

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

July 27, 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 27th day of July, 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; Mark and Myrna Betson and Wayne Fisher. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. 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 approving the agenda noting the following changes to wit: 24- hour notice to add Roads Updates; temporary easement release, not relief and Board of Equalization minutes will be approved at the August 10, 2021 Commissioner meeting. 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 July 13, 2021 meeting as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, joined the meeting in progress. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant to approve the claims as presented with the exception of claim #21070234 in the total amount of \$705.00 payable to Northwest Auto Body. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to pay claim #21070234 in the total amount of \$705.00 payable to Northwest Auto Body. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera and Stewart with Grant abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. Public Comment ensued with Myrna Betson expressing safety concerns with the condition of Bethel Road. She reported you can't get over to the other side of the road without going in the ditch. She suggested widening the top of hills on Bethel Road. Commissioner Rivera asked if she had visited with the Highway Superintendent. Ms. Betson indicated no she was here to be put on record regarding Bethel Road. She did thank the Board for the mowing the edge of the road. Mark Betson added when meeting a semi, you can't get off the road very easily. Commissioner Grant reported he is in the process of training a new grader operator in this District so this information will be shared. Board Reports ensued to wit: **Grant:** No meetings in July, no report. **Rivera:** No meetings in July, no report. **Stewart:** NCAP-gearing up for Head Start; SWANN-new red rock going into landfill; Stewart noted turnover in employees is not an issue at SWANN; Region 23-trainings being offered State wide, finalized budget with a cost-of-living increase; NNDC-met and only one (1) Board member wasn't present, good board, new ideas and new business recruitment in progress.

At 9:39 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. He presented information relevant to removal of bindweed from the County Noxious Weed list. He reported its very hard to enforce control of bindweed. He indicated he could spend all day, every day, especially this year to control the weed. Discussion ensued. The Board instructed Mr. Wordekemper to move forward with the proper procedures in removal of the weed from the County list. The Board is interested in hearing what the Public has to say about the removal of bindweed from the County list. Commissioner Rivera requested weeds be sprayed on Hollibaugh Road prior to a project starting.

At 9:53 A.M. Nan Gould, Region 23 Emergency Manager, met with the Board. Discussion ensued regarding the funds Dawes County will receive for the American Rescue Plan. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, joined the meeting. The Board agreed Dawes County will retain the funds until such time the Government offers a clear and concise decision regarding expenditure of such funds. She also reported an advisory committee is being formed and meeting to discuss the creation of a centralized communications center. The Board recessed at 10:05 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:10 A.M.

At 10:11 A.M. Martha Quay, Veterans Service Office Manager, met with the Board regarding the Veteran's and Veteran's Aid budgets. Also present was Alan Connell, former Veteran's Service Officer. It was brought to the Boards attention that Vetra-Spec hadn't been budgeted for. Wages were adjusted and travel expenses were increased. The Veteran's Aid budget was also discussed. The Board instructed Ms. Quay to remit the new figures to the budget coordinator as soon as possible so this Board has a clear

picture of what they will be looking at for expenditures. In other business the Board discussed a temporary ROW easement release on Bethel Loop Road. The release grants the ROW back to the landowner. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, authorizing the Chairman to sign the temporary ROW easement release. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Law Enforcement Agreement between the Dawes County Sheriff, Job Corp and the Forest Service was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2021-19 was introduced by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, directing the Clerk to prepare a claim to transfer \$53,240.44 from the Inheritance Fund (2700) to the Wireless Fund (2913) to satisfy the pending requirement pertaining to the Wireless Fund (2913) by the Public Service Commission. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:51 A.M. Gale Kittrell, Communications, met with the Board. He presented a bid from Motorola to replace the current console system which is approximately 17 years old. Mr. Kittrell reported parts are no longer available for the current console system. Discussion ensued. The bid will be taken under consideration during budget discussions.

At 11:27 A.M. Brian Prosser, Crawford Fire Chief and Brandon Martens, Chadron Fire Chief, met with the Board. Mr. Prosser reported he had received an email changing protocol for emergencies. He indicated he would like to see one contact established for emergency situations to eliminate confusion. Discussion ensued. The Board indicated for the record its vital the Highway Superintendent be on Board in these situations. All present agreed clear procedures need established moving forward. Commissioner Stewart offered to sit down with Mr. Prosser, Mr. Martens and Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, to come to an understanding on how emergencies will be handled going forward. In other business the Board opened sealed bids received regarding surplus road property to wit:

Pine Ridge Service Center-\$200.00 for 100 4x4 treated posts; **Colleen Mitchell**-\$300.00 for #1 bridge planks; \$100.00 for #2 bridge stringers and \$500.00 for #3 bridge headers; **J.W. Geiser**-\$50.00 for #1 bridge planks; \$35.00 for bridge stringers; \$50.00 for #3 bridge headers; \$155.00 for #4 4x4 treated posts; \$20.00 for #8 fuel tanks; \$10.00 for #10 ¾” impact wrench and \$255.00 for #12 96” CMP. **Mike Reynoldson**-\$10.00 for yellow spray tank; \$100.00 for 4x4 treated posts; \$150.00 for pickup box trailer; and \$155.00 for old aluminum traffic signs. **Levi’s Auto & Metal Recycling**-\$150.00 for #2 propane tank; \$133.00 for #4 scrap metal pieces; \$85.00 for old aluminum traffic signs; \$166.00 for #6 300 gallon fuel tank; \$10.00 for treated power poles; \$20.00 for #8 tractor tires; \$10.00 for #9 boom mower; \$130.00 for #10 pickup box trailer; \$10.00 for #11 car axles; \$150.00 for #13 treated 4x4 posts; \$22.00 for #1 bridge planks; \$20.00 for #2 bridge stringers; \$20.00 for #3 bridge headers; \$44.00 for #4 4x4 treated posts; \$85.00 for #5 scrap metal pieces; \$55.00 for #6 old aluminum traffic signs; \$55.00 for #8 fuel tanks, pickup size; \$60.00 for #11 portable air compressor; \$77.00 for #13 pickup box trailer with rack and \$10.00 for #15 homemade dozer blade. **Brooke Bass**-\$26.00 for #9 AC Welder and \$21.00 for #11 portable air compressor. **Monty Maginnis**-\$305.00 for #1 52” CMP; \$20.00 for #2 propane tank; \$35.00 for #5 old aluminum traffic signs; \$5.00 for #8 tractor tires and \$166.00 for #13 treated 4x4 posts. **Jay Douthit**-\$885.00 for 500- gallon propane tank. **Dillion McGannon**-\$300.00 for #2 500- gallon propane tank; \$20.00 for #5 old aluminum traffic signs; \$20.00 for #7 power poles; \$100.00 for #8 tractor tires; \$160.00 for #10 pickup box trailer and \$15.00 for #13 4x4 treated posts. **Tim Carrick**-\$350.00 for bridge planks and \$300.00 for 4x4 treated posts. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to accept all bids received for the Roads Department surplus and directing the Highway Superintendent to award bids to the highest bidders. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. The last order of business was road updates. Commissioner Rivera discussed over-time pay. Discussion ensued amongst the Board Members. The Board agreed an over-time/maintenance policy needs drafted and enforced.

The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on August 10, 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 August 5, 2021. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:00 P.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

July 27, 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 |
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| 100 | ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC/SHERIFF | \$580.00 |
| 100 | AFLAC | \$1,640.65 |
| 100 | AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP | \$12,003.55 |
| 100 | AT&T MOBILITY | \$407.15 |
| 100 | BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF | \$1,302.52 |
| 100 | BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS | \$100.11 |
| 100 | BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED | \$662.31 |
| 100 | BLACK HILLS ENERGY | \$15.77 |
| 100 | BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE | \$39,295.66 |
| 100 | CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO | \$3,427.99 |
| 100 | CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC | \$111.87 |
| 100 | CENTURLINK LONG DIST-CLERK | \$16.36 |
| 100 | CENTURLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER | \$32.64 |
| 100 | CENTURLINK LONG DIST-WEED | \$5.93 |
| 100 | CHADRON ACE HARDWARE | \$5.83 |
| 100 | CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH | \$1,560.84 |
| 100 | CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC | \$124.95 |
| 100 | CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC | \$341.00 |
| 100 | CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY | \$151.34 |
| 100 | CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF | \$770.00 |
| 100 | CULLERS LAW OFFICE | \$1,653.35 |
| 100 | CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY | \$16.00 |
| 100 | CULLIGAN-HR | \$63.00 |
| 100 | KARL DAILEY | \$588.97 |
| 100 | DAS STATE ACCOUNTING | \$95.88 |
| 100 | DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | \$154.00 |
| 100 | DAWES COUNTY TREASURER | \$690.50 |
| 100 | DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES | \$3,892.24 |
| 100 | DOLLAR GENERAL | \$22.20 |
| 100 | DOWNS RURAL SERVICE | \$1,457.50 |
| 100 | A ELLIOTT LAW | \$410.00 |
| 100 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE | \$21,503.93 |

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| 100 | GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS | \$85.95 |
| 100 | HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC | \$564.12 |
| 100 | HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY | \$229.90 |
| 100 | IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC | \$130.94 |
| 100 | INTRALINKS,INC | \$59.99 |
| 100 | JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED | \$98.95 |
| 100 | JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF | \$35.00 |
| 100 | LA SIGN & SCREEN PRINTING | \$380.00 |
| 100 | LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS,INC | \$142.00 |
| 100 | LINSTAR INC | \$367.60 |
| 100 | MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES | \$681.00 |
| 100 | MIPS INC | \$149.14 |
| 100 | MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS | \$193.19 |
| 100 | NACO | \$250.00 |
| 100 | NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM | \$90.00 |
| 100 | NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB | \$105.00 |
| 100 | NE STATE TREAS/UNCLAIMED PROPERTY | \$123.79 |
| 100 | NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE | \$3,024.44 |
| 100 | NEBRASKA U C FUND | \$247.24 |
| 100 | NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST | \$198.99 |
| 100 | PENNINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | \$60.00 |
| 100 | PETERSEN DRUG | \$443.46 |
| 100 | QUILL CORPORATION | \$214.98 |
| 100 | RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS | \$8.30 |
| 100 | RAPID CITY JOURNAL/DIST COURT | \$43.75 |
| 100 | REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER | \$1,707.00 |
| 100 | SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP | \$951.98 |
| 100 | SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC | \$34.37 |
| 100 | THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER | \$1,232.00 |
| 100 | VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY | \$22,086.00 |
| 100 | VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF | \$21.78 |
| 100 | VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED | \$81.26 |
| 100 | VSP VISION PLAN | \$249.73 |
| 100 | BOBBI WELLNTIZ | \$12.45 |
| 100 | WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS,PC | \$325.00 |
| 100 | WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY | \$29.34 |
| 100 | XEROX CORPORATION/E911 | \$461.56 |
| 200 | ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC | \$804.65 |
| 200 | AFLAC | \$444.40 |
| 200 | AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP | \$1,298.47 |
| 200 | BEGUIN PROPANE | \$182.18 |
| 200 | BLACK HILLS ENERGY | \$14.13 |

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| 200 | BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE | \$1,451.72 |
| 200 | CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS | \$5.93 |
| 200 | CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH | \$30.00 |
| 200 | CITY OF CRAWFORD | \$82.50 |
| 200 | DAWES COUNTY TREASURER | \$75.00 |
| 200 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE | \$3,727.97 |
| 200 | JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS | \$53.73 |
| 200 | MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC | \$10.75 |
| 200 | MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING | \$165.00 |
| 200 | NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE | \$846.40 |
| 200 | NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | \$56.67 |
| 200 | NORTHWEST AUTO BODY & PAINT | \$705.00 |
| 200 | NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST | \$90.14 |
| 200 | RON'S REPAIR SHOP | \$13.00 |
| 200 | STATE OF NE DEPT OF NATRL RESOURCES | \$30.00 |
| 200 | VSP VISION PLAN | \$132.54 |
| 200 | XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS | \$109.40 |
| 990 | AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP | \$82.20 |
| 990 | BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE | \$97.89 |
| 990 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE | \$201.84 |
| 990 | NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE | \$47.62 |
| 990 | RIDE THE RIDGE | \$535.73 |
| 990 | VSP VISION PLAN | \$9.78 |
| 2501 | METAL PRODUCTS COMPANY | \$3,240.45 |
| 2910 | AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP | \$3.38 |
| 2910 | CENTURYLINK | \$39.56 |
| 2910 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE | \$14.13 |
| 2910 | GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS | \$157.50 |
| 2910 | INTRALINKS,INC | \$373.00 |
| 2910 | NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE | \$3.32 |
| 2913 | CENTURYLINK | \$290.13 |