

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

December 14, 2021

### DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session, was commenced at the hour of 9:16 A.M. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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 were Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund; Mark Betson; Thalia Wilson; Carolyn Annen; Stacy Swinney; Clifford and Carmen Stehle. 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. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera approving the agenda, noting the Officials salary resolution will be discussed only. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the November 29, 2021 minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart, with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Steve Crile, Jail Administrator, visited with the Board about a claim payable to the Scotts Bluff Detention Center. He reported the Dawes County Jail holds 20 prisoners. Prisoners causing issues in a facility are transferred out to other facilities. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve all claims as presented with the exception of claim#'s 21120079 in the amount of \$80.57 and #21120131 in the amount of \$1035.38 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 pay claim#'s 21120079 in the amount of \$80.57 and #21120131 in the amount of \$1035.38 both payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kami Wills, HR, joined the meeting. Correspondences acknowledged by the Board included a newsletter from NNDC. The Board reviewed and approved by general consent monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent presented Road Updates to wit: All Districts are doing equipment maintenance after the snow storm. Mark Betson indicated for the record less used roads had berms built up and some mailboxes were blocked off by plowing. **District 1**-preparing to patch roads; **District 2**-preparing to patch roads and finish gravel going down on Deadhorse Road from highway going South and **District 3**-working on Haynes Road. Mark Betson asked what it costs to send Road Crew Members to blade school. Discussion ensued. A decision on the Road Department evaluations was moved to the January 25, 2022 meeting to allow more time to review the proposed evaluation forms. Road Department salaries were discussed. Wade Yada shared a proposed salary chart with Board Members. No Action was taken by the Board.

At 10:00 A.M. Deb Cottier, NNDC, met with the Board. She discussed NNDC's responsibilities and the recent 5% cut by Dawes County in funding along with other administrative costs being cut. She discussed the revolving loans and administration thereof which includes LB840 funds. She also discussed community development projects, Boards she serves on; budget and housing issues in our area. CDBG refunding has funds available and interested parties can contact Commissioner Jake Stewart for more information. Commissioner Rivera indicated several businesses are having a hard time hiring people to work due to the Government offering funds to individuals due to COVID. Ms. Cottier reported that the majority of unemployment benefits are reverting back to what they were prior to COVID so more people will start going back to work. The housing project was expanded on as requested by Commissioner Rivera. A copy of her presentation will become a permanent part of these minutes.

At 10:25 A.M. Joni Jespersion and Tonya Meyer, Mobius, discussed the Broadband grant through the Public Service Commission. They have personally met with State Senators and the Public Service Commission to ensure the ARPA funding is correctly distributed by Dawes County. January 04, 2022 Mobius will know if they have been awarded the Broadband project through the Public Service Commission. Approximately 100 individuals will be positively impacted by the grant. Sandy Montague-Roes reported she is happy to hear the grant has been submitted. Stacy Swinney and Justin Madsen also support the grant for Broadband services. Commissioner Rivera indicated he has received mixed reactions

to the Broadband project. The Board recessed at 10:50 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:55 A.M.

At 10:56 A.M. Ginger Meyer, Chadron Public Schools Superintendent, presented the 2023 Juvenile Justice Grant for approval and signature of the Chairman. The grant amount for 2023 is \$30,295.00. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the grant and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:05 A.M. Celeste Cattin, Clerk District Court, gave a presentation on a salary study conducted by NACO. Also present was Sam Wellnitz. She presented a large sheet breaking out counties by category and salaries thereof. Dawes County falls in category 2 which recommends Elected Officials receive \$56,000.00-\$78,500.00 for a salary. Discussion ensued. It was noted for the record Officials in Dawes County haven't received a raise in eight (8) years due to salaries being froze. The Board discussed setting the base salary for Elected Officials (except County Attorney and Public Defender) at \$49,800.00 beginning January of 2023 with four (4) percent raises each year in 2024, 2025 and 2026. Commissioners would receive ½ of what the Elected Officials make. No concrete decisions were made. The salary resolution will be officially adopted at the December 28, 2021 Commissioner meeting.

At 11:57 A.M. Phil Curd, Dawes County Surveyor, met with the Board re: survey on section lines in 1,2, 11 & 12; Township 32 Range 49. He reported the original corner was never found, however; in 1972 a corner was set. In September of 2021 another Surveyor found the original corner and asked Mr. Curd to come to the survey site. Mr. Curd reported he believes the original corner has been found 41 feet East of the 1972 established corner. Discussion ensued regarding a billing for the survey. Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund will visit with Attorney Amanda Vogl regarding the survey billing Dawes County received. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on December 28, 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 23, 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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**December 14, 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	AFLAC	\$1,529.40
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,680.12
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$633.21
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$32.51
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$251.46
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$68.64
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$297.10
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$39,218.62
100	JOSEPH BORGES	\$35.00
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$802.65
100	KYLE BRICE	\$1,827.49
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$344.72

100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,963.34
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$34.90
100	CENTURYLINK	\$547.33
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$242.59
100	CHADRON PLUMBING,INC	\$138.66
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$511.39
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$312.36
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$240.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$51.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$12.00
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$33.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$138.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$88.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$628.00
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$3,085.44
100	RANDALL DICKERSON	\$35.00
100	DOCU-SHRED LLC	\$200.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$130.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$110.30
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$38.37
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$73.62
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$226.31
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$453.01
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$105.65
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$33.54
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$20,262.51
100	KIRK FORBES	\$62.84
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$110.85
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,411.06
100	GWORKS	\$2,275.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$343.86
100	JANET HARTMAN	\$35.00
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$8.65
100	HI-TECH CAR CARE	\$116.93
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$1,393.39
100	KRISTEN HUNTER	\$50.08
100	IAAO	\$225.00
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$1,213.33
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED	\$45.41

100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$308.00
100	ERIN KAMPBELL	\$153.44
100	LATIMER REPORTING	\$455.65
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$65.04
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$732.00
100	MIPS INC	\$6,022.59
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$213.14
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,834.15
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$155.15
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,626.85
100	NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION	\$240.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$81.95
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$154.72
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$12.34
100	NEXTONER,LLC	\$296.29
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$196.11
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$71.97
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	MARTHA QUAY	\$13.20
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$194.25
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$9.33
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/EXTENSION	\$9.67
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/WEBSITE	\$99.00
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$80.57
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$1,502.01
100	TATA SCHUHMACHER	\$44.28
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$30,444.73
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY	\$6,907.79
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$18.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,769.60
100	STAR-HERALD	\$358.59
100	LORI STORBECK	\$62.84
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$10,000.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$96.72
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/E911	\$83.24
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$263.06
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$138.76
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY	\$23.98
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$130.26

100	BREMER,JIM	\$55.88
200	ACE IRRIGATION & MANUFACTURING	\$22,235.04
200	AFLAC	\$444.40
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,218.67
200	RICHARD ML ANDERSON	\$60.90
200	ROBERT (HANK) ANDERSON	\$60.90
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$87.82
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$268.18
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,387.85
200	CENTURYLINK	\$16.12
200	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$269.05
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$121.85
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$143.63
200	COE ENGINEERING	\$140.00
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$118.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$8.97
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,334.86
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$53.50
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$5.49
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$270.00
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$1,157.60
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$92.69
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$38.49
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$76.36
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$748.94
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$135.97
200	NITSCH FENCING AND FABRICATION	\$660.00
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$8,054.13
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$104.55
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$3,532.20
200	POWERPLAN	\$5,588.95
200	RDO TRUCK CENTER	\$95.47
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$1,035.38
200	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$353.00
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$1,703.44
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$305.51
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$143.64
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$116.86
200	WESTCO	\$11,743.80

200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$110.56
200	21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT	\$2,848.38
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$103.80
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$97.90
990	CHADRON PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION	\$389.69
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$4.76
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$244.28
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$262.62
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$69.09
990	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TOURISM	\$76.76
990	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/VISITOR PROMO	\$6.22
990	KERRI REMPP	\$58.70
990	ROTARY CLUB OF CHADRON	\$120.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.79
995	HOMESLICE MEDIA GROUP, LLC	\$2,587.44
995	HOOR MEDIA LLC	\$3,315.00
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$200.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$2,114.38
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.13
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	INTRALINKS, INC	\$167.19
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.32
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$890.00

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**- CHADRON, NEBRASKA**  
**December 14, 2021**  
**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 9:01 A.M. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Mark Betson; Thalia Wilson; Carolyn Annen; Clifford and Carmen Stehle. 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, noting for the record there aren't any tax corrections. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, approving the 11/09/ 2021 minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Carolyn Annen and Thalia Wilson, NE Strong Recovery Project, met with the Board. Ms. Annen reported the grant is ending and a resource list was left with the County Commissioners. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, presented a new vehicle exemption request for NCAP for a 2020 Ford Escape. Upon review, a motion was made by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, approving the application of NCAP for a 2020 Ford Escape exemption. 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 9:15 A.M. The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2022 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, January 06, 2022. 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

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