

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

May 25, 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 25th day of May, 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; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer and Chet Ellsworth. Per LB 898, Commissioner Stewart announced posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act is located on the door in the Commissioner Room by the United States Flag. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera to approve the agenda with the additional item to wit: add Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent to Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the Emergency Meeting minutes of May 12, 2021. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera to approve the claims as presented with the exception of claim#'s 21050179 in the amount of 40.38 and 21050217 in the amount of \$595.22 both payable to River A Holdings and claim#21050210 in the amount of \$30.00 payable to Levi's Auto Metal and Recycling. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve claim#'s 21050179 in the amount of 40.38 and 21050217 in the amount of \$595.22 both payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart, with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve claim#21050210 payable to Levi's Auto Metal and Recycling in the amount of \$30.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Rivera, with Grant abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. There wasn't any correspondence to be acknowledged by the Board. Public Comment ensued with Chester Ellsworth requesting approval to add the approval of the 05/12/21 Emergency meeting minutes to his scheduled appointment at 10:30 A.M. Board Reports ensued to wit: **Grant:** PADD has funding available for tourism promotion. Commissioner Grant shared this information with Crawford as well. OHD-no meeting. Crawford Senior Citizen Program is trying to re-open to serve meals with restrictions in seating for those without a COVID-19 vaccine. **Rivera:** Region 1 OHD meets May 27, 2021. No other Board reports. **Stewart:** NCAP is closing Head Start down for the summer and lay-offs are in progress. Personnel evaluations will be conducted, and Cost of Living was discussed. The recent food bank at the Fairgrounds went well. Another 21,000 pounds of food is coming on June 05, 2021 to be distributed. Region 23 passed their budget and rent to Dawes County had no increase. SWANN board was business as usual with no change in trash fees. Dumping of carcasses will increase. Commissioner Grant suggested SWANN make available a pamphlet explaining rules for disposing of trash. Drivers will not pick up items left by dumpsters. NNDC met and discussed the CDBG funds.

At 9:30 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer and Shellie Decker, Deputy Treasurer, met with the Board regarding the 2020 Audit. Audit corrections will be discussed further at the June 07, 2021 Commissioner meeting with action items being addressed during the budget cycle. Fund 2525 will need to be officially closed and transfers made in error will be addressed. The Public Service Commission funds will be corrected going forward. The Road Construction Chief/Foreman job description was reviewed by Board Members and Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Rivera suggested Pete Emerson be above Crew Chiefs in chain of command. He doesn't feel Crew Chiefs will take kindly from orders received from Pete Emerson unless he has seniority. Communication is going to be key to the success of the Construction Crew. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, joined the meeting in progress. Wade Yada presented two bids to replace an engine in a 2006 Dodge used by the Sign Technician. Upon review of the bids, the Board directed the Highway Superintendent to move forward with the necessary repairs. An estimate to fix a dozer radiator was reviewed by Board Members. The Board directed the Highway Superintendent to move forward with replacement of the radiator. The Board recessed at 10:03 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:08 A.M.

At 10:09 A.M. Jeremy from Manna Systems and Consulting was teleconferenced into the meeting. He went over the many IT services available through Manna. Some of those services included backups, zoom systems, email systems and complete IT packages with labor available. Commissioner Stewart asked him to go over what Manna installed at 342 Main Street. Computer suppliers are also available through Manna. An opportunity to quote was requested by Jeremy.

At 10:16 A.M. Chet Ellsworth met with the Board. He expressed concern with Public Comments made surrounding the May 11, 2021 Commissioner Meeting and read aloud the proposed Nebraska Health Standards that would teach children about gender equity. Mr. Ellsworth feels by the Board adopting Resolution No. 2021-14 establishing a fund to receipt in American Rescue Plan Act funding the Board supports the proposed Nebraska Health Standards that would teach children about gender identity. A public records request was left with the County Clerk. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. Sealed bids for a 1950 Pontiac were opened to wit: **Bob Hardy**-\$153.00 and **Evelyn Rahmig**-\$402.75. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to award the sealed bid for the 1950 Pontiac to Evelyn Rahmig in the amount of \$402.75. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Highway Superintendent will contact Ms. Rahmig. E-VINS were discussed. The Auditors have suggested the Board acknowledge usage of E-VINS by the Sheriff's department. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to acknowledge and approve the Sheriff's Department utilizing the E-VIN program and charges \$10.00 per E-VIN done by the Sheriff's department. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart discussed a claim submitted by Steve Loop for reclamation of the Garrett pit. He questioned why a Roads crew member was being paid to reclaim a pit off the clock. Board Members indicated time and availability of crew members was a concern. The mileage submitted was incorrect and the County was billed at \$100.00 per hour. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to approve paying the claim to Steve Loop and adjusting mileage to the correct rate. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Grant. Nays: Stewart. Motion carried.

At 10:45 A.M. Brad Sawyer, Great Plains Communications, met with the Board. A petition request to replace old copper lines from Hay Springs, NE. west to the exchange boundary. Fiber Optic lines will replace old copper lines. The Board also encouraged Mr. Sawyer to stay in contact with the Highway Superintendent if issues arise. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, approving the petition request of Great Plains Communications to bore fiber optic lines replacing old copper lines and directing the Chairman to sign the petition request. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. An SDL (Special Designated License) application from Tori Wild for a wedding at 110 McHenry Road, Lot 2 on June 12, 2021 was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the SDL application of Tori Wild. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. The last order of business was opening of sealed bids for the Dawes County CDBG re-use funds which will abide by the Davis Bacon Act and be bid according to specifications set out for the following projects to wit: **RSVP ADA Accessibility Project: Bid#1-** Chadron Glass and Windows-\$4,300.00 to install two windows and \$500.00 for materials for a total bid of \$4800.00. ADA Door-\$2,750.00. **Bid#2-**Northwest Improvements-\$23,610.16 for entire RSVP ADA Accessibility project. **Head Start Project: Bid#1-**R&J Industries-(Option 1) ADA Handicap railing, ramp and fence-\$47,062.50. **Bid#2-**Fire & Ice Mechanical-Install HVAC system-(48,000 BTU)-\$3,550.00. **Bid#3-**MPC Heating and Cooling-Install HVAC system-(48,000 BTU)-\$3240.45. **Bid#4-** Fuller Construction (Option 1)-ADA Handicap railing, ramp and fence-\$63,267.00. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept all sealed bids presented for the Dawes County CDBG re-use funds projects. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to award the sealed bid from R&J Industries in the amount of \$47,062.50 through CDBG re-use funds for Head Start ADA Handicap railing, ramp and fence, (Option 1). Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to award the sealed bid from MPC Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$3,240.45 through CDBG re-use funds for installation of a HVAC system (48,000BTU) for Head Start. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on June 07, 2021 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with the 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 June 03,2021. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:25 A.M. **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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May 25, 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	\$9,937.71
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$24.75
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$94.49
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$33,663.67
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE/MISC	\$1,085.85
100	JENNIFER BORIE	\$3.60
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$60.80
100	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$4.12
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$3,412.16
100	CELESTE CATTIN	\$7.95
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$93.61
100	CENTURLINK	\$67.59
100	CENTURLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$16.03
100	CENTURLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$39.64
100	CENTURLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$6.00
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$236.61
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$159.75
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$279.98
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$2,950.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$420.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$22.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$36.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	KARL DAILEY	\$11.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$296.04
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$170.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$682.00
100	DOLLAR GENERAL	\$29.65

100	DOWNS RURAL SERVICE	\$1,371.85
100	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$161.25
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$1,370.00
100	ENGRAVERS	\$120.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$17,067.28
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$147.88
100	GREGORY'S INSURANCE INC	\$50.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$338.60
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$64.00
100	ICS JAIL SUPPLIES INC	\$84.70
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$130.94
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$1,111.83
100	JEFFERSON CO SHERIFF'S DEPT-COLORAD	\$43.00
100	ERIN KAMPBELL	\$184.80
100	KCSR-AM	\$110.00
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$288.75
100	LISA MERRITT	\$12.20
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$616.50
100	NACO	\$1,413.94
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY TREASURERS	\$100.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,344.04
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,523.92
100	NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	\$440.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$259.00
100	NIRMA	\$5,000.00
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$196.35
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$65.00
100	PET AND PLAYGROUND PRODUCTS	\$160.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$81.56
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ASSESSOR	\$100.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$773.78
100	MICHELLE ANN RAUM	\$300.00
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$40.38
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$1,132.99
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$169.78
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$21.54
100	SECRETARY OF STATE/NOTARY DIVISION	\$30.00
100	SERVICE MATTERS CLEANING	\$90.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,574.72
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$596.60
100	TWIN CITY ROOFING	\$810.00

100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$363.62
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$81.38
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$225.08
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$97.70
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$455.44
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$126.14
200	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$162.00
200	AFLAC	\$323.31
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$872.64
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$63.62
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$98.65
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,033.20
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$12.00
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$155.00
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$177.20
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,294.74
200	FRANK PARTS COMPANY	\$229.14
200	HERITAGE SEED COMPANY, INC.	\$1,276.70
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$360.19
200	KCSR-AM	\$75.00
200	LEVI'S AUTO & METAL RECYCLING	\$30.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$456.38
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$91.47
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$9,450.47
200	NORTH AMERICAN TRUCK AND TRAILER,IN	\$334.01
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$108.33
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$595.22
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$111.88
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$96.22
200	WESTCO	\$9,269.38
200	SCOTT E WILKINS	\$10,550.00
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$95.32
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$63.10
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$94.74
990	FAR WEST	\$26.39
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$99.31
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$19.06
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.32

2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$39.27
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.14
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.33
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$287.96