

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

February 23, 2021

### DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:01 A.M. on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was also set up on zoom and called to order by Chairman, Jake Stewart. Board Members present were Vic Rivera and Levi Grant. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Patti Hollibaugh; Mark Betson; Doug and Susan Leeling. Adam Edmund, Deputy Co. Attorney was excused. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. 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. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the January 09, 2021 minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve all claims with the exception of claim# 21020197 in the total amount of \$4822.83 payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to pay claim #21020197 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$4822.83. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Public Comment ensued with Mark Betson expressing concern with All Mail voting. He is concerned there is a potential for voter fraud. He would like the County to go back to Polling Places. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Rivera also discussed two legislative bills that individuals need to keep an eye on. They are LB 88 and LB 236 which both deal with the second amendment and concealed carry. Board reports ensued to wit: **Grant:** Area Aging met and discussed COVID and the effect it had on the elderly in nursing facilities; OHD met, they serve 140 clients and PADD met by zoom conference call. **Rivera:** Region 1 met by zoom with business as usual; Public Health met and discussed COVID and people not coming back for second shots of the COVID vaccine. Mr. Rivera also informed the Board LB 83 should be watched as it would affect how meetings are conducted in the future and he's opposed to the idea. **Stewart:** NCAP is still sifting through 23 grants and trying to find federal funding. Stacy Swinney and Lindsay Adams joined the meeting in progress.

At 9:39 A.M. the Chairman declared the advertised Public Hearing open re: One/Six Year Road Plan and requested input, suggestions, etc. from those present. The following concerns were expressed: school and mail routes will be priority for snow removal; the bottom end of Brown Road needs rock; East Belmont Road is hazardous when wet; North end coming into Squaw Mound Road and Hollibaugh Road both need addressed; Board was asked to not deviate from the One Year Plan so projects get completed. Hollibaugh bridge side rails weren't up to code so adjustments were made, discussion ensued. Even maintenance mileage in each district was suggested. Stacy Swinney went into more detail regarding the plan. He indicated Roads is on track for projects. He went on to explain the roads budget hasn't went up but requests from the Public have. Commissioner Rivera added the budgets have been very tight and will continue to be. Commissioner Grant indicated the One/Six Year Road plan is a fluid plan with specifics required to be reported to the State. Mr. Swinney thanked Lindsay Evans, Roads Secretary for all her help in preparing the paperwork for the hearing. The Board thanked Mr. Swinney for his work relevant to the One/Six Year Road plan. The Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:10 A.M. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-09 approving and accepting the One/Six Year Road Plan as submitted and directed the Chairman to sign such and Mr. Swinney will be responsible for getting the original copy of the report to the State. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer; Shellie Decker, Deputy Treasurer and Caleb Johnson, Budget Coordinator, joined the meeting.

At 10:15 A.M. Joni Jespersion, Mobius Communications, met with the Board. She reported the Broadband project is now complete and she needs the Chairman's signature to close out the grant. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to direct the Chairman to sign the finished documents. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 10:25 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:30 A.M. Shellie Decker visited with the Board regarding

SWANN assessments and indicated one particular assessment she had requested action by the Board and Deputy County Attorney back in October of 2019. She indicated the time is upon the Board to make a timely decision. The County Clerk indicated she also has a claim from the individual in question that she needs direction on due to SWANN assessments. Commissioner Stewart indicated he would get with the Deputy County Attorney to discuss options available and requested the SWANN assessment issue be put on the March 09, 2021 Agenda.

At 10:30 A.M. Caleb Johnson, Budget Coordinator, met with the Board. He presented his 2021-2022 letter of engagement for the Boards review. Discussion ensued. Any major or unforeseen amendments, etc. will be addressed separately from the budgeted amount. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to accept the contract with J13 Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$3200.00 for the 2021-2022 budget cycle with any unforeseen major events being addressed between both parties for payment with a May 10, 2021 deadline for all departments to have their budget requests turned into the Budget Coordinator. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. Kami Wills, HR Director, met with the Board regarding DHHS updates. Discussion ensued and more questions were posed. The Board will take no action on the updates until such time answers are secured to the questions posed.

At 11:00 A.M. Karl Dailey, Sheriff, joined the meeting in progress. He went over three (3) resolutions with the Board prior to adoption. Resolution No. 2021-10 was introduced by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, acknowledging the rights of citizens by the Nebraska State Constitution to make appropriate virus- related health care decisions for themselves and their families. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2021-11 was introduced by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, acknowledging support for local and non-local Law Enforcement positions. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2021-12 was introduced by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, supporting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights of individuals in Dawes County. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The surplus list from the Roads Department will be distributed to all three districts prior to anything being put on surplus to see if any department can use any of the items listed. Any remaining items will be put on surplus. A motion to enter executive session at 12:15 P.M. was made by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, to discuss a personnel matter. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. A motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 12:16 P.M. to conduct a quarterly jail inspection. The Board reconvened to regular session at 12:55 P.M.

At 12:56 P.M. there being no further business to come before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on March 09, 2021 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 Commissioner room. The Agenda will close at noon on March 04, 2021. **All Resolutions adopted by the Dawes County Board of Commissioners are available for public inspection during normal business hours of the County Clerk's Office.**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Feist  
Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**February 23, 2021 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	AFLAC	\$1,583.52
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,895.61
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$482.34
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$25.75
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$157.67
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$34,814.24
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$58.21
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$3,288.42
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$94.17
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$15.54
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$27.66
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$5.93
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$89.94
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$1,499.57
100	ECHO CLARK	\$298.40
100	COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL	\$435.92
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$44.29
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$522.57
100	STEVEN R CRILE	\$137.54
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$2,270.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$970.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$36.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$22.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$12.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$19.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$6.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$309.04
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$202.00
100	DAWES COUNTY EXTENSION	\$39.30
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$68.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$682.00
100	DOLLAR GENERAL	\$43.95
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$434.00
100	DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE CO	\$31.95
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$430.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18,330.24
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,077.79
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$134.85
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$212.95
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$230.00

100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$25.48
100	KONE,INC	\$3,320.07
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,024.50
100	MIPS INC	\$3,644.98
100	NATRONA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$50.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,399.08
100	NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	\$148.66
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,700.11
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$199.81
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$306.45
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$47.54
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$52.76
100	RAMADA NORTH PLATTE	\$168.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/SHERIFF	\$67.94
100	JONI ROBERTS	\$47.05
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$928.32
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,P.C.	\$828.50
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$10,056.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$365.44
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$225.08
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$469.84
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$123.90
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$137.43
200	AFLAC	\$343.92
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,264.11
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$31.86
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$671.30
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,160.82
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$11.86
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$12.49
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$155.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,705.65
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$2,516.14
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$770.20
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$836.68
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$110.50
200	NKC TIRE	\$86.50

200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$4,427.57
200	NORTH AMERICAN TRUCK AND TRAILER,IN	\$182.45
200	NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC	\$166.50
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$112.58
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$7,721.40
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$50.00
200	R & C WELDING FAB TRUCKING & CRANE	\$2,124.06
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$4,822.83
200	ROCKY MOUNTAIN AIR SOLUTIONS	\$381.25
200	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$49.00
200	SOUTHERN HILLS FIRE & SAFETY	\$543.50
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$81.13
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$120.18
200	WELL CONTROL PRODUCTS	\$163.94
200	WESTCO	\$5,068.20
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$98.11
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$70.29
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$94.74
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$126.34
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$26.55
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.32
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$4,099.74
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$39.26
2910	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$1,965.88
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.14
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	\$93.00
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.33
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$890.00
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$287.91
2913	CENTURYLINK-E911 MAINTENANCE	\$14,416.43