

**DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
June 23, 2020**

The public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners commenced at the hour of 1:05 P.M. on the 23rd day of June, 2020 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rivera. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Stewart and Johnson. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk. 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 Board used this time to start the review process of 2020-2021 budget requests. **County Attorney:** the deputy county attorney contract will possibly go out for bid. For all departments using Great Plains services, Commissioner Stewart reported there will be one bill sent to the Clerk which will be paid out of the miscellaneous general fund. **Jail Facility:** discussion ensued regarding salaries, transport costs, etc. Commissioner Stewart will visit with the Court Systems and Judge. **Crawford Law Enforcement:** the board will revisit the contract with Crawford for Law Enforcement Services. John Axtel joined the meeting. **Sheriff:** overtime costs were reviewed, a reduction in the auto line item to \$38,000.00 was made and a reduction in the communications trailer line item was made. **Noxious Weed Department:** No adjustments were necessary. The Board continued the review process and plans to meet with all Officials at a later date to finalize budget numbers.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the special budget meeting at 3:30 P.M.

Attest: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

Dawes County Commissioners

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA
June 23, 2020
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 23rd day of June, 2020 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Vic Rivera. Board Members present were Jake Stewart and Webb Johnson. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. 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. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the June 09, 2020 Commissioner Meeting minutes as published with the following correction to wit: insert the word "not" before the word awarded for the 2021 school year and Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to payback Inheritance fund \$51,102.50 fiscal year 2020-2021 and \$51,102.50 fiscal year 2021-2022 contingent upon funds available. The Inheritance Fund was used to pay the NIRMA premium fiscal year 2020-2021. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve all claims with the exception of claim#'s 20060177 in the amount of \$183.37 and 20060217 in the amount of \$2404.24 both payable to River A Holdings and Commissioner Stewart requested \$1.15 be deducted from the Chamberlain Chapel claim due to delinquent personal property taxes. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to pay claim#'s 20060177 in the amount of \$183.37 and 20060217 in the amount of \$2404.24 both payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:20 A.M. Public Comment ensued with Tanya Storer, Candidate for 43rd Legislative District introducing herself to the Board. She shared her credentials and experience relevant to her candidacy. Discussion ensue amongst Ms. Storer and the Board regarding area concerns and the Heartland Expressway was briefly discussed.

At 9:15 A.M. Darin Crowell, VSO, met with the Board. He reported Barbara Reed has expressed an interest in serving on the Veteran's Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the appointment of Barbara Reed to the Veteran's Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Crowell reported five applicants have been submitted for the VSO position. Mr. Crowell went over plans for the interview and selection process. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments by general consent of the Board. Board reports ensued to wit: **Johnson:** Area Aging-Business as usual, nutrition sites are still closed. RC&D-No quorum; PADD-Business as usual and the Board continues the search for an Executive Director; OHD- Director evaluation planned and extra funds are available; NACO conference call with Lt. Governor discussing general information and COVID. The NACO Board met and approved their budget and re-appointed Bob Post as the National Representative. Both NIRMA and NACO buildings received damage in the recent protests. **Stewart:** NNDC-Business as usual per zoom; No SWANN meetings in June; Region 23-Zoom meetings and working with Panhandle Public Health with COVID. NCAP-signed CEO contract with Karen Eisenbarth. NCAP is running full board with grants. The Head Start Program is working on acquiring masks for the children and NCAP is assisting with re-purposing the CDBG grant funds which will be used to ADA projects at NCAP. **Rivera:** Region 1 meeting was conducted by zoom. A return to work plan is in place for employees returning to work. A telecommuting policy was approved and building repairs were discussed. The Board recessed at 9:58 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:09 A.M.

At 10:10 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. The Kay-Hunter contract was discussed. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to pay \$1.75 per cubic yard for gravel and pay storage of gravel at \$1.75 per cubic yard. The County of Dawes will have until June of 2021 to remove all gravel and reclaim the pit. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Road Study vacations were discussed at length with the Highway Superintendent. The following resolutions were adopted to wit: Resolution No. 2020-16 introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, setting the Public Hearing for vacation of Road #145 at 10:00 A.M. on the 28th of July, 2020 in the former County Courtroom located in the basement of the Courthouse. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2020-17 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, setting the Public Hearing for vacation of Road#'s 34 and 36 at 10:00 A.M. on the 28th day of July, 2020 in the former County Courtroom located in the basement of the Courthouse. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:35 A.M. a motion to enter executive session was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, regarding a personnel issue. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 11:05 A.M. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer and Shellie Decker, Deputy Treasurer joined the meeting. Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund, informed those present the Board had decided not to discuss wage freezes at this time to allow sufficient time to review budgets prior to. No action was taken on the wage freeze discussion. The following resolutions were adopted to wit: Resolution No. 2020-13 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, transferring \$76,361.00 from the General Fund to the Reappraisal Fund. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2020-12 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, transferring \$33,880.28 from the 2910 Fund to the County General Fund. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2020-14 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, transferring \$50,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund and \$510,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Roads Fund. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2020-15 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, transferring \$53,240.44 from

the 2913 Wireless Fund to the 2910 Fund. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to authorize budget authority in the amount of \$207,034.67 to the following offices: Clerk of District Court in the amount of \$553.34; Crawford Law Enforcement in the amount of \$5,817.51; Dawes County Jail in the amount of \$196,660.77 and Alcohol/Drug Abuse in the amount of \$4,003.05. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. A drought declaration was discussed briefly. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve a drought declaration for Dawes County. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:33 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 July 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., July 9, 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

June 23, 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	\$1,270.62
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,773.87
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$590.86
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$95.39
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$34,735.58
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$230.99
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$1,113.12
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$88.61
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$16.80
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$20.00
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$5.39
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$44.48
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$23.85
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$19.23
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$16.16
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$42.47
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$23.38

100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$5.39
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$1,514.54
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$1,050.90
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$1,690.00
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$75.50
100	CHAMBERLAIN CHAPEL INC	\$2,592.68
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$20.86
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	\$177.49
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$360.38
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$660.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$690.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$30.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$6.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$132.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$6.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$309.04
100	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$2.32
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$581.00
100	DAWES COUNTY 125 CAFETERIA PLAN	\$18,168.00
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$127.77
100	DUGAN PRINTING & PROMOTIONS,LLC	\$2,235.00
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$2,101.11
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$1,138.00
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$750.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$243.34
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$119.06
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18,906.54
100	GALLS	\$367.81
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$111.10
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$240.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$125.92
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$13.54
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$312.35
100	KCSR-AM	\$330.00
100	MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	\$240.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,368.00
100	MIPS INC	\$465.85
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,450.34

100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$32.50
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,216.83
100	NEBRASKA STATE AUDITOR	\$12,129.50
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$212.15
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$121.50
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$145.86
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$397.45
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$236.36
100	PINE RIDGE LAND SURVEYS,INC	\$4,104.00
100	QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	\$1,650.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$1,811.72
100	REGIER CUSTOM DESIGN	\$5,006.00
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$183.37
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$445.45
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$160.24
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$4,588.49
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$854.58
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$50.00
100	THE NEW LEAF	\$1,868.49
100	VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	\$34,920.92
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$400.02
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$80.33
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$247.15
100	WALMART COMMUNITY-VETERANS	\$22.96
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$458.29
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$125.82
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$130.99
200	AFLAC	\$314.26
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,256.32
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$41.86
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$89.19
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,187.62
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$4,270.46
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$17.52
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$11.69
200	CHRISTOPHER D GARRETT	\$9,043.50
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$89.60
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00

200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,767.47
200	JAY D GOFF	\$12,141.00
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$139.29
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$171.87
200	MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	\$292.70
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$828.11
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$61.72
200	NKC TIRE	\$1,136.48
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$3,403.03
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$89.97
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$78.80
200	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ROADS	\$37.91
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$2,404.24
200	ROCKY MOUNTAIN AIR SOLUTIONS	\$159.51
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$67.81
200	SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF NW NEBRASKA	\$10.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$125.88
200	WALK-N-ROLL,INC	\$128.42
200	WESTCO	\$11,484.08
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$110.92
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$71.89
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$94.74
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$166.72
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$37.39
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.32
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$3,045.85
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$51.54
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.24
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$195.00
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$295.00
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.33
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$270.61