

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

October 26, 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 26th day of October, 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; Wayne Fisher and Mark Betson. Per LB 898, Commissioner Stewart announced posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act is located on the wall in the conference room located at 342 Main Street. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera approving the agenda and noting the move of the meeting from the Courthouse to 342 Main due to a Jury Trial. The County Clerk posted notices regarding the change in meeting location and notified individuals scheduled to meet with the Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to approve all claims as presented with the exception of claim #'s 21100188 in the total amount of \$142.08 and #21100220 in the total amount of \$1217.50 both payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart moved to approve claim #'s 21100188 in the total amount of \$142.08 and #21100220 in the total amount of \$1217.50 both payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. There wasn't any correspondences and no one present had any public comment. The Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. Board Reports ensued to wit: **Grant:** Area Aging has lost assessment authority for housing to the State, they are working to get this authority back from the State. OHD was business as usual and PADD has taken over RC&D functions. **Rivera:** Region 1 met 10/14/21, business as usual and declaration of homelessness week. Panhandle Public Health met 10/19/21, six annual plans were approved with business as usual. **Stewart:** NNDC meeting is every other month. SWANN-the general public is encouraged to watch what's being thrown away, explosions have and can occur. NCAP- Annual Audit is complete and all is in good standing., current ratio is 4.69 with .89 cents of every dollar staying local. This is a \$31,000,000.00 dollar impact on the local economy. Region 23-working on establishing a communications board for the communications center.

At 9:20 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates ensued to wit: **District 1**-completed gravel on Ormasher Road and grading as allowed. **District 2**-graveling Squaw Mound Road which will be done by the end of the week. **District 3**-spot graveling on Haynes Roads and general road cleanup. **Crusher Update:** Mr. Yada will be getting with Pete Emerson to discuss crusher pricing.

At 9:30 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, met with the Board re: Distress Warrants. He presented a listing of personal property taxes due that will be turned over to the Sheriff's Department for collection. The total amount of outstanding taxes due is \$45,286.89. The Board recessed at 9:40 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:45 A.M.

At 9:50 A.M. Jenny Borie met with the Board regarding ARPA updates. Also present was Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer. Ms. Borie reported revenues were good during COVID. The next reporting date has been extended re: ARPA. No pre-approval granted on Federal Grants and there are restrictions in place on rural Broadband projects so the Board was encouraged to use the consulting firm through NACO to insure all paperwork, projects are approved.

At 10:14 A.M. Mark Betson and Wayne Fisher met with the Board re: petition to go back to the Polls for Elections. Commissioner Rivera on behalf of the Board offered his condolences to the family of former County Commissioner Gary Fisher. Mr. Betson provided a listing of individuals willing to work the Polls. Mr. Betson reported they obtained 622 local signatures for their petition. The County Clerk informed Mr. Betson the petition presented isn't a legitimate petition as proper petition procedures weren't followed when names were collected. The County Clerk also gave a presentation regarding election security in Dawes County and what measures have and will take place to ensure the safety of our

elections. Mr. Betson read aloud a letter to those present. The letter will become a part of these minutes on permanent record. The County Clerk will also keep copies of the signatures collected for this purpose. The Board thanked Mr. Betson and Mr. Fisher for the work put into this project and thanked the County Clerk for presenting information relevant to all-mail elections. In other business Commissioner Stewart read aloud the Maximus Certification. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to accept the Maximus Certification and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart reviewed a grant requiring certification of local government for a nonprofit organization receiving ESG Funds from State subrecipients for shelter activities. The amount of the grant being sought by Northwest Community Action Partnership is \$130,000.00. John Axtell joined the meeting. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the grant in the amount of \$130,000.00 and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:12 A.M. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to enter executive session for the purpose of a performance appraisal. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 11:24 A.M. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:25 A.M. Caleb Meyer and Jordan Price, NE National Forest, met with the Board re: Post Fire and updates in general. Mr. Meyer reported the Post Fire burned 5,044 acres. Local support as well as support from outside departments coming in for the fire was greatly appreciated by the Forest Service. Fire line work is completed and the State of Nebraska will be reimbursed for eleven (11) percent of costs associated with the fire. Reimbursements are going well. Jordan Price reported Tourism is up at sites and there are 161 miles of biking, hiking trails available to the Public. He reported 44,000 trees were planted this year in the Pine Ridge area. The Forest Service and NNPd will again work together to bring a Christmas tree to the Downtown Plaza. Mr. Meyer added tree thinning is in progress around the Job Corp site. In 2022 the Forest Service will work with Dawes County on road agreements and 130 acres of dead fall timber will be burned. There being no further business to come before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:44 A.M.

The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on November 09, 2021 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization meeting, followed by the regular Commissioner Meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. The meetings will be held in the Commissioner room. The agenda will close at noon on November 04, 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

October 26, 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	\$1,529.40
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,186.40
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$703.87
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$27.26
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$153.59

100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$38,673.81
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$137.12
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$19.92
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$5,338.19
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$129.94
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$1,845.72
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELY,WATSON,HARF	\$2,790.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$740.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$74.00
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$33.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$16.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$36.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$296.04
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$1,093.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$38.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$628.00
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$248.00
100	EXPRESS BODY AND AUTO REPAIR INC	\$264.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$78.93
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$19,214.76
100	LAW OFFICE OF RHONDA FLOWER	\$570.00
100	GARDNER,LOUTZENHISER & RYAN,PC	\$97.90
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,061.92
100	BRUCE D GUTNIK,MD LLC	\$4,970.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$351.66
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$180.00
100	HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	\$596.85
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$130.94
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$1,668.00
100	DEB LESMEISTER	\$30.89
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$13.95
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$31.95
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$5.81
100	MAXIMUS,INC	\$2,100.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$309.00
100	NACO	\$300.00
100	NE DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$14,532.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,668.26
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$2,049.57
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$120.00

100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$198.53
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$80.00
100	OWEN DENTAL CARE	\$525.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$333.80
100	MARTHA QUAY	\$39.79
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$534.69
100	RADIOLOGY IMAGING OF NEBRASKA,LLC	\$164.00
100	TESSA REECE	\$20.00
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$142.08
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$1,971.72
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,PC	\$1,950.00
100	STANARD APPRAISAL SERVICES INC	\$660.00
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$3,684.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$10,143.96
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$4.41
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$81.05
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$262.90
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$64.77
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$464.27
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$79.35
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$142.81
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$133.75
200	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$341.28
200	AFLAC	\$444.40
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,158.44
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$110.71
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,339.71
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$3.74
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$27.50
200	CROELL REDI-MIX INC	\$800.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,016.51
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$359.85
200	LITTREL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$405.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$5.81
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$652.91
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$54.49
200	NKC TIRE	\$102.00
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$90.61
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$1,217.50
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$40.00

200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$116.77
200	WESTCO	\$18,026.46
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$127.93
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$69.83
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$97.89
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$123.94
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$25.90
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.78
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$200.00
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$7.43
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$24.31
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$4.86
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$32.65
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.13
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.32
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$293.84