

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**  
**March 24, 2020**  
**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:12 A.M. on the 24th day of March, 2020 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Jake Stewart. The meeting was conducted by teleconference call with Commissioner's Rivera and Johnson telephoning into the conference call. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, via teleconference call; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer; Celeste Cattin, Clerk of District Court; Jenny Nixon, UNL; Martha Quay, VSO; John Axtel, KCSR and Jim Willey. Per LB 898, Commissioner Stewart 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. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the Agenda, deleting Public Comment and adding COVID-19 Virus precaution discussion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the March 10, 2020 Commissioner Meeting minutes noting the following correction to wit: Don Edelman, not Dyer as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve all claims as submitted with the exception of Claim#'s 20030179 in the total amount of \$264.58 and #20030216 in the amount of \$135.00 both being payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to pay claim#'s 20030179 in the amount of \$264.58 and #20030216 in the amount of \$135.00 both payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion ensued regarding COVID-19 Virus precautions for Dawes County Government. Commissioner Johnson suggested restricted hours of work or close Courthouse to Public. Commissioner Rivera suggested the Courthouse close to the Public in light of the COVID-19 Virus. Commissioner Stewart reported he has been meeting with Elected Officials the past two weeks to discuss precautions the County can take. Every Department is responsible for ensuring their work areas are disinfected at least 2-3 times daily with the Custodial Department taking care of area's outside offices. Commissioner Stewart reported the County will stay operational to the Public through e-mail, the county website, phone or set appointments with a department. Each Elected Official will be responsible for posting their plan to serve the Public and making sure the Media is contacted. Employees will continue to work as usual and Officials have been told to document any illness or time from work regarding employees. Celeste Cattin asked about those individuals who have possibly exhausted their sick/vacation leave and become sick. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, indicated for the record the Federal Government is addressing this. Commissioner Rivera asked about Road Department Employees. The response was business as usual. Commissioner Stewart after visiting with Officials the past two weeks recommended the Courthouse close to the Public effective at 1:00 P.M. today. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to close the Courthouse and all county offices to the Public effective today at 1:00 P.M. with services still available. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:43 A.M. Mark Klemke, Mobius Communications, met with the Board. He presented a petition request to install fiber optic cable in Section 24, Township 30, Range 52 and Sections 19, 30 29, Township 30, Range 51. Upon review of said petition a motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the petition request of Mobius Communications and directing the Vice Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent all department fees/mileage reports. The 2020/2021 Budget agreement with J13 Enterprises, LLC was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept the 2020/2021 budget agreement with Caleb Johnson, J13 Enterprises and directed the Vice Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The 2019 Audit Engagement letter with the State Auditor's Office was reviewed. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the engagement letter not

to exceed \$21,000.00 and directed the Vice Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He reported that he and Commissioner Rivera have met regarding the formation of a Construction Crew. Crew Chiefs were also met with. There will be a total of five on the Construction Crew with Gary Bacon being in charge. Crews are cleaning out ditches and work will start on the Beaver Valley Road today. Discussion ensued regarding rental of a compactor.

At 10:00 A.M. Sealed bids for gravel were opened to wit: **Simon Contracting**-\$20.45 per ton or a total of \$204,500.00 per contract. Roads Simon Contracting would address are Goffena, Stockade, Beaver Valley and King Canyon Roads. **K-4 Trucking**-No bid, cannot deliver product in time frame allowed. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Johnson asked if there is enough money in the Roads budget to buy the gravel. Larry Hankin indicated yes. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept and award the gravel bid to Simon Contracting at \$20.45 per ton with a total contract of \$204,500.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:10 A.M. there being no further business before the Board, the Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be April 14, 2020 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 in the basement of the Courthouse. A current agenda is available at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours but will close at 12:00 P.M., April 09, 2020. **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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cheryl Feist**  
**Dawes County Clerk**

**DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
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**March 24, 2020 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	AFLAC	\$1,220.38
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,061.96
100	ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$47.50
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-EXTENSION	\$57.83
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$25.00
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$35,557.89
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$1,412.66
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$102.31
100	CENTURLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$14.18
100	CENTURLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$19.83
100	CENTURLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$5.46
100	CENTURLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$25.72

100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$23.50
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$24.57
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$42.44
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$38.96
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$5.46
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$11.98
100	ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$12.62
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$276.80
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$1,090.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$48.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$24.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$16.00
100	KARL DAILEY	\$432.98
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$309.04
100	DAWES COUNTY EXTENSION	\$25.74
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$581.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$2,330.00
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$719.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$27.98
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$17,377.91
100	GARDNER TECHNOLOGIES LLC	\$340.00
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$70.95
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$116.46
100	VANCE E HAUG	\$55.82
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$125.92
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$2,877.31
100	KONE,INC	\$2,418.12
100	LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	\$218.50
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$2,804.50
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$87.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,135.88
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$32.50
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,645.11
100	NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	\$664.83
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$631.66
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$202.00
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$270.25
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$119.98
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00

100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$959.10
100	QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	\$1,650.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$460.10
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$68.25
100	RAMADA NORTH PLATTE	\$160.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$16.59
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/TREASURER	\$192.76
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$452.35
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$264.58
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$899.09
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$19,449.43
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$855.72
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$89.46
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN INTERNET	\$1,200.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$401.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$86.73
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$243.53
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$10.00
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$69.99
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$455.44
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$127.21
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$144.76
200	AFLAC	\$314.26
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,175.68
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$132.62
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,296.01
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$1,458.81
200	CENTURYLINK	\$144.32
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$43.16
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$39.51
200	CONTRACTORS MATERIALS	\$280.70
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,301.03
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$1,996.55
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$211.35
200	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-I80	\$199.98
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$282.06
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$179.92
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$171.87

200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$644.87
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$152.86
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$1,431.62
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$163.89
200	RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$122.93
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$135.00
200	ROCKY MOUNTAIN AIR SOLUTIONS	\$139.89
200	STATE OF NE DEPT OF NATRL RESOURCES	\$40.00
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$88.40
200	UNITECH	\$189.50
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$140.90
200	WESTCO	\$4,769.55
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$89.55
200	YOUNG'S REPAIR INC	\$1,325.92
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$62.10
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$94.74
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$97.61
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$18.31
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.32
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$2,213.37
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$51.60
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.24
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.33
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$270.89