

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**  
**August 27, 2019**  
**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 27th day of August, 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 Deb Lesmeister, Deputy Dawes County Clerk and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart with the two following additions that were added 24 hours prior to the meeting: Resolution 2019-16 re: property tax allocation and Steve Crile, Jail Administrator re: Jail Budget-Medical Expenses. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart to approve the claims with the exception of Claim #19080205 for \$3.54 from the General Fund and Claim #19080233 for \$225.00 from the Road Fund to River A Holding. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Johnson, to approve Claim#19080205 for \$3.54 from the General Fund and Claim #19080233 in the amount of \$225.00 from the Road Fund to River A Holding. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Abstain: Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondence item: The Board is in receipt of a second letter from Terry Jessen. No one appeared for Public Comment.

At 9:20 A.M. Board reports were given. Commissioner Johnson report that the state audit for the Area Aging office is being conducted and work is being done on the new budget. RC &D and PADD did not meet in August but will in September. OHD program: The Executive Director evaluation was completed and the findings were very good. OHD budget was discussed and he stated the that amount of State funding is not yet final. Commissioner Stewart reported that NWCAP auditors from Kansas have completed their audit. The final report will be ready in October. Region 23 did not meet in August. SWANN is having Tire Amnesty day on September 13 and 14, 2019 at the Chadron Transfer Station only. The time will be from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. They will accept without charge the following tires from households in Hemingford, Sioux, Dawes and Sheridan Counties only. They will accept car and light truck, 20 per household, semi-truck/trailer, 10 per household, large equipment/ag equipment up to 4 per household. They will not accept tires on rims and no tires from commercial tire dealer and the tires must be sorted into the appropriate categories. Questions concerning this please call SWANN at 308-432-4245. Deb Cottier joined the meeting at 9:18 A.M. Commissioner Rivera reported that Region 1 met August 15, 2019. They did ratify the May and June 2019 agendas. They are presently trying to lease out the OHD in downtown Scottsbluff. This organization is trying to find ways to increase the awareness that resources are available for people in the Ag Community who may need support as this has been a very trying time for people in agriculture. Panhandle Public Health will meet on Thursday September 5, 2019.

At 9:27 A.M. Deb Cottier, NNDC approached the Board. She presented to them a Performance Monitor report that she received Friday, August 16, 2019. She stated this is the first time in 10 years that this program has ever issued a written document on things to be fixed within the program. The report stated that there are 8 findings that must be addressed. This must be done by October 2019. Roy Norgard entered the meeting at 9:36 A.M. She read aloud those findings to the Board and discussion ensued. She stated that in the last 10 years this program has helped 20 new businesses and the loan amount for that is approximately 2 million dollars. At the conclusion of the discussion it was decided that Ms. Cottier is going to find out if a waiver is available to Dawes County before proceeding with the other items that need to be fixed. Ms. Cottier will meet with the Commissioners on September 24, 2019 to report back. Ms. Cottier left the meeting at 10:02 A.M. The Board recessed briefly at 10:03 A.M. and

reconvened at 10:10 A.M. Mr. Norgard directed a question to Commissioner Stewart in regards to the upcoming budget as to when the trees on Mill Road will be addressed. Mr. Norgard left the meeting at 10:12 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent did not appear for his scheduled appointment time as he is out of the office. At 10:15 A.M. Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk entered the meeting and took over recording the minutes of the meeting.

At 10:20 A.M. Caleb Johnson, Budget Coordinator met with the Board. Also present were: Sam Wellnitz, Dawes County Treasurer, Shellie Decker, Deputy Treasurer and Kerri Rempp, Chadron Record. This appointment was to discuss the receipt of the monies for the Dunlap Road Bond. Funds and line items will need to be created on Revenue and Expenditure sides of the budget. Jenny Nixon, Tessa Reece and Melissa Mracek entered the meeting. The coding of the claims and bond payments will need to have a description of services rendered in relation to the Bond and this will be under the Roads Department Budget.

At 10:40 A.M. Jenny Nixon, Tessa Reece and Melissa Mracek met with the Board. Melissa Mracek was introduced as a new UNL contracted employee. The Board has agreed to pay to UNL on a contract basis approximately \$46,000.00 for the salary and benefits for Tessa Reece, a UNL employee. Tim Lordino and Greg Yonker entered the meeting at 10:45 A.M. The group from UNL Extension left the meeting at 11:03 A.M.

At 11:04 A.M. Tim Lordino, Chadron Police Department and Greg Yanker, Chadron City Manager approached the Board in regards to the Communications budget. On the Communications budget under General Fund, line item copier expense \$8,400.00 was added. On the 2910 Fund, \$1,800.00 was added for salary Roberta "Lindy" Coleman to do the E-911 addressing. \$5,000.00 was added for claims not paid last fiscal year, added \$40,000.00 to revenue side under 911 surcharges, reduced computer line item to \$5,000.00. Tower maintenance was reduced to \$7,000.00. \$33,071.00 will be transferred from the Inheritance Fund to the 2910 Fund. The ratio for the 2913 fund is 84% County expense and 16% City of Chadron expense at the present time. The Board recessed at 12:00 P.M. for lunch.

At 1:06 P.M. the Board of Commissioners reconvened. Steve Crile, Jail Administrator and Karl Dailey, Dawes County Sheriff met with the Board. They requested addition funds for the jail budget due to unexpected medical issues with the prisoners. Adjustments were made in the jail facility budget.

Resolution 2019-16 was introduced. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart to approve Resolution 2019-16, which is the property tax request of the Chadron/Crawford Rural Fire Districts, Ag Society of Dawes County for the 2019-2020. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Family Heritage Insurance requested and was given approval that their information be shared with employees. The remainder of the meeting consisted of budget reviews with adjustments being implemented where necessary. At the end of the day and before budget finalization the tax asking will be \$350,000.00 for the 2019/2020 budget. The 2019-2020 Budget hearing has been scheduled for September 16, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

At 6:55 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 September 10, 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., September 5, 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. Also available during normal business hours are copies of any reports submitted by entities.**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deb Lesmeister  
Deputy Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**August 27, 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=HwyBridgeBuyback 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	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC/SHERIFF	\$92.40
100	AFLAC	\$1,483.74
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,102.82
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$7.00
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$33.17
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$181.97
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$504.86
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$163.08
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$34,881.53
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$3,459.44
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$92.15
100	CENTURYLINK	\$67.47
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$16.55
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$25.00
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$5.53
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$33.37
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$24.21
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$24.18
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$17.28
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$35.54
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$29.04
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$5.94
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$311.05
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$126.00
100	REBECCA CHASEK DBA DOUGLAS,KELLY	\$205.50
100	ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$118.08
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$207.80
100	SANDRA CRILE	\$140.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$1,220.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$36.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$18.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$22.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$19.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$12.00
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$2,123.63
100	KARL DAILEY	\$62.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$309.04
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$706.00

100	ENGRAVERS	\$404.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$17,727.31
100	GALLS	\$243.92
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$10.39
100	ICS JAIL SUPPLIES INC	\$513.09
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$121.08
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$232.47
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$23.98
100	MIPS INC	\$769.01
100	ELISA MOORE	\$100.00
100	NACO	\$12.00
100	NE ASSOC CO CLERKS,REG DEEDS,ELEC C	\$50.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,129.01
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$167.88
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$2,889.93
100	NEBRASKA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS/NPERS	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	\$250.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$71.94
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/WEED DEPT	\$122.45
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$208.94
100	PANHANDLE RC&D	\$300.00
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$664.16
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$104.39
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$239.12
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/TREASURER	\$101.06
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$1,239.90
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$3.54
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$22,915.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$454.01
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$85.89
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$237.83
100	WALMART COMMUNITY-VETERANS	\$99.35
100	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$905.00
100	JESSICA WHETHAM	\$255.00
100	DAN WORDEKEMPER	\$10.27
100	JON WORTHMAN LAW OFFICE	\$1,795.20
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$380.34
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$14.00
200	AFLAC	\$361.63
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,343.59
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$71.98
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,135.93
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$21.30
200	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$303.87
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FERN ELESON ESTATE	\$2,011.50
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$4,044.89

200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$43.48
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$87.49
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$171.87
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$855.73
200	NORTH AMERICAN TRUCK AND TRAILER,IN	\$76.54
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$94.78
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$1,692.12
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$225.00
200	TOOF'S DIESEL REPAIR	\$1,859.16
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$125.88
200	WESTCO	\$18,319.68
200	WHITE RIVER FEED & TRAILER SALES	\$209.13
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$93.19
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$31.97
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$95.24
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$62.88
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$8.96
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.13
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$51.84
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.32
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$195.00
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.33
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$272.15





