

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

November 29, 2021

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session, was commenced at the hour of 9:03 A.M. on the 29th day of November, 2021 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jake Stewart. Board Member present was Levi Grant. Commissioner Rivera was excused from the meeting. Also present were Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent and Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund. 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 Janitor's Door next to the American Flag. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. It was noted for the record that LB83-E amended the Open Meetings Act. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart approving the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the November 09, 2021 minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondence acknowledge by the Board was a NIRMA letter re: Dawes County's share of a dividend in the amount of \$10,020.00. There being no one present for Public Comment, Board Reports ensued to wit: **Grant:** No report. **Stewart:** NCAP is meeting in person after seventeen (17) months of zoom meetings. Federal Guidelines for the COVID shot were discussed. Region 23 was business as usual; SWANN recognized Brian Roberts for approximately 30 years of service, he will be missed at SWANN; NNDC is working on business recruitment and the Communications Center Board will meet January of 2022. **Rivera:** excused from meeting. Kami Wills, HR and Pete Emerson joined the meeting. At 9:27 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to enter executive session with Sheriff Karl Dailey to discuss personnel issues. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session at 10:05 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:06 A.M. Mike Bateman, Murphy Tractor, approached the Board and presented State bid information re: motor grader purchase. The manufacturer is one (1) year out getting equipment delivered due to COVID. He also presented monthly rates for rental of a crusher. Discussion ensued. No action taken by Board.

At 10:44 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, presented Road Updates to wit: **District 1:** Equipment maintenance and road spot repair. **District 2:** Equipment maintenance and finished gravel project on Hollibaugh Road. **District 3:** Spot graveling Haynes Road and finishing up to the Highway. **Construction Crew:** installing wings on a culvert on Redfern Road. The annual certification of the Highway Superintendent was addressed by the Board. The following resolutions were adopted to wit: Resolution No. 2021-30 introduced by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, appointing the Board of Commissioners as Highway Superintendent January 01, 2021 to May 18, 2021. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2021-31 was introduced by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, appointing Wade L. Yada as Highway Superintendent effective May 19, 2021. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2021-32 was introduced by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, approving and directing the Chairman to sign the annual year-end Highway Superintendent certification. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board adopted the following resolutions regarding transfer of funds to wit: Resolution No. 2021-33 was introduced by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, transferring \$769.42 from the Grants Fund (2525) to Inheritance Fund (2700) and closing Fund 2525. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2021-34 was introduced by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, transferring \$51,328.38 from Miscellaneous General Fund (970) to the Emergency 911 (2910). Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. The Construction Chief/Crusher Manager job description was reviewed by those present. The Board asked Mr. Emerson if he was comfortable with the job

description. Mr. Yada informed Mr. Emerson some of the duties for the Crusher job were carried over to the new job description. Mr. Emerson reviewed the job description and indicated for the record he was ok with the job description but had some questions. It was reported that Crew Chiefs have been working with Mr. Emerson by assigning a crew member from their district to work on construction projects as warranted. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the Construction Chief/Crusher Manager position and job description. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Salary for this position was discussed. Highway Superintendent, Wade Yada, recommended \$19.00 per hour for this position. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to set the Construction Chief/Crusher Manager at \$19.00 per hour commencing on December 15, 2021. Pete Emerson discussed a project on Four Mile Road going into Breakneck Road. The County is willing to work with the landowner to address the issue at hand. Deadhorse tree removal was discussed. Mr. Emerson reported the Nebraska State Forest Service is willing to cost share on these projects. Discussion ensued re: rental of a crusher. Mr. Yada then passed out evaluation forms for Crew Chiefs, Road Crew Members and the Construction Chief/Crusher. No action was taken so Commissioner Rivera has the opportunity to review the evaluation forms. Road Department salaries were discussed at length. The City of Chadron is starting Street Department employees at .78 cents higher than the County. No action was taken. Both the evaluations and salaries were added to the December 14, 2021 Commissioner Meeting.

At 11:48 A.M. Deb Lesmeister, Deputy County Clerk, presented Commissioner/Precinct share files created which will digitize Dawes County precinct and Commissioner Districts. There will be some minor changes and individuals affected will be notified by the Clerk's Office. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the digitized share files for Dawes County's redistricting of Precincts and Commissioner Districts due to the census. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 12:00 P.M. Gale Kittrell, Communications, met with the Board re: purchase of a radio console. He reported the purchase needs to be done by January or the quote goes up ten percent (10%). The Board instructed Mr. Kittrell to pursue the purchase of a radio console.

The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on December 14, 2021 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with the Commissioner Meeting. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner room. The agenda will close at noon on December 09, 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

November 29, 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; 2910-911=Emergency Communications; 2913=Wireless Communications; 4600= Bond Payment Fund

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC/SHERIFF	\$200.00
100	AFLAC	\$1,529.40
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,215.14
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$855.92
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$26.51
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$124.66
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$254.29
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$109.85

100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$39,218.51
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,306.50
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$82.09
100	CHADRON LUMBER COMPANY INC	\$15.45
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$214.93
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$240.41
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELY,WATSON,HARF	\$130.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$22.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$12.00
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$27.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$24.00
100	CVSOAN TREASURER	\$120.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$296.04
100	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$51,328.38
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$638.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$628.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$192.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$32.21
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$165.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$76.76
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$316.27
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$24.48
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VANCE HAUG	\$424.68
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$214.36
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18,848.75
100	RUSSELL W HARFORD	\$338.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$206.20
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$81.49
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$64.00
100	JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS,INC	\$2,400.00
100	KIMBALL COUNTY	\$18.50
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$15.76
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$25.31
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$5.81
100	MIPS INC	\$2,107.28
100	NACO	\$1,798.94
100	NACVSO TREASURER	\$60.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,458.38
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,438.39
100	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$450.00

100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$200.08
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$197.45
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$387.66
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$3,393.10
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$855.47
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$1,281.65
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$78.48
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,660.96
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$97.03
100	JENNIFER SUKUP	\$1,496.60
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$320.98
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$262.90
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$59.10
100	WESTCO	\$25.32
100	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$255.00
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS,PC	\$1,000.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$462.73
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$77.44
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$153.63
200	AFLAC	\$444.40
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,454.31
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$555.92
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$662.94
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$116.38
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,387.79
200	BRENNAN ELECTRIC	\$220.91
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$90.00
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$123.70
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$4,421.89
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$60.00
200	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	\$169.95
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$155.36
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$149.89
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$5.81
200	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	\$183.20
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,037.51
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$63.46
200	NKC TIRE	\$285.00
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$2,950.92
200	NORTH AMERICAN TRUCK AND TRAILER,IN	\$339.34

200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$105.73
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$778.64
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$272.06
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$146.25
200	STACY SWINNEY	\$6,087.40
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$122.76
200	WESTCO	\$3,260.60
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$72.56
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$97.89
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$134.36
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$28.74
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.78
2525	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$769.42
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$0.90
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2.85
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$0.53
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$32.60
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.13
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.32
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$293.39