

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
April 25, 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 25th day of April, 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 and Casey Schuhmacher. 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. Sharon Rickenbach joined the meeting. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the 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 April 11, 2017 meeting as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Public comment ensued with Casey Schuhmacher speaking on LB 461. He informed the commission the Farm Bureau has sent a letter to State Senator's and encouraged the Dawes County Commissioners to do the same. He indicated for the record we need to urge the Nebraska Legislature and Governor Ricketts to reduce Nebraska's reliance on property taxes to fund K-8 education. Commissioner Stewart informed Mr. Schuhmacher the Board has drafted a letter and intends to send it State Senators. Board Reports included the following to wit: **Rivera**-Panhandle Mental Health Services is facing financial difficulties and has secured a loan to make payroll and operating expenses. **Johnson**-Area Aging responded to a recent audit; meals on wheels program can't be provided to those individuals already receiving services from the Area Aging Office. Other options are being looked at to address this issue. They will stay with Blue Cross, Blue Shield for insurance coverage; PADD is discussing Whiteclay, NE. cleanup; OHD discussed services funding. **Stewart**-Region 23 didn't meet; NCAP will begin hosting satellite meetings so individuals aren't driving so far each time there is a meeting. NCAP is also beginning to work on Head Start and other budgets. SWANN-working on budget with no increases projected.

At 9:40 A.M. Sharon Rickenbach met with the Board. She presented museum updates. The Marcus Cain exhibit was recently part of a story published in the Nebraska Farmer magazine. The Museum plans to set up a Hall of Fame kiosk recognizing area individuals who have been influential and contributed to the community. Facebook for the Museum is up and receiving several visits. She asked the Board to again consider additional funding to keep the farm maintained, the museum attractive, safe and educational.

At 9:47 A.M. Justin Bates introduced himself to the Board. He is the new Veteran's Service Officer for Dawes County. He is in the process of creating a Facebook page for Veteran's to access. The Board recessed at 9:50 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:56 A.M.

At 9:57 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Also present was Mike Bateman and Larry Burbach. Mr. Hankin reported NJPA has been set up for bidding purposes. Specifications went out for a motor grader purchase and two (2) bids were received to wit: Murphy Tractor & Equipment bid \$244,760.16 on a 770 GP Motor Grader and \$234,196.30 on a 670 GP Motor Grader. Delivery would be in July of 2017. Caterpillar bid \$244,000.00 on a 12M3 Motor Grader which includes a \$20,000.00 parts credit. This credit could be used to purchase a diamond ripper. Discussion ensued. A trade-in wasn't considered in the purchase; however, if a trade had been considered, the 1983 140G Motor Grader would be traded. Payment arrangements were discussed. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to purchase the 12M3 Motor Grader from Caterpillar for \$244,000.00 which includes a parts credit of \$20,000.00 reducing the bid to \$224,000.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Don and Paul Mandelko joined the meeting. Road Updates included all districts blading and pulling shoulders. Culverts were replaced on N. Whitney Lake and Bergfield Roads at the intersection. Don Mandelko asked where the county was at with the weight

limit. He reported he has real concerns with the seven (7) ton per axle weight limit. Putting this kind of a weight limit on roads will put agriculture out of business. He suggested the Board consider the Nebraska Department of Transportation weight restrictions and he doesn't want the current weight limit to spread to other county roads. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, indicated that several Sioux County taxpayers requested the weight limits. Casey Schuhmacher suggested the Board contact the railroad. Mr. Edmund indicated this has been done with no response. Both Edmund and Hankin assured Mr. Mandelko the weight limit wasn't intended to affect agricultural operations.

At 10:50 A.M. Kristina Harter, Tourism Director; Justin Haag and George Ledbetter, Tourism Board met with the Board to discuss by-law changes. George Ledbetter reported the changes are mostly cleanup with the exception of Section 8 which would be amended to have a Commissioner serve as ex-officio on the board. This would eliminate voting by that commissioner on issues before the Tourism Board. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting. Mr. Ledbetter went on to say that any decision the Travel Board makes must be ratified by the Dawes County Board of Commissioner's anyway. Commissioner Stewart supports the change, while Commissioner's Johnson and Rivera expressed concern with losing the vote on the Tourism Board. The Board took no action on the by-law changes. The by-laws will again be addressed at the June 13, 2017 Commissioner meeting. Mr. Ledbetter reported lodging taxes to date are at \$72,621.60 which is down by \$3000.00.

At 11:28 A.M. Jenny Nixon, UNL Extension approached the Board. Also present were Becky Bolze, Terri Lemmon, Colleen Mitchell, Tara Ledbetter, Jim O'Rourke and Jack Arterburn. Jenny Nixon introduced Jack Arterburn as the new beef/range systems contact. Mr. Arterburn briefed the Board on recent activities with his position which included information regarding a calving assistance workshop held at Chadron State College. Terri Lemmon reported on a recent "Connecting the Dots" workshop which had 120 students and 23 business partners attend. The program was very successful according to Lemmon. Commissioner Stewart informed those present he visited with Don Huls, former UNL Extension Educator for Dawes County. Mr. Huls encouraged the Board to visit with UNL regarding continued funding of this position. Jenny Nixon reported a two (2) year contract has been approved by UNL with Dawes County. The first year of the contract Dawes County will pay 80% of this position with UNL paying 20%; the second year of the contract Dawes County will pay 90% of this position with UNL paying 10%. At the end of the two year contract, Dawes County will be responsible for funding this position at 100% unless an agreement can again be made with UNL. The Board realizes the importance of this position in the 4-H program. Terri Lemmon expressed concern with her salary continuing July 01, 2017. Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the terms of the contract with UNL to fund Terri Lemmon's position. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent monthly fee/mileage reports of the various offices. A motion to enter executive session at 11:55 A.M. re: legal issue was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson moved to reconvene to regular session at 12:10 P.M. with no action taken during executive session. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 12:11 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 May 09, 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 at the Courthouse. A current agenda is available at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours but will close at 12:00 P.M., May 04, 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

April 25, 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	\$573.42
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$8,703.33
100	RICHARD BARTLETT	\$115.10
100	JUSTIN BATES	\$104.19
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$146.39
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$437.03
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$28,685.39
100	CENTURYLINK	\$58.81
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$11.69
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$17.86
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$4.89
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$30.22
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$25.27
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$26.88
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$34.20
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$41.29
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$24.55
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$4.89
100	CERNY'S BODY SHOP	\$215.70
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$1,355.62
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$2,276.50
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$17.25
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$17.75
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$15.75
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$5.75
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$1,287.25
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$308.04
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$502.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$8,006.50
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14,632.28
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS,INC	\$142.14
100	SAMUEL HOLMGREN	\$26.87
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED	\$164.23
100	KRIZ-DAVIS COMPANY	\$135.93
100	NE DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$14.25
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,491.53
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,636.80
100	NEBRASKA U C FUND	\$3,327.46
100	NEVE'S UNIFORMS INC	\$707.68
100	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$11.58
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$44.08

100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$210.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$706.68
100	LOREN POURIER	\$14.30
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$84.45
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$113.39
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/HUMAN RESOURCES	\$15.88
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$265.00
100	STANARD APPRAISAL SERVICES INC	\$760.00
100	BRIAN TAYLOR	\$9.87
100	ROSALENE B TOLLMAN	\$50.49
100	TREE DOC	\$950.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN INTERNET	\$900.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$7,160.41
100	VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	\$1,827.97
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$544.48
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$99.04
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$263.11
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$37.92
100	KENNETH S WINNER JR	\$17.81
100	XEROX CORPORATION	\$581.04
200	AFLAC	\$276.82
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,045.61
200	BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY,INC	\$1,488.00
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$265.37
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,914.49
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$23.51
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,402.05
200	FYR-TEK,INC	\$146.95
200	GREGORY'S INSURANCE INC	\$50.00
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$172.62
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$435.02
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$450.32
200	LITTREL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$350.00
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$31.00
200	MICHAEL TODD AND COMPANY,INC	\$10,593.19
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$609.51
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$125.02
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$14.50
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$9,996.40
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$171.64
200	PANHANDLE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	\$16,803.56
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$1,299.50
200	ROBERT PICKERING	\$64.76
200	SHEEHAN MACK SALES & EQUIP,INC	\$94.22
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$230.18
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$97.83
200	WESTCO	\$1,163.52
200	SCOTT E WILKINS	\$5,646.00

990	AFLAC	\$15.47
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$53.27
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$96.53
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$150.33
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$24.46
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$120.62
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$195.00
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$149.00
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$295.31