

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

September 28, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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 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 Rivera, seconded by Grant approving the agenda with the Chairman recognizing a clerical error in said date and time of scheduled Commissioner Meeting for September 28, 2021. 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 September 14, 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 all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences acknowledged by the Board included a letter received from the Department of Environmental Energy re: Crawford Sale Barn expansion comment period. The Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, presented road updates to wit: The invoice for truck repair in District 3 was shared with the Board. Redfern Bridge will be getting new wing walls at an estimated cost of \$22,000.00 for materials with labor being a separate charge. District 1 has one (1) mile left to build on Ormesher road; District 2 has Squaw Mound Road built with gravel coming; District 3 is laying gravel on Haynes Road. Commissioner Grant took this time to thank all Road Crew members for their time devoted to the Post fire. Employees went above and beyond. Mr. Yada added his thanks to Road Crew members as well. The Board as a whole acknowledged all Fire Departments/personnel involved in the Post fire and are grateful for the help received.

At 9:30 A.M. Hillary Wasserburger, Executive Director of Doves, presented updates regarding the Dove's program. There are twenty (20) Dove's programs in the State of Nebraska with a 24- hour agency to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, etc. The program is expanding and she noted education and prevention are a very important component of the program. Dove's is funded by grants.

At 9:45 A.M. Erin Kampbell, UNL Extension, met with the Board. She shared a newsletter with the Board. August through October are professional development months and training is available. She inquired as to how to surplus equipment no longer used by the Extension Office.

At 9:50 A.M. Val Jansante, Senator Adrian Smith's Office, discussed issues the Senator is currently working on to include Inheritance taxes being paid, telehealth services for rural areas, government spending and is a big supporter of Bio-Chemical. Commissioner Stewart asked that the Senator look into APHIS funding and increases for predator control. Commissioner Rivera asked about capital gains. Discussion ensued. There is a 21%-28% increase proposed. Mandates re: COVID vaccines was discussed. Mr. Jansante will be hosting a mobile office in the Courthouse today. The Board recessed at 10:10 and reconvened to regular session at 10:16 A.M.

At 10:17 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, reported \$20,670.06 was collected on Distress Warrants in 2019. He presented a listing of delinquent personal property Distress Warrants for 2020. A listing of properties that did not sell at the County tax sale was also discussed but no action taken at this time. Mr. Wellnitz also informed the Board that a trailer on North Main Street has been removed. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to direct the Chairman to sign directing the Treasurer to proceed with striking the following distress warrant from this day forward. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, and Stewart with Grant abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:40 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, presented her annual report to the Board. She reported 2020 revenues were down due to COVID, however; 2021 is on the rise fiscally. There weren't any improvement grants in 2020 with a few promotion grants awarded in 2021. Seventy-Nine

(79) counties collect lodging taxes. Advertising was priority in 2020 and 2020 was the first year a travel guide was available in Northwest Nebraska. She also presented information relevant to creative districts which focuses on Art/Artist in the area. No matching funds are needed for the initial \$10,000.00 grant which will be ran through the City of Chadron. Discussion ensued. The Board directed her to move forward with the application for the grant for creative districts.

At 11:15 A.M. Joni Jespersen & Tonya Mayer, Mobius met with the Board. Also present was Sandy Roes Montague. The goal of Mobius is to have available continuous Broadband in rural areas. Ms. Montague reported her current internet service is intermittent at best. It constantly freezes up. Customers wanting internet could sign up during the broadband project with no installation charges by Mobius. Discussion ensued. If a grant was approved by Public Service Commission, Dawes County could add potentially 229 new customers or 538 total customers for Dawes County as a whole. Mobius would generate funding for the county through fees collected and remitted to the County Treasurer. Commissioner Rivera expressed concern with what the Government will make Dawes County go through to access ARPA funding. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to direct the Chairman to sign the proposed fiber project (Plan B) with Mobius Communications through the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mobius Communications will proceed with a grant application to the Public Service Commission. In other business the Board reviewed a surplus request from the communications department. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the surplus request as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board opened two (2) bids received for snow removal to wit: Bob’s Snow Removal bid \$90.00 per occurrence for snow removal in the courthouse parking lot and Petersen Snow Removal bid \$80.00 per occurrence for snow removal on the courthouse steps, walks, 250 Main Street and 343 Main Street. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept both bids submitted and directed the Custodian to contact the individuals. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 12:05 P.M. to conduct a quarterly jail inspection. The Board reconvened at 12:34 P.M. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on October 12, 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 October 07, 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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**September 28, 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	AFFINITY THERAPY ASSOCIATES, LLC	\$200.00
100	AFLAC	\$1,640.65
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$1,968.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,630.68
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$399.84
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$124.34

100	SHERRI BLOME	\$200.00
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$40,047.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$153.29
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$4,340.32
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$17.72
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$29.48
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$5.93
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$275.00
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$1,600.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$2,000.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$1,800.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELY,WATSON,HARF	\$200.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$90.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$496.20
100	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$200,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY EXTENSION	\$2,349.16
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$4,500.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$170.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$690.50
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$400.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$20,518.31
100	GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES,LLC	\$462.10
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$120.34
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$275.56
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$568.19
100	ICS JAIL SUPPLIES INC	\$56.45
100	JEFFREY JOHNS	\$39.55
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$79.00
100	LINCOLN CO SHERIFF-NEBRASKA	\$18.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,813.50
100	MELISSA MRACEK	\$126.84
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,816.27
100	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$7,000.00
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$203.96
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	\$1,650.00
100	TESSA REECE	\$200.00
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$3,600.00
100	REG 1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY	\$14,804.00
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$13,428.00

100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$413.30
100	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$10.00
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$357.61
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$3,500.00
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,PC	\$1,057.50
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$40.00
100	UNL EXTENSION DAWES COUNTY	\$104.17
100	USDA,APHIS,WILDLIFE SERVICES	\$35,000.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$81.26
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$243.74
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS,PC	\$1,000.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$457.77
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$79.27
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$118.60
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$117.22
200	AFLAC	\$453.60
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,286.18
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$71.09
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,451.72
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$5.93
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	ROBERT DIEHL	\$59.50
200	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$3,616.28
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,698.31
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$155.73
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$310.98
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	\$30.72
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$838.30
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$89.19
200	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$350.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$132.54
200	WESTCO	\$18,616.70
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$100.98
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$81.36
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$97.89
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$206.29
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$49.73
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.78
2501	R&J INDUSTRIES PLUS, INC	\$9,887.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$32.74

2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.13
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.32