

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**  
**July 26, 2016**  
**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 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 Rivera. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. 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. Commissioner Johnson moved to amend and approve the Agenda with the following deletion to wit: remove road updates. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, to approve the July 12, 2016 minutes with the following correction to wit: road study was done in 1986, not 1886, as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, to approve all claims with the exception of claim #16070232 payable to River A Holdings in the amount of \$503.60 and denying claim #16070158 payable to Chadron Community Hospital in the amount of \$3,884.03 and directing the County Clerk to send the invoices back to Chadron Community Hospital to be researched to determine payee. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve claim #16070232 payable to River A Holdings in the amount of \$503.60. Roll call vote, Ayes; Johnson and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Public Comment ensued with Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presenting information relevant to adoption of By-Laws for the Dawes County Zoning Board. Staggering of terms and By-Law language was discussed.

At 9:35 A.M. Tim Buskirk, Nebraska Forest Service, met with the Board. Updates included information regarding fire restrictions now in place on forest lands and campgrounds. He asked for the County to support the Forest Service in fire restrictions; however, the County doesn't issue permits of any kind. The County Board will support fire restriction efforts in the county. He also reported Halsey, NE. fire crews have been here since the first part of July and will be replaced by another crew. The Forest Service is actively working on downed trees; fall contracts will soon begin; another Range Specialist will be hired as well as four positions filled in the Supervisor's Office. The Forest Service also plans to have a booth at the Dawes County Fair to talk/educate individuals about hazardous fuels reductions. They will also be requesting public input on the project. He was pleased to report campground visits are up this year due to advertizing. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress.

At 10:00 A.M. Kristina Harter, Tourism Director, met with the Board. She requested permission to use her personal credit card to pay for expenses incurred on the county credit card to avoid late fees. Discussion ensued. The Board directed her to contact First National Bank of North Platte to inquire about e-statements. In other business Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve Kristina Harter as a voting member of the Western Nebraska Coalition and Justin Haag as an alternate voting member. Roll was called, Ayes: River, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reviewed correspondence received from the Nebraska Crime Commission. The recent jail inspection found the jail facility to be in full compliance. The Board reviewed and approved by general consent mileage/fee reports of the various departments. The Board recessed at 10:15 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:25 A.M.

At 10:26 A.M. Alan Connell met with the Board. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to enter executive session re: personnel at 10:27 A.M. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to reconvene to regular session at 10:41 A.M. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to reduce the Veteran Service Officer hours to thirty-two (32) hours per week and any

other hours deemed necessary by the Veteran Service Officer. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:45 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board to review his 2016/2017 budget request. He informed the Board revenue line items will be added to his budget as well as a fee line item re: weed free inspection tags. He has pickup in the shop with a blown head gasket. He also discussed moving part-time sprayers to the same salary part-time truck drivers make. The Board will take this under consideration when budgets are finalized.

At 11:12 A.M. Lori Miskimins, Clerk Magistrate and Judge Russ Harford met with the Board re: 2016/2017 County Court budget request. Judge Harford informed the Board court appointed counsel will go up due to Juvenile/Criminal cases. Also reported to the Board was information received the Scottsbluff County Detention Center has closed its doors so juveniles will have to be transported to Madison, Lincoln or Omaha, Nebraska and the Public Defender has requested to be paid for representing parents in juvenile cases due to the amount of time involved with these cases.

At 11:30 A.M. Black Hills Gas Distribution presented a petition request to bore in a gas line on Buttermilk Road in Section 12, Township 32, Range 49. The Road Superintendent will inspect work once done. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the petition request of Black Hills Gas Distribution. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business Commissioner Rivera introduced Resolution No. 2016-24 directing the Treasurer to transfer \$388.48 from the 2910-911 Fund to the 2913 Wireless Fund reimbursing the 2913 Wireless Fund as directed by the Nebraska Public Service Commission. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The last order of business was Board Reports to wit: Rivera-the Panhandle Public Health District is nationally accredited now and they elected officers. Johnson-RC&D and PADD budgets are approved and they are still thinking about moving from the TCD building back to the Business Center. Stewart-Region 23 budget is approved; SWANN met and passed their budget with a positive cash flow and will be creating a CD to replace a baler. NCAP has been working on grants and will be audited in August of 2017.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:43 P.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be August 09, 2016 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., August 04, 2016.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Cheryl Feist**  
Dawes County Clerk

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**July 26, 2016 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their 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	\$634.29
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$9,220.84
100	MARK BETSON	\$22.34
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-EXTENSION	\$40.00
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$28,057.40

100	CELESTE CATTIN	\$115.94
100	CENTURYLINK	\$202.31
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$16.32
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$18.74
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$4.90
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CUSTODIAN	\$4.90
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$22.85
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$30.51
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$43.03
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$20.71
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$8.33
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$35.17
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$102.90
100	COMFORT SUITES EAST	\$267.00
100	ALAN P CONNELL	\$87.63
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$17.25
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$1,155.52
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$339.80
100	DAVE'S PHARMACY	\$81.83
100	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$92.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$502.00
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$854.60
100	DOLLAR GENERAL	\$27.25
100	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$350.77
100	EXPRESS AUTO SALVAGE	\$570.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$3.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$624.36
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$16,312.53
100	WAYNE FISHER	\$4.68
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS,INC	\$284.55
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$20.86
100	JAEGER LAW OFFICE	\$1,200.00
100	JENSEN REPAIR	\$254.12
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$125.00
100	MIPS INC	\$1,917.13
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,785.74
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$93.41
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$95.96
100	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$30.41
100	NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICES	\$5,865.00
100	PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	\$1,367.26
100	PANHANDLE RC&D	\$300.00

100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	LOREN POURIER	\$13.58
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$187.36
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$300.00
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$203.00
100	BARBARA SEBESTA	\$116.64
100	SERVICE MATTERS CLEANING	\$476.80
100	SPRING CREEK SERVICE	\$70.00
100	SCOTT M SWICKARD	\$64.98
100	BRIAN TAYLOR	\$9.94
100	LINDA THAYER	\$42.91
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$613.00
100	ROSALENE B TOLLMAN	\$50.68
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-COMPUTER COSTS	\$630.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$206.80
100	VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	\$8,051.25
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$573.27
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$219.76
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$11.25
100	KENNETH S WINNER JR	\$23.62
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$115.80
200	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$267.50
200	AFLAC	\$228.31
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$910.73
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,119.48
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$474.00
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$23.31
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$44.00
200	CHADRON LUMBER COMPANY INC	\$25.58
200	DAWES CO ABSTRACT & TITLE, INC ESCR	\$100.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$28.68
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,139.81
200	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	\$89.00
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$334.14
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$596.92
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$545.53
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$37.13
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$9,814.66
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$155.56
200	PANHANDLE COLLECTIONS,INC	\$158.69
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$6,304.31
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$503.60
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$104.43
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$97.47
200	WESTCO	\$4,819.50
990	AFLAC	\$15.47
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$58.04
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$96.53

990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$151.29
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$174.05
990	KRISTINA HARTER	\$405.54
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$30.11
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$737.75