

- CHADRON, NEBRASKA
February 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 February, 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 Johnson accepting the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction #'s 5252-5264 for the Boards review. Upon review of said tax correction(s) Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve tax correction #'s 5252-5264 as presented and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next order of business was setting the 2023 valuation protest hearing dates. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to set the 2023 valuation protest hearing date commencing on July 17, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. in the Commissioner room at the Courthouse. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The County Clerk was instructed to advertise information relevant to valuation protest hearings as the time draws near.

Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, presented two (2) vehicle exemption renewals for the Boards review. Camp Norwesca is requesting exemption on a 2005 Ford Free Start and a 2008 Ford Economy Line. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve both exemption renewals for Camp Norwesca and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. 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 9:13 A.M. The next meeting will be held on March 14, 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, March 09, 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

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DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:14 A.M. on the 14th day of February, 2023 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Members present were Jake Stewart and Vic Rivera. 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 as presented. 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 January 24, 2023 meeting with the following corrections to wit: Commissioner Stewart, not Commissioner; strike the word "with"; delete one notice re: Terry Curtiss, Atty left the meeting at 9:34 A.M.; One/Six Year Road report listed District 3 had eleven (11) miles left on Ferguson Road, there is actually .4 miles left on Ferguson Road; Squaw Creek Road has two (2) miles left; Four Mile Road has one (1) mile of road left to build; Breakneck Road has 1.5 miles left to build and North Whitney Lake Road has five (5) miles of road left to build. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Claim #23020049 needs recoded to medical prisoners. Motion by Commissioner River, seconded by Stewart to approve all claims with the exception of River A claims in the amounts of \$355.09 & \$379.40 claim #23020086 and \$4,699.00, \$87.08 and \$230.00 claim #23020130. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to pay claim #'s 23020086 and 23020130 in the total amount of \$5750.57 payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board at this time noted for the record that no Farmers or Ranchers were hired to move snow in the recent blizzards. All individuals hired were Contractors with the proper liability insurance. Roger Suhr joined the meeting.

At 9:30 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He reported all three districts are continuing snow removal and equipment maintenance. Both District 2 and District 3 have repairs being done on equipment in Scottsbluff. District 1 is in receipt of their new loader. Snow fencing was briefly discussed and will be addressed at a later date by the County. District 2 hired Dan Kaiser and Mr. Yada reported March 16, 2023 Red Card training will be conducted at the Crawford Fire Hall. In other business Kay Hill, HR Director, presented information relevant to a county burial request. Upon review and discussion, Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve a county burial through Chamberlain Chapel for county assistance in the amount of \$3,000.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 9:44 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:48 A.M. Roger Suhr discussed the condition of Davenport Road. Commissioner Stewart indicated for the record maintenance will be addressed. Mr. Suhr reported his property value is very high and would like attention to Davenport Road. Celeste Cattin, Clerk of District Court presented a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Dawes County and the State of Nebraska regarding courtroom technology. Upon review and discussion, Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the MOU between Dawes County and the State of Nebraska and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:57 A.M. Brad Streeks, Custodian, presented a surplus listing for the Boards review and approval. Upon review and discussion regarding items on surplus, Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept the surplus listing presented by the Custodian. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Custodian will advertise the items and all sealed bids will be opened at the March 14, 2023 Commissioner meeting.

At 10:03 A.M. Mandy Horn, Tailgate Bar & Grille, presented a Special Designated License (SDL) for the Post Playhouse fundraiser planned for March 18, 2023 at the Buffalo Soldiers Barracks. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the SDL application of the Tailgate Bar &

Grille. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Deb Lesmeister, Dawes County Deputy Clerk joined the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the ARPA administration. Projects/Costs/Balance of ARPA funding reports was discussed. ARPA reporting will be done by Commissioner Stewart and Deb Lesmeister. The Board then discussed Road 50/ Commissioner Rivera is concerned with following court orders and the law. He would like to see counsel send a certified letter addressing the overhead signage structure and removal thereof. Discussion ensued. Also discussed was the costs associated with rebuilding the road in question that was previously altered by an individual. Reclassification of the road to rural residential, removal of signage and property access for another individual is restored was a suggestion made by Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund. If the road ends up being vacated signage won't matter anymore. Commissioner Rivera moved to direct counsel to send a certified letter to John Mai to remove the overhead signage structure within thirty (30) days. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Rivera withdrew his motion due to lack of a second on the motion.

At 10:29 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, met with the Board. He informed the Board he is still cleaning up audit issues. He has a NSF check that needs to be cleaned up and was told he must go through the Board for approval to do so. Credit Card issues are still being addressed. There appears to be approximately \$2300.00 in variances since 2017. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to direct the Treasurer to submit a claim to cover audit corrections not to exceed \$3,000.00 on each individual claim and all claims will be coded to 0100-970-002-1750. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:32 A.M. Mike Bateman, John Deere, met with the Board to discuss rental of the Crusher and Stacker. Mr. Bateman told those present if the unit is sold, there isn't another one available at this time. He suggested the Board look into a RP (rental purchase) contract. The county would receive 100% of the rents paid back to apply towards a purchase. He also indicated there is a 6.2% rental interest fee included. He suggested the Board contact NACO about financing the project. Commissioner Rivera asked if the crusher will be inspected prior to purchase. Mr. Bateman informed the Board that John Deere has already spent a considerable amount towards the crusher upkeep while it was being rented by Dawes County. Mr. Bateman also indicated for the record that screens are available to clean the sand from the rock before crushing. The cost to rent a screen is \$13,500.00 per month for a two deck screen. The stacker rental would remain a part of the rental agreement. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Rivera expressed concern with having enough people on board to run the crusher. Currently there are two (2) individuals that can run the crusher with a possible third individual. The Board requested an expenditure report for the Roads Department. The total cost to outright buy the crusher, screen and stacker would run approximately \$488,230.00. Upon review of the Roads Department budget, it was determined the county will let the crusher rental go back at this time.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was recessed at 12:07 P.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on February 28, 2023 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on February 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

February 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	\$1,698.36
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,590.26
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$492.22
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$733.92
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$35.50
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$257.52
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$1,662.34
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$37,562.86
100	BOB'S SNOW REMOVAL	\$720.00
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$190.70
100	GARY R BRIDGES JR	\$62.14
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$60.90
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,006.10
100	CELESTE CATTIN	\$9.90
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$32.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$570.96
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$277.23
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$3,704.98
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$108.28
100	REBECCA CHASEK	\$348.00
100	ARON CHRISMAN	\$460.82
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$501.14
100	ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$150.97
100	SEAN D CONSIDINE	\$242.46
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$575.28
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$730.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$500.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$54.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$23.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$19.50
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$34.50
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$23.00
100	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$200,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$325.00
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$353.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$498.50
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	AUDREY M LONG	\$1,080.00
100	ENGRAVERS	\$60.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$188.38

100	FIRST BANKCARD/HR DEPT	\$47.11
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$112.33
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$19,043.28
100	GARDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	\$700.00
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,358.59
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$105.34
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$1,844.64
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$458.75
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$221.00
100	JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY,INC	\$361.50
100	KCSR-AM	\$55.00
100	LINCOLN CO SHERIFF-NEBRASKA	\$9.43
100	LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	\$215.62
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$85.62
100	JEANIE MELTON	\$344.56
100	MIDWEST CONNECT,LLC	\$305.00
100	MIPS INC	\$3,678.72
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$219.31
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$105.00
100	NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY TREASURERS	\$50.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,475.02
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$281.25
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$2,022.12
100	NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	\$695.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$396.05
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$194.92
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$64.20
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/DISTRICT CT	\$189.50
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/PUBLIC DEFEND	\$69.06
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$118.46
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$199.81
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$851.70
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$679.53
100	PANHANDLE COUNTY TREASURERS ASSN	\$25.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	MARTHA QUAY	\$20.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$471.63
100	QUILL CORPORATION-DISTRICT COURT	\$74.57
100	QUILL CORPORATION-EXTENSION	\$86.47

100	QUILL-SHERIFF	\$294.75
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/SHERIFF	\$134.99
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$3,122.00
100	REGIONAL WEST PHYSICIANS CLINIC	\$418.34
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$734.49
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$16,107.23
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,766.26
100	THOMAS CREATIVE APPAREL INC	\$362.75
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$12,762.97
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$72.74
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$265.25
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$472.75
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
200	AFLAC	\$398.10
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,674.03
200	BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS,INC	\$1,181.80
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$1,304.17
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$1,798.17
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,246.86
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$2,160.00
200	CENTURYLINK	\$17.25
200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$78.50
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$123.91
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$123.10
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$432.25
200	SHANE CULLAN	\$3,000.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$460.58
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$5,254.48
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$70.00
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$44.55
200	KAISER TIRE MOBILE SERVICE	\$247.00
200	KCSR-AM	\$405.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$41.08
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$110.00
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$76.02
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NE ASSOC OF CO ENGINEERS,SUPER,SURV	\$50.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,279.37
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$335.23
200	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ROADS	\$226.90

200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$16,444.11
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$349.72
200	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$259.70
200	PARK S MILLER CONSTRUCTION INC	\$13,500.00
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$25,431.85
200	POWERPLAN	\$29,589.17
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$5,016.08
200	IDA DELLA SEEGRIST	\$11,580.00
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$11,311.74
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$613.50
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$150.76
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$78.30
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$568.02
990	AFLAC	\$13.20
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$88.92
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$114.53
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$65.00
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$4.42
990	DAWES CO TREAS/TOURISM BENEFITS PAY	\$6,988.49
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$999.16
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$186.24
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$41.16
990	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$10.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.79
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,750.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,750.00
995	MILES PARTNERSHIP,LLLP	\$7,000.00
995	OMAHA MAGAZINE LTD	\$3,718.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$3,384.81
2580	CRAWFORD RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #4	\$7,991.40
2580	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	\$59,130.60
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.61
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	\$88.20
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$781.82
2910	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$235.13
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.24
2913	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$1,002.39