\$80.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$1,700.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$213.61
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$38.50
100	FIRST BANKCARD/HR DEPT	\$22.50
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$252.69
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$15,168.55
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$116.40
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$280.22
100	GRP & ASSOCIATES,INC	\$53.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$52.80
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$862.64
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$117.00
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$1,402.50
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$91.04
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,455.98
100	MIPS INC	\$3,513.49
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$219.23
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,898.05
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,845.68
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$283.59
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$138.58
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$55.83
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/PUBLIC	\$34.54

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100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$127.08
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$219.98
100	NEXTONER,LLC	\$218.85
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$188.90
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$1,982.60
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$125.64
100	PANHANDLE ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION	\$100.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$965.00
100	RAMADA COLUMBUS & RIVERS EDGE	\$288.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$31.93
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/TREASURER	\$1,090.60
100	RELIABLE PAINTING, LLC	\$19,566.00
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$317.22
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$314.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,604.36
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	TREE DOC	\$860.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$72.74
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$265.25
100	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	\$387.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$124.38
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$265.94
200	AFLAC	\$418.71
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,190.41
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,190.63
200	BRENNAN ELECTRIC	\$2,174.90
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$5,219.81
200	CENTURYLINK	\$17.25
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$701.67
200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$38.00
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$125.95
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$103.10
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$73.96
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,303.20
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$1,503.74
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$70.00
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$42.93
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$2,055.00
200	KCSR-AM	\$220.00

200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$570.53
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$247.06
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$76.02
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$752.38
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$337.75
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$54,764.66
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$147.32
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$4,867.58
200	PLATTE RIVER GLASS LLC	\$500.00
200	POWERPLAN	\$5,119.83
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$630.50
200	SANDBERG IMPLEMENT INC.	\$764.53
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$1,127.91
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$45.89
200	STACY SWINNEY	\$8,740.00
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$150.76
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$72.31
990	AFLAC	\$13.20
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$72.65
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$114.53
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$4.42
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$1,449.31
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$124.06
990	GEORGE LEDBETTER	\$2,685.44
990	MSM PRINTING	\$5,827.69
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$23.70
990	KERRI REMPP	\$32.00
990	RICHARD H RUFF	\$1,397.36
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.79
995	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING INC	\$1,656.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$3,741.72
2501	R&J INDUSTRIES PLUS, INC	\$47,062.50
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$6.75
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$16.42
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.01
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.61
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$168.33

