

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
April 28, 2020
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened Zoom meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 28th day of April, 2020 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Vic Rivera. The meeting was conducted by Zoom with Commissioner Johnson telephoning into the Zoom meeting and Jake Stewart being present. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney via Zoom; and Jeni Nixon, Zoom Facilitator. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Per LB 898, Commissioner Rivera 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, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the Agenda and directing the Vice Chairman to conduct performance appraisals. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the April 14, 2020 Commissioner Meeting minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve all claims as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reviewed and approved by general consent the various Department fees/mileage reports.

At 9:10 A.M. Katie Haynes, HR Director, joined the Zoom meeting and informed those present she has sent out tracking information relevant to COVID-19 leaves to all Elected/Appointed Officials. Commissioner Stewart updated the other Board members regarding the weekly meetings he is conducting with Elected/Appointed Officials. Commissioner Stewart will put together a news release to update the Public on County operations. Board Reports ensued to wit: **Stewart:** SWANN has been business as usual through Zoom meetings; NCAP has been business as usual with a food bank scheduled for April 28, 2020 and Region 23 is teleworking. **Johnson:** Area Aging Office is home delivering meals and the budget has been approved; RC&D has voted to merge with High Plains Weed Management and their budget is approved; PADD Executive Director has agreed to stay on board until a later date and NACO phone conference was conducted, there will be no health insurance premium increases; however, dental plan will see an increase. **Rivera:** Region 1 met through Zoom. Use of the internet and website are being used to provide services. A bid for a new roof was reviewed and Insurance will cover the majority of the replacement costs.

At 9:28 A.M. Katie Haynes appeared on behalf of Rebecca Chasek's appointment. She informed the Board that Rebecca has raised money to purchase two (2) I-Pads for indigent defense hearings. She requested space at the Courthouse to conduct the hearings. Commissioner Stewart indicated for the record he wants more information such as: Who will accompany the Prisoners to the hearings? Where will the equipment be kept? etc. The Board authorized Commissioner Stewart to work with Rebecca Chasek in developing a plan to utilize the Courthouse for these hearings.

At 9:35 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. He reported he has a quote from Butler to trade in the old mower with a \$7,000.00 trade allowance with a difference of \$5,000.00 due from the County. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to authorize Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, to negotiate a trade for a new mower. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:40 A.M. Philip Jensen, Great Plains Communications, met with the Board. Present through Zoom was Celeste Cattin. Mr. Jensen presented a proposal for all new phones and service for Dawes County. He indicated a contact person would need appointed to work with and for all departments to go through for changes in service, maintenance and billing issues, etc. The contact will be Commissioner Stewart. The unified communications plan would be fully scalable with no up-front charges for wiring etc. The County would need to commit to a five (5) year plan. All phones will have caller ID, voice plus options and fax lines included. To access some of the phone features internet will be necessary. The internet would need to be from Great Plains to access those features. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept Great Plains quote for phone services. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:05 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board in person. He presented a petition request from Quinn Johnson to bore in a water line across Whitney Lake Road. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the petition request and instructed the Highway Superintendent to follow-up during and after the install of the water line. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion ensued regarding the Highway Superintendent position. Larry Hankin informed the Board he will be here until December of 2020. Some road updates were shared with the Board. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, joined the meeting. In other business the Board learned Tim Tidyman has expressed an interest in serving on the Zoning Board. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart moved to appoint Tim Tidyman to the Zoning Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Madison Life Insurance renewal was reviewed by the Board. There are no scheduled increases. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to direct the Chairman to sign the renewal with Madison Life Insurance. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Budget discussion ensued with Commissioner Rivera stating he wants a freeze on all wages and reductions in budgets for operating capital. Commissioner Rivera will draft an email and send it to all Department Heads.

At 10:35 A.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 08, 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 by Zoom and individuals can access the meeting by going to: <https://unl.zoom.us/j/172123018> and entering the meeting ID: 172 123 018 or individuals can call into the meeting by dialing one of the two numbers listed: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-301-715-8592 and enter the meeting ID. The physical location of the meeting is 250 Main Street, Chadron, NE. 69337. A current agenda is available at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours but will close at 12:00 P.M., May 06, 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

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April 28, 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	\$1,255.87
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,944.87
100	CHARLES ANDERSON	\$118.29
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$663.05
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$35,557.89
100	BOB BARKER COMPANY INC	\$207.04
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,228.36
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$45.17
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$19.68
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$20.66

100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$5.39
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$46.59
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$28.73
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$24.71
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$18.55
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$42.49
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$34.25
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$5.39
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$112.35
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$3,855.88
100	CLEANWASTE	\$256.95
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$105.97
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$3,050.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$720.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$309.04
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$1,118.00
100	DAWES COUNTY EXTENSION	\$54.61
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$88.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$581.00
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$729.44
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$1,020.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$113.25
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$78.45
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$183.63
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$19,000.42
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$62.68
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$87.90
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$125.92
100	KONE,INC	\$1,639.00
100	KRISTIN KOZA	\$130.00
100	MAXIMUS,INC	\$2,100.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$130.50
100	MIPS INC	\$177.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	\$135.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,438.05
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$75.96
100	NIRMA	\$2,174.44
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$264.00
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$197.45

100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN SNOW REMOVAL	\$1,590.00
100	ANDREW POPE	\$310.00
100	RADIOLOGY IMAGING OF NEBRASKA,LLC	\$42.00
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$138.75
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$105.00
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$1,903.20
100	BRUCE SCHEOPNER	\$130.00
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$8,196.49
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$20.44
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$4.81
100	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$15,000.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$365.02
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$80.33
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$243.53
100	WALMART COMMUNITY-TREASURER	\$82.81
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$2,385.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$135.62
200	AFLAC	\$314.26
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,395.21
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$410.92
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,296.01
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$2,928.87
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$18.74
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$4,190.12
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$625.11
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$171.87
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$934.72
200	STATE OF NE DEPT OF NATRL RESOURCES	\$40.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$140.90
200	WALMART COMMUNITY-ROADS	\$5.52
200	SCOTT E WILKINS	\$3,900.00
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$70.31
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$94.74
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$127.05
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$26.58
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.32
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$5,652.30
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38

2910	CENTURYLINK	\$51.54
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.24
2910	METAL PRODUCTS COMPANY	\$1,626.40
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.33
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$270.61