

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

June 07, 2021

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session, was commenced at the hour of 9:12 A.M. on the 7th day of June, 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 and Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent. 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. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2021 meeting as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera to approve the claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondence acknowledged by the Board was a NNDC newsletter. Commissioner Stewart also announced that Wendy Waugh will be replacing Rick Koza on the NNDC Board. There was no one present for Public Comment.

At 10:00 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer and Shellie Decker, Deputy Treasurer, met with the Board regarding the 2020 Audit. Ms. Decker informed the Board that Fund 2525 will need to be re-opened by the Board to make a corrective transfer, then it can be closed again. The Treasurer reported that some counties are starting to receive the American Rescue Act funds. The Board briefly discussed the funds and more unlikely will let the funds sit until such time a final directive is received from the Federal Government. In other business the Board discussed the Construction Crew Chief job description. Commissioner Rivera requested the part of the job description that states the Construction Crew Chief be responsible for maintenance records of all crews be removed. The Construction Crew Chief will be responsible for only maintenance records surrounding his crew. Chain of Command was also discussed. Chain of Command may be re-visited later by the Board if necessary. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the Construction Crew Chief job description removing the requirement that the Construction Crew Chief be responsible for all crews record keeping. The Construction Crew Chief will be responsible only for his maintenance/equipment records. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Surplus equipment was discussed by Commissioner Grant. He reported District 3 is done going through supplies and equipment. He recommended the surplus equipment be put on Big Iron with the remaining surplus to be let by sealed bid. Commissioner Grant will bring a listing of the surplus equipment. Once the Board puts the items on surplus, sealed bids will be advertised. Road updates included discussion regarding gravel and pits. Commissioner Stewart explained how AFLAC works and the reasoning behind the waiver of benefits signature to those present. Resolution No. 2021-16 was read aloud by Commissioner Stewart. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to transfer \$50,212.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Reappraisal Fund (1100) to assist in covering costs associated with a commercial appraiser. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:25 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, met with the Board. An appointment to the Tourism Board was discussed. Two applications were received for the open spot on the Board to wit: Stacy Swinney and Drew Pope. Drew Pope wants to serve another term. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to re-appoint Drew Pope to the Tourism Board for another four years. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. A grant request from the Harvest Moon Fall Festival to be held on October 02, 2021 in the amount of \$2000.00 was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the grant request of Harvest Moon Fall Festival in the amount of \$2000.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Festival of Trees will again be conducted at the Courthouse. Any organization/person interested in placing a tree at the Courthouse or volunteering can call Kerri Rempp for additional information. A summer Intern was discussed. This position will work up to 20 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour for twelve weeks. Brandon Davenport has been recommended by the Tourism Board. Commissioner Grant,

seconded by Rivera, moved to hire Brandon Davenport for twelve weeks at \$10.00 per hour with hours of work not to exceed 20 hours per week. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Director's salary was discussed at the last Tourism Board meeting and all present were in agreement that the Director's salary should be increased due to good early Tourism in the area and the fact that she has gone above and beyond her assigned duties. The salary increase will be discussed and finalized at budget time. Gale Henry joined the meeting. Also joining the meeting were Dave Paris; JW Geiser and Bonny Reece.

At 10:43 A.M. Advertised sealed bids turned in by the deadline for the Dawes County CDBG re-use funds were opened to wit: **Circle J Glass**-Bid a total of \$11,274.00 to complete Option 3 for the Head Start Center to install vinyl siding, vent metal seams and soffit. They also submitted a sealed bid to complete Option 2 in the total amount of \$4670.00 to install the Patio Cover at the Head Start Center. **Chadron Glass**-Bid \$3775.00 to replace windows at the Head Start Center also known as Option 4. All sealed bids were advertised and received by the deadline specified in the project specifications. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to award Circle J Glass the sealed bids submitted for Option 3 in the total amount of \$11,274.00 to install vinyl siding, vent metal seams and soffit and award the sealed bid to Chadron Glass in the amount of \$3775.00 to replace windows at the Head Start Center. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve Northwest Improvements sealed bid of \$ 23,610.16 for the RSVP ADA accessibility upgrades. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 10:55 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 11:00 A.M.

At 11:02 A.M. Jerry Feist, USDA, met with the Board concerning the APHIS contract. Mr. Feist informed those present the Federal Government had dropped their match for the APHIS contract for predatory animal control services in Dawes County and surrounding counties. He presented options available for the county to continue these services at their expense. Dave Paris indicated for the record that without predator control measures he would lose more sheep than he already has. Gale Henry asked about other funding options available. Mr. Feist handed out Statutes that pertain to predator control. There is a Livestock Tax available whereby County Boards can charge .20 cents per head of cattle or sheep to offset costs associated with this service. No action was taken on the Live Stock Tax. Commissioner Stewart informed Mr. Feist that Dawes County is locked into a five- year contract signed in May of 2019 which doesn't expire until 2024 for these services. No written notice was received from USDA of their intent to cease the contract with Dawes County. Commissioner Stewart asked Mr. Feist to look into the contract and report back to the next Commissioner meeting. The Board directed the County Clerk to send the contract to the Deputy County Attorney for legal advice. The Board thanked Mr. Feist for the information.

The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on June 22, 2021 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner room. The agenda will close at noon on June 17, 2021. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:38 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

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 07, 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	\$1,527.96
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,186.55
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$254.68
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$34,312.03
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$344.08
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$1,376.79
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$40.50
100	CENTURYLINK	\$567.16
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$25.18
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$4,551.14
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$31.16
100	CHADRON PLUMBING,INC	\$450.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$588.02
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$24.82
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$860.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$250.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$6.00
100	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$156.02
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$707.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$661.50
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$116.48
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$825.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$694.67
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$20,149.52
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$110.85
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$73.94
100	GREGORY'S INSURANCE INC	\$50.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$390.89
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$450.00
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$357.00
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$75.88
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,830.00
100	MIPS INC	\$4,010.63
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$253.53
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,830.93
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$166.04
100	NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	\$452.50
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$239.87
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/DISTRICT CT	\$299.99

100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$106.58
100	NIRMA	\$102,708.00
100	PESTS GO	\$18.98
100	POSTMASTER	\$92.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$254.87
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$142.50
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$338.59
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/EXTENSION	\$5.19
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$538.30
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$102.62
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,853.60
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$2,565.51
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$10,104.66
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$96.88
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/E911	\$91.63
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$228.89
100	WALMART COMMUNITY-VETERANS	\$11.96
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$142.17
200	AFLAC	\$323.31
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,094.76
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$84.60
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,141.59
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$2,344.50
200	CENTURYLINK	\$32.30
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$118.60
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$123.70
200	CROELL REDI-MIX INC	\$800.00
200	DALE'S TIRE AND RETREADING,INC	\$2,625.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	DELUXE RADIATOR	\$2,162.50
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$69.74
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,931.79
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$53.50
200	KAISER TIRE,LLC	\$1,088.20
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$39.22
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$70.00
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$73.66
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$625.41
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$42.50
200	POWERPLAN	\$1,591.93

200	SCOTTS MANUFACTURING	\$4,800.00
200	STATE OF NE DEPT OF NATRL RESOURCES	\$30.00
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$145.36
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$111.29
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$70.29
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$94.74
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$4.42
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$771.92
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$126.34
990	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$36.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$26.55
990	POWER PLAY MARKETING	\$1,500.00
990	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/VISITOR PROMO	\$6.74
990	KERRI REMPP	\$236.55
990	ROTARY CLUB OF CHADRON	\$146.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.32
995	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA TRAILS ASSOC	\$27,000.00
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$144.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$4,376.17
2501	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/CDBG REUSE GRANT	\$11.93
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.14
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$154.69
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.33
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$890.00

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DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Board of Equalization in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:04 A.M. on the 7th day of June, 2021 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jake Stewart. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Rivera and Grant. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Lindy Coleman, Assessor and Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Per LB 898 the Chairman announced the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act. The poster can be found on the door next to the United States Flag. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting or requesting a copy. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, approving the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, approving the May 11, 2021 minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Tax Equalization Review Commission indicating the Assessor is within the statutorily approved values. The County Assessor presented tax correction #'s 5162 and 5163 for the Boards review and approval. After review of said tax correction Commissioner Grant, seconded by

Rivera, moved to approve tax correction #'s 5162 and 5163 and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:11 A.M. The next meeting will be held on July 13, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. A current Agenda to the Board of Equalization proceedings is kept on file in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours for inspection, but the Agenda will close by 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 08, 2021. The Agenda may be modified to include items of emergency nature. The meetings of the Dawes County Board of Equalization are open to the public. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners Room located in the Courthouse. **Disclaimer: A complete text of all resolutions passed by the Board of Equalization is available upon request in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours.**

ATTEST: _____
CHERYL FEIST
DAWES COUNTY CLERK

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION**
