

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

November 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 8:49 A.M. on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was also set up on zoom and called to order by Chairman, Vic Rivera. Board Members present were Webb Johnson and Jake Stewart. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy Co. Attorney via zoom, Levi Grant, Twila Satchel, Darci Hayes and John Erickson. 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the Agenda with the following change to wit: move the scheduled appointment of Jamie Rivera-Haas to 11:15 A.M. instead of 11:00 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes as recorded. 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 as submitted with the exception of claim #'s 20110174 in the amount of \$17.66 and claim #20110212 in the amount of \$216.50 both payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve both claims payable to River A Holdings as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. There wasn't any correspondence. Public Comment ensued with Darci Hayes stating for the record Commissioner Johnson had indicated the railroad project was dead. She then read aloud an email received from Travis Haberman, Railroad contact for the Nebraska Department of Transportation. The email addressed safety projects planned for Crawford and indicated the project is three (3) to six (6) years out for project funding. John Erickson requested the same email read aloud by Darci Hayes be read aloud again where Agenda appropriate. Board Reports ensued to wit: **Johnson:** Area Aging met, accepted the audit and participated in a conference call with the Governor re: quorums and zoom meetings were requested; RC&D and PADD didn't meet due to limit on virtual meetings; OHD met and extra pay was granted to those staff members working group homes due to COVID; NACO Conference has been cancelled due to COVID, however; a virtual business meeting will be conducted. **Stewart:** Region 23 met, employee evaluations were conducted and communications centers were discussed. The State is recommending consolidation of communication centers; SWANN's audit was conducted by GLR, the baler is very old and at some point, will need replaced so money is being set aside. The SWANN Board also thanked Larry Olson and George Klein for their service on the SWANN Board. NCAP's audit is done and Head Start is again competing for the Head Start grant. NCAP programs bring \$26,000,000.00 dollars to our area with 88% percent of that funding going back to local individuals and entities. NNDC didn't meet. **Rivera:** Panhandle Public Health met; Region 1 met and went over audit done by Dana Cole & Co. and ratified policies. Other Boards met with information and business as usual. Deb Lesmeister, Deputy County Clerk, met with the Board re: payroll benefits manager clarification. She reported an employee is in the hole on vacation/sick and asked the Board for direction on how to handle this. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney suggested a Board Member meet with the employee to make arrangements for payback to the County. Commissioner Rivera will meet with the employee. The Blue Cross, Blue Shield billing was discussed. Blue Cross, Blue Shield has changed their due date for premiums and as such this has created a conflict with the County getting timely payments to them. Discussion ensued. The current payment due will be overnighted with future ACH payments being considered. There was one (1) bid received for the 2008 Chevrolet Avalanche. The bid was received from Paris Fisher Auto Sales in the amount of \$1800.00. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to accept the bid of Paris Fisher in the amount of \$1800.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Johnson with Stewart abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:47 A.M. Gary Bridges, VSO, zoomed into the meeting. He presented the names of six (6) volunteer backup drivers to the Board. Commissioner Stewart indicated for the record if the Board officially approves the list of drivers' insurance will cover the county in the event of any claims.

Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the list of volunteer drivers as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:53 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He presented a petition request submitted by John Hahn to bore under Spiers Road to install a livestock tank.

Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept and approve the petition request of John Hahn to bore under Spiers Road to install a livestock tank. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00 A.M. Tanner Lembke reported a prairie dog problem on his land and adjoining land owners. Some of those landowners attended the meeting as well. Attached to these minutes is a list of those individuals attending. Mr. Lembke indicated he has poisoned colonies five times this year and the State Trapper has been to his place. He presented pictures of the damage sustained by prairie dogs on his land. The problem is affecting other land owners as well. The individual in question not controlling his prairie dog problem causes more dogs to occupy the adjacent land owners' land. Adam Edmund, Deputy Attorney, reported according to State Statute 23-3801 discusses prairie dog control by the Board, however; due to the timeliness of this issue, those present were advised to pursue a civil suit. Mr. Lembke said the dogs are occupying approximately 80 acres and a ½ section. Mr. Edmund will send information to the Board. The Board recessed at 10:15 A.M. and reconvened at 10:23 A.M. Monthly fee/mileage reports were reviewed and approved by general consent of the Board.

At 10:30 A.M. Commissioner Stewart read aloud an email received from Travis Haberman re: current status of the Mill Road crossing project. According to the email the project has moved up on the Safety Projects list to #9 with the First Street closure being moved to #10. In addition, Crawford safety projects are 3-6 years out for funding. Adam Edmund indicated to date the City of Crawford hasn't received any correspondence relevant to the Crawford safety projects. Discussion ensued. John Erickson recommended the Board go on record regarding the project. Adam Edmund suggested the County wait until such time a letter is received by the City of Crawford. Communication is a must between the entities involved according to Mr. Erickson. Mr. Edmund indicated the City of Crawford needs to take a position more so than the County Board. Kevin Haas read aloud a letter relevant to the First Street/Mill Road safety project and requested the letter become a part of these minutes. Commissioner Rivera said our differences need to be put aside and do what's best for the residents of this county. The closing of First Street will have a negative impact on the citizens of Crawford. He went on to say a study has been conducted re: Mill Road. It will cost the county approximately \$300,000.00. There is no positive side to this decision. My job is to look out for the county. The county has a Commissioner and Highway Superintendent who are familiar with details of this project leaving December 31, 2020. He suggested the county vote and take a stand on this issue at the December 08, 2020. There is no money available for the project at this time. Twila Satchell asked about the citizens of Crawford? Commissioner Rivera suggested both groups involved come together to solve their differences. Darci Hayes indicated a couple meetings have been held between the two groups. Commissioner Rivera called on the City of Crawford to communicate with the Board. Jamie Rivera-Haas agreed with Darci Hayes that meetings have been held, however; flooding caused the project to be set aside. Governmental entities need to get together and come to an agreement. A final decision is needed. Ronnie Thompson reported he has been on the Crawford City Council two years. He reported Crawford has never been approached by the county vice versa. Both the city and county need to get on board to come to a solution. Adam Edmund, Deputy Attorney, indicated his place in this project is to simply facilitate communication between the City of Crawford and Dawes County. DOT had indicated if one crossing is made silent then both crossings should be silent. First Street closing is a city council decision. Twila Satchell feels Commissioner Rivera is biased on this issue. John Erickson indicated for those entities involved it would be helpful if Adam Edmund could report to Crawford City council and establish some common agreement or we will be back to where we are today. ester asking permission to install approaches on his land. He doesn't believe a culvert will be needed.

At 11:15 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 December 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 Commissioners room located in the Courthouse. If zoom is set up, individuals on the Agenda will be notified as to how to access the meeting.

A current agenda is available at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours but will close at 12:00 P.M., December 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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**November 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; 2501=CDGB Fund 2700=Inheritance Fund; 2910-911=Emergency Communications; 2913=Wireless Communications; 4600= Bond Payment Fund.**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTCLAIMS</b>
100	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC/SHERIFF	\$2,041.26
100	AFLAC	\$1,583.51
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$9,933.94
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$22.00
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$60.54
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$198.42
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$108.71
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$34,515.68
100	MANDY BRICE	\$45.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$289.00
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$1,539.86
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$86.45
100	CENTURYLINK	\$320.66
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$16.67
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$27.52
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$5.72
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$20.38
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$2,715.60
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$250.00
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$141.96
100	CHAMBERLAIN CHAPEL INC	\$2,595.00
100	ECHO CLARK	\$283.08
100	COAST TO COAST COMPUTER PRODUCTS	\$339.99
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$86.95
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$63.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$2,770.00

100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$48.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$24.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$19.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$12.00
100	CVSOAN TREASURER	\$60.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$296.04
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$425.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$682.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$48.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$620.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$73.24
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$8.44
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$156.93
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$16,497.32
100	LYNN FITZGIBBON	\$35.00
100	LOLA GARNER	\$63.75
100	JANICE GERMAN	\$35.00
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,979.64
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$177.57
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$1,428.00
100	HOME HAVEN FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE	\$558.00
100	IAAO	\$220.00
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$1,948.49
100	DANNY LARSEN	\$104.41
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$480.49
100	MIPS INC	\$3,354.78
100	NACVSO TREASURER	\$50.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,088.01
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,415.09
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$109.52
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$147.15
100	CANDACE NOLLETTE	\$40.00
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$193.73
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$154.16
100	PINE RIDGE LAND SURVEYS,INC	\$4.50
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$785.00
100	MARTHA QUAY	\$75.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/VETERANS	\$96.40

100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/WEED	\$113.39
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$413.30
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$17.66
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$745.31
100	KATHLEEN SCHENBECK	\$30.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,519.60
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$192.24
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-COMPUTER COSTS	\$30.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$340.02
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$80.90
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$219.19
100	WALMART COMMUNITY-VETERANS	\$13.84
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$39.00
100	WESTCO	\$25.32
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS,PC	\$325.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$456.99
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$77.51
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$127.16
200	AFLAC	\$355.04
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,114.81
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$95.24
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$542.21
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,177.95
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$11.44
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$95.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,178.96
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$92.72
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$286.53
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$686.12
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$676.51
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$79.04
200	NKC TIRE	\$40.00
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$11,617.98
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$92.27
200	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$412.50
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$235.00
200	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ROADS	\$18.60
200	MICHAEL REYNOLDSON	\$59.50
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$216.50

200	SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF NW NEBRASKA	\$1,370.88
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$135.01
200	WESTCO	\$11,593.80
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$124.69
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$63.90
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$94.74
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$102.54
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$19.90
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.32
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$256.25
2700	EUGENE FAST ESTATE	\$4,603.92
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$39.28
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.24
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$92.19
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.33
2910	SLEUTH SOFTWARE	\$5,570.00
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$288.07