

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
January 22, 2019
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:08 A.M. on the 22nd day of January, 2019 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Rivera. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Don Mandelko; George Ledbetter; Brittany Helmbrecht; Dan Wordekemper and Allen Gamble. Adam Edmund was excused from the meeting. 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. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, approving the Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, approving the minutes of the January 08, 2019 meeting as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, approving all claims as submitted with the exception of claim #19010227 payable to River A Holdings in the amount of \$16,807.68. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to pay claim #19010227 payable to River A Holdings in the amount of \$16,807.68. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart, with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment ensued with Don Mandelko indicating for the record the December 27, 2018 minutes stated how many miles of road had been graveled in 2018 per Larry Hankin. He reminded the Commissioners the Roads Department workforce was increased and Mr. Hankin was given a sizable raise, therefore; he feels more roads should've been graveled in 2018. He questioned the productivity of the Roads Department and informed the Board he's not the only one watching what is going on. Brittany Helmbrecht introduced herself to the Board and indicated she is here to show support for the Travel Board Grant re: the Cowboy Trail. George Ledbetter indicated this eight (8) foot wide trail runs through many states and the Travel Board is working with the railroad to bring the trail into Chadron. Dan Wordekemper asked when the ballast will be removed. George Ledbetter indicated in June of 2019. Mr. Wordekemper questioned removal of fences along the path as well. Allen Gamble, Interim CEO of Chadron Community Hospital introduced himself to the Board and indicated if there is anything the hospital can help with to be sure and let him know. Board reports ensued to wit: Stewart: NCAP-reorganized the Board/ finishing up the Head Start grant and close out of the previous grant went well. Region 23-reorganized the Board; SWANN-letter going out re: box rentals from SWANN and NNDC-held their annual meeting last Friday. Johnson: Area Aging-business as usual; will reorganize in February; RC&D-reorganized Board; PADD-board will reorganize in February; OHD-board will reorganize in February, grant applied for re: vehicle purchases and a house was found for purchase with an offer made. Rivera: Tourism Board-Cowboy Trail grant and updates; Region 1-met January 17, 2019 and hired Holly Brandt as the new Administrator; have four (4) new board members and leased our part of the building on Avenue D in Scottsbluff.

At 9:45 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. He presented the annual report for review/approval of the Board. He reported there has been a huge reduction of weeds in county right of ways due to spraying; lots of positive feedback from the public regarding mowing done in right of ways. There is also a push for weed free forage in Nebraska which Mr. Wordekemper will pursue and training will be offered. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the annual report and directed the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record and Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, joined the meeting.

At 9:55 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road Updates included the following to wit: District 1-hauled gravel to Beaver Valley Road; District 2-blading and equipment maintenance; Rivera asked if Graders are running and Cottonwood Road needs spot graveling.

District 3-crew members are helping strip the pit, hauling riprap to Sawlog Road; Crusher-moved to center of pit to start crushing rock. The Annual Road report was presented for review and approval by the Board. Commissioner Rivera shared Don Mandelko's concerns re: productivity of crews. Mr. Hankin responded the weather dictates everything with Road Department productivity. The 2018 gravel hauled was discussed. In 2018 Mr. Hankin reported 22.1 miles of road was graveled and 1.9 miles of road was spot graveled. The 2019 goal is to gravel 48.3 miles of road. Mr. Hankin went over the Annual Report with Board Members. A copy of the report is available at the Roads Department Office or County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the Annual Road Report and directed the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The 4th Quarter bridge inspection report was reviewed with the Board. Details of the report are available at the Roads Department Office. The naming of Medal of Honor re: Highway 20 was discussed. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to direct the Vice Chairman to draft a letter of support to name a portion of Highway 20 to Medal of Honor Highway excluding any part designated as Crazy Horse Memorial Highway. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:35 A.M. Karl Dailey, Sheriff and Steve Crile, Jail Administrator, met with the Board. Mr. Dailey reported the Jail facility is limited on space so female prisoners must be shipped to other areas for housing. Recently a female was sentenced by the Judge to serve 2-3 years in the County Jail. Estimated holding/medical costs could easily reach \$35,000.00 or more. These costs are paid by the County. Another similar case is eminent according to Dailey. Jail expenditures were discussed at length. Sheriff Dailey suggested the budget process begin sooner so these types of issues can be addressed. Closing the facility would be very costly for Dawes County according to Sheriff Dailey due to transport, housing, medical costs involved.

The Board reviewed and approved by general consent the Treasurers Six Month report; mileage and fee reports of the various departments. Two (2) Tourism Grants were presented for Board approval to wit: Chadron Festival of Quilts in the amount of \$1085.00 and the Cowboy Recreation/Nature Trail in the amount of \$50,000.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve both grants as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. A surplus request from the Assessor's Office for a computer was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the surplus request. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:55 A.M. Katie Haynes, Public Defender's Office, met with the Board. She is in receipt of the 2019 dues request of Panhandle Public Health. She reported the \$275.00 in dues doesn't justify the services received through the department so she indicated the membership won't be continued and another avenue looked at for the Wellness Committee. Commissioner Stewart shared the Generator Grant with Board Members. He reported the generator he is purchasing will run the entire Courthouse when electricity goes out in town. A letter of intent appointing Jake Stewart as POC (Point of Contact) for the grant and an agreement between FEMA and NEMA were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to appoint Jake Stewart as POC (Point of Contact) and directing the Chairman to sign the FEMA/NEMA agreement and all grant award paperwork. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, joined the meeting to discuss the Inclement Weather notification plan. She reported the Code Red program will be used to notify employees of inclement weather conditions. She has set up a notification to go out as a text to all employees. Employees must sign up for the Code Red notification to be included in the notices. The Board discussed budget transfers and the budget in general. A Public Hearing will be held at a later date to amend the current budget to cover additional expenditures.

At 11:36 A.M. the Board recessed to conduct a quarterly Jail inspection. At 12:11 P.M. the Board reconvened to regular session.

At 12:12 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 February 12, 2019 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 located 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., February 07, 2019. **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

January 22, 2019 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	\$1,471.24
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,082.41
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$30.44
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$228.53
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$83.34
100	BLOOM	\$68.80
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$33,618.54
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE/MISC	\$867.68
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$1,548.16
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-ASSESSOR	\$234.16
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$12.54
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$21.06
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$5.34
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$25.88
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$24.99
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-E 911	\$5.34
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$21.88
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$16.74
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$37.88
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$25.55
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$5.34
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$3.67
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$4,665.51
100	CLERK OF DIST COURT ASSOCIATION	\$50.00
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$111.22
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$850.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$28.75
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$15.75
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$23.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$21.50
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$923.46
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$296.04
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$612.00

100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$25,222.50
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$8,677.51
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$335.06
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$36.75
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$9.62
100	FIRST BANKCARD/TREASURER	\$410.19
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VANCE HAUG	\$1.75
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$10.46
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$79.44
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$16,610.25
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$436.79
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$210.00
100	WEBB L JOHNSON	\$357.52
100	KCSR-AM	\$55.00
100	VICTOR KING	\$250.00
100	KONE,INC	\$437.52
100	MIPS INC	\$2,057.30
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,056.14
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$65.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,876.32
100	NEBRASKA U C FUND	\$68.00
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$201.26
100	LORI OETKEN	\$21.40
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$210.00
100	PANHANDLE ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION	\$75.00
100	PANHANDLE DISTRICT ASSN	\$350.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$317.50
100	HERB L PETERSEN	\$675.00
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$50.88
100	MARTHA QUAY	\$7.69
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$48.41
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ASSESSOR	\$232.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$184.45
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/VETERANS	\$178.00
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$749.75
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$463.04
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$25.00
100	UNL EXTENSION SIOUX COUNTY	\$95.69
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$103.30
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$450.97
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$84.83
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$219.76
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$21.95
100	WALMART COMMUNITY-TREASURER	\$16.76

100	WALMART COMMUNITY-VETERANS	\$30.77
100	WALMART COMMUNITY/ASSESSOR	\$82.23
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$20.39
100	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$64.00
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	JESSICA WHETHAM	\$85.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$483.06
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$76.70
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$127.81
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$132.28
200	A & H TRUCK SALVAGE,INC	\$100.00
200	AFLAC	\$331.40
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,212.57
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,469.53
200	BOB'S WELDING & REPAIR	\$75.00
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$17.54
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$82.28
200	CNH CAPITAL PRODUCTIVITY PLUS	\$1,225.36
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/LARRY HANKIN	\$102.97
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,182.69
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$22.90
200	GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE & SUPPLY, INC	\$458.56
200	LAWRENCE HANKIN	\$7.25
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$609.65
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$137.24
200	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ROADS	\$195.98
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$11,651.54
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$174.64
200	PANHANDLE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	\$156.63
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$11,669.98
200	RDO TRUCK CENTER	\$27.99
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$16,807.68
200	SIMON CONTRACTORS OF SOUTH DAKOTA	\$5,179.90
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$373.95
200	TITAN MACHINERY	\$37,400.00
200	TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT,LLC	\$495.48
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$124.36
200	WESTCO	\$1,139.54
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$136.19
990	AFLAC	\$39.78
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$70.33
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$98.11
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$65.00
990	CHEYENNE RIVER DESIGNS	\$214.00

990	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,738.44
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$98.88
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$200.77
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$41.94
990	PEABODY HALE FIDDLE CONTEST	\$500.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$8.78
995	NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	\$3,250.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$11.55
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.26
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$195.00
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.31
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$890.00
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$49.22
