

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

August 25, 2020

### DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:02 A.M. on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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 zoom). 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 noting the minutes approval date should read 08/11/2020, not 08/25/2020. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the August 08, 2020 Commissioner's Meeting as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Levi Grant joined the meeting. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve all claims as submitted with the exception of two claims payable to River A Holdings, claim#20080196 in the total amount of \$1176.03 and claim#20080235 in the total amount of \$2045.05. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to pay claim#20080196 in the total amount of \$1176.03 and claim#20080235 in the total amount of \$2045.05. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart, with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences acknowledged and read by the Board included a letter received from Jeff Chamberlain re: Harp burial. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, directed the Vice Chairman, Jake Stewart to visit with DHHS re: Harp burial and inform them the Board backs the decision of DHHS to deny the claim due to the timeliness of filing the necessary documents. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Erin Kampbell, UNL Extension joined the meeting. There being no one present for Public Comment the Board ensued with Board reports to wit: **Johnson:** Area Aging met; the Senior Centers are still closed; meals are being delivered and, in some areas, they are using a voucher system for meals. RC&D met; working on a merger with PADD and High Plains Weed Management. PADD has a new Executive Director, Brian Venaval. OHD met; review of the Executive Director was conducted and the contract was renewed. All workshops are still open and bids are being received to pave the parking lot. **Stewart:** NCAP met and they are head first into twenty-two (22) grant applications. No other boards met. **Rivera:** The Tourism Board has applied for grants and another Tourism Board Member is being sought. Region 1 met 08/13/2020; trying to keep up with the pandemic, working on getting personnel back in offices and screening is being conducted on anyone entering the premises. Business as usual for the remaining boards. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments.

At 9:27 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He reported the Mack in Crawford needs replaced. Rear end parts and labor to repair is going to run \$30,000.00 or more. Discussion ensued. The Board directed Mr. Hankin to obtain prices to replace the Mack. The Mirage Flats Dam Repair agreement was reviewed by the Board. Dawes County is responsible for repairs. Mr. Hankin reported that NRCS will match the project costs at 75% with the County paying 25%. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the agreement between Upper Niobrara White and Dawes County with NRCS paying 75% of project costs and Dawes County paying 25% of the costs and directed the Chairman to sign the agreement. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart read aloud a letter of resignation received from Larry Hankin. His resignation will be effective December 31, 2020. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept the resignation of Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, effective December 31, 2020. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:50 A.M. Karl Dailey, Sheriff, met with the Board re: communications data storage. He feels strongly an independent Board should run communications; not the Sheriff or Police Chief. Commissioner Stewart has set up a meeting with the City of Chadron to discuss this option. In other business the Board reviewed an Extension Board surplus request. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by

Stewart, approving the surplus request of the Extension Office. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next order of business to come before the Board was approval of the HR Job Description. Katie Schenbeck joined the meeting by zoom. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the HR job description with changes and directed the current HR Director to advertise the position. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2020-21 was read aloud by Commissioner Rivera granting the Chadron/Crawford Rural Fire Districts and the Dawes County Agricultural Society's tax allocation requests in the total amount of \$333,658.32. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-21. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. There wasn't any action taken re: legal matter on Agenda. The Board recessed at 10:23 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:37 A.M. Budget Coordinator, Caleb Johnson, met with the Board re: 2020/2021 budget. The Board recessed at 11:41 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 11:46 A.M. The Board again recessed at 11:59 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 1:03 P.M. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Caleb Johnson, Budget Coordinator and Chief Lordino. He reported the CAD Record System is 20+ years old and needs replaced. The CAD system serves the Police Department and communications. This system was formally known as the Sleuth System. A consolidated communications system was discussed to save money on equipment costs. The remainder of the afternoon was spent going through the various departmental budgets, several budget adjustments were made.

At 7:30 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 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 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., September 03, 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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**August 25, 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; 2501=CDGB Fund 2700=Inheritance Fund; 2910-911=Emergency Communications; 2913=Wireless Communications; 4600= Bond Payment Fund.**

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$1,569.44
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$9,666.21
100	ARROWHEAD SCIENTIFIC,INC	\$161.95
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$783.28
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$15.50
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$307.07
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$30.95
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$34,660.14
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$1,064.00

100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$3,229.59
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$152.14
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$18.75
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$18.80
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$6.19
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$35.67
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$23.96
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$23.06
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$42.95
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$28.98
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$5.69
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$710.68
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$2,849.29
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$441.53
100	LOIS J CHIZEK	\$315.00
100	COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE	\$244.54
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$232.35
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	\$178.10
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$35.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$460.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$1,320.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$42.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$12.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$12.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$296.04
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$740.00
100	DAWES COUNTY EXTENSION	\$50.64
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF	\$18.50
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$64.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$682.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$2,510.00
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$420.00
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$1,006.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VANCE HAUG	\$164.96
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$16,590.05
100	GRP & ASSOCIATES,INC	\$44.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$243.17
100	HI-TECH CAR CARE	\$47.25
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$582.00

100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$125.92
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$1,299.39
100	LISA MERRITT	\$66.24
100	NE DEPT OF REVENUE-PROPERTY ASSESS	\$75.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,019.76
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$2,687.15
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/DISTRICT CT	\$13.44
100	NIRMA	\$5,000.00
100	NKC TIRE	\$20.00
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$216.24
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$20.25
100	PARIS FISHER AUTO SALES	\$27,500.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$351.63
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$431.88
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$302.55
100	RAMADA INN-KEARNEY	\$156.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$295.03
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$1,176.03
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$836.69
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,P.C.	\$2,000.00
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$226.32
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$2,405.65
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$429.00
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$50.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$404.99
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$176.79
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$231.94
100	WALMART COMMUNITY-VETERANS	\$7.96
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$455.44
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$77.90
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$118.77
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$126.07
100	911 CUSTOM,LLC	\$1,945.00
200	AFLAC	\$385.27
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,127.06
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$57.66
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$68.29
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,187.62
200	JAY BRUNS	\$967.50
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$19.40

200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$90.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,237.91
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$1,470.62
200	CHRISTOPHER D GARRETT	\$8,428.50
200	JAY D GOFF	\$90.00
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$2,590.58
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$350.50
200	LEMMON'S FRESH SEPTIC SERVICE	\$200.00
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$35.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	\$705.59
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$683.32
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$53.45
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$2,056.56
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$83.55
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$2,045.05
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$65.72
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$125.88
200	WESTCO	\$20,841.86
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$112.92
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$63.90
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$94.74
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$9.52
990	FAR WEST	\$18.95
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$133.14
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$27.79
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.32
990	WILDS BAR AND GRILL	\$10.06
995	KIMBALL COUNTY TREASURER	\$1,250.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$549.68
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$38.90
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.24
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$330.94
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.33
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$285.25