

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

March 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 9:00 A.M. on the 23rd day of March, 2021 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jake Stewart. Board Members present were Vic Rivera and Levi Grant. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Gary Fisher; Mark Betson; Wayne Fisher; Doug and Susan Leeling. 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 removing adoption of procurement policies. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the March 09, 2021 minutes as recorded with the following corrections to wit: District 3 has bridge timbers, not tons of bridge timbers as previously recorded and March 23rd, not March 9th as recorded in previous minutes. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve all claims with the exception of claim #21030194 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$4106.17. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant, with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to pay claim #21030182 payable to Levi's Auto Metal and Recycling in the total amount of \$300.00 Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Stewart with Grant abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Public Comment ensued with Susan Leeling reporting several roads weren't passable for up to five (5) days after the last snow storm. Doug Leeling added an extra blade was available in District 2 but wasn't used. Mark Betson thanked the Roads Crews for the snow removal done. The American Rescue Plan was briefly discussed and it was suggested the Sheriff look into the plan. Safety with Elections could be affected as well. Another handout entitled 30x30 Land Gap was distributed by Gary Fisher. Wayne Fisher presented envelopes of two individuals, Ronald and Rebecca Bolze, who claim to have received two (2) ballots in the General Election. The County Clerk informed those present that whomever is going around the county and telling people elections are compromised in Dawes County is "Crap". She indicated she feels personally attacked by her own Party. The Clerk informed those present that all Commissioners present with the exception of Commissioner Grant, signed a letter supporting all-mail elections in Dawes County. The link to register to vote or update your address is available on the Clerk's page located at www.dawes-county.com and has been available. The Clerk invited individuals to volunteer to come and open ballots and learn the process involved. The Clerk also informed those present her counting room has always been open to the Public on Election night for those individuals curious about the counting process. Deb Lesmeister, Deputy County Clerk, explained what happened in the Bolze situation which was due to moving within the County and not updating voter registration records. Reports ensued to wit: **Grant:** Area Aging didn't meet; PADD and OHD Boards met via telephone and was business as usual. **Rivera:** Panhandle Public Health met by zoom and discussed very confusing COVID guidelines. He also reported many people are becoming ill from the second round of COVID vaccinations. Region 1 met and was business as usual. **Stewart:** NCAP is working with DED (Department of Economic Development) to use the CDBG funds with PADD administering the projects; SWANN passed property assessments and are preparing for budget; Region 23 had a yearly monitor come to a Board meeting and a LEPC (Local Emergency Protection Committee) was reviewed; NNDC which meets the 3rd Friday of each month is recruiting new businesses and expanding the invitation to Sheridan County. Platte Valley Bank has joined NNDC.

At 9:40 A.M. Sheriff Karl Dailey met with the Board to discuss his Sheriff Budget. He reported rifle/shotgun qualification are required of Officers and ammunition is getting harder to come by. He is planning for increases in ammunition, fuel and maintenance costs. A new cruiser will be purchased and the Sheriff reported he has approximately \$13,000.00 in VIN money to assist with the purchase. Mr. Dailey informed those present he also will have two (2) used generator's available in the near future if any of the Road's Department Shops are interested. Mr. Dailey briefly discussed the Jail/Crawford Law Enforcement budgets and will return with a full report once they are completed. In other business the

Board approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. The Board recessed at 10:00 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:05. The scheduled appointment of Sam Wellnitz was moved to the April 13, 2021 Board of Equalization meeting. An application for use of the Courtyard for Fur Trade Day's Vendor's was reviewed by the Board. The Vendors will set up July 7, 2021- July 11, 2021. Approximately 40+ Vendor's are expected. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the application of Fur Trade Days, Inc. to house Vendor's in the Courtyard July 7, 2021-July 11, 2021. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Roads discussion ensued with Commissioner Grant reporting Pete Emerson ordered culverts and came in under the original \$50,000.00 budgeted so he will buy additional needed supplies up to the \$50,000.00 budgeted. The 2007 Mack Truck either needs replaced at an approximate cost of \$30-50,000.00 or fixed at approximately \$11,643.00. Discussion ensued. The 2007 Mack will be repaired and given to the Roads Construction Crew to use. Commissioner Grant will start looking for a new truck once he knows how much is available in budget. Doug Leeling recommended the 2007 Mack be shared instead of a new truck being purchased. A construction crew workshop will be held prior to the crew starting any projects. Commissioner Grant requested two (2) FEMA projects be addressed and completed this year.

At 10:25 A.M. a motion to enter executive session regarding a personnel issue was made by Commissioner Rivera and seconded by Commissioner Grant. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 10:48 A.M. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:49 A.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 April 13, 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 April 08, 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

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March 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.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$1,596.96
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,552.40
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$196.01
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$33,959.89
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$903.00
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,955.79
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$122.83
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$13.31
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$28.92
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$5.93

100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$243.08
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$202.80
100	COMPTECH COMPUTERS	\$44.65
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$124.93
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$880.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$1,280.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$30.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$24.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$6.00
100	CVSOAN TREASURER	\$50.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$322.04
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$682.00
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$1,070.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$15.81
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$25.76
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$457.49
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$17,733.99
100	LAW OFFICE OF RHONDA FLOWER	\$1,434.80
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,185.49
100	GREGORY'S INSURANCE INC	\$50.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$181.89
100	VICTOR KING	\$1,400.00
100	KONE,INC	\$2,516.04
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$681.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$84.00
100	NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY TREASURERS	\$215.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,281.76
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,992.38
100	NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT	\$121.85
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$14.78
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$189.35
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$114.48
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/TREASURER	\$59.00
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$1,108.05
100	SECRETARY OF STATE/NOTARY DIVISION	\$30.00
100	SERVICE MATTERS CLEANING	\$243.20
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,458.24
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$931.88
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$200.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$365.44

100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$81.26
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$225.08
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$35.52
100	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	\$1,842.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$465.98
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$83.85
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$134.82
200	AFLAC	\$323.31
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,231.86
200	AULICK INDUSTRIES	\$1,170.00
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$286.93
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$481.34
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,066.08
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$4,934.23
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$11.86
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$63.01
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$143.10
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,676.21
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$246.13
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$255.18
200	KCSR-AM	\$130.00
200	LEVI'S AUTO & METAL RECYCLING	\$300.00
200	STEVEN LOOP	\$10.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$852.04
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$185.12
200	NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER @ UNK	\$50.00
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$2,495.98
200	NORTH AMERICAN TRUCK AND TRAILER,IN	\$2,750.72
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$291.03
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$12,161.17
200	POWERPLAN	\$16,478.70
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$255.00
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$4,106.17
200	ROCKY MOUNTAIN AIR SOLUTIONS	\$265.10
200	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$9.25
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$1,622.40
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$111.05
200	WESTCO	\$873.00
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$116.95
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
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$39.22
2910	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$51.33
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.14
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.33
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$287.63