

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE
CHADRON, NEBRASKA

January 11, 2022

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:24 A.M. on the 11th day of January 2022, in the Dawes County Commissioner's room pursuant to public notice as required by law. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Also present were County Clerk, Cheryl Feist; Mark and Merna Betson; Adam Edmund was excused from the meeting. Prior to any official action of the Board, Tony Denke and Matt Martin, FNBO, met with the Board to share information about a commercial purchase card for business transactions with no interest or annual fees associated with the card. No action was taken by the Board. The Chairman announced the location of the open meetings poster located by the American flag on the Custodial door. Copies of the act are available upon request. Motion by Rivera, seconded by Grant, approving the agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The December 28, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Motion by Rivera, seconded by Grant, approving the minutes as published. Roll call vote: Ayes: Stewart and Rivera, with Grant abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion approving all claims as submitted by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board acknowledged receipt of a NCAP newsletter. The Board approved by general consent all fee/mileage reports of the various departments. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He presented additional information re: crusher rental. Discussion ensued. The Crusher being looked at is with Murphy Tractor available to rent at \$3100.00 per month. No screen rental will be needed thus saving the County some money. The Board informed the Highway Superintendent to proceed with rental of a crusher. **Road Updates:** All Districts are running maintainers, fixing roads and equipment maintenance. The Crusher crew is readying the Goff pit for crushing rock. Mr. Yada reported he has applied for and received a NIRMA grant to secure safety equipment in the Road Department. The next order of business was implementation of performance evaluations for Road Crew Members. Discussion ensued. Mr. Yada indicated for the record he doesn't want performance evaluations tied solely to raises. The evaluation process will be a useful tool for crew accountability. Time management needs addressed with crew members according to Commissioner Rivera. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the implementation of performance evaluations in the Roads Department. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Raises were then discussed. Mr. Yada shared a spreadsheet outlining raises in the Roads Department. New hires will start at \$15.85 plus benefits in the Roads Department. Commissioner Rivera asked if there is a raise cap. Mr. Yada indicated yes there is a cap on raises. Commissioner Rivera expressed concern with Crew Chiefs and Construction/Crusher Supervisor all receiving the same rate of pay. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to accept the wage adjustments as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board thanked the Human Resource Department for assisting Mr. Yada with raises and development of a performance appraisal

At 10:15 A.M. Gary Bridges, VSO, met with the Board. He presented a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Dawes County and Vetra-Spec. The Vetra-Spec program is a statewide program used to track Veterans and any filings done at State level. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept the terms of the MOU between Dawes County and Vetra-Spec and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Bridges then briefed the Board on 4th quarter 2021 to wit: Steady traffic flow in office and a permanent driver was added. This year at Christmas, outside agencies purchased gift cards for area Veterans. He reported the Veterans Board will need to replace Darrell Marshall. He will be greatly missed because of his contributions to not only Dawes County Veterans but Hot Springs, S.D. Veterans as well. The VSO and Board of Commissioners acknowledged his contributions. There were ten (10) new disability cases; VA compensation re: benefits, medical, dental, etc. for area Veterans is \$12,745.00 per Veteran or \$9.35 million dollars total comes into Dawes County to assist area Veterans. The Veterans Office transported 30 Veterans to various appointments, etc. The Board recessed at 10:29 and reconvened to regular session at 10:33 A.M.

At 10:33 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, met with the Board. She handed out the newest Travel Board brochure and reported 2021 set a record for lodging revenues in Dawes County. She reported there are two positions open on the Travel Board and three (3) individuals have expressed an interest in serving on the Board. Those individuals are Maria Wheeler, Brandon Davenport and George Ledbetter. Carol Foster went off the Board and didn't seek re-appointment. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Rivera moved to appoint Brandon Davenport due to experience working with Kerri Rempp as an Intern and George Ledbetter. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Rivera with Grant abstaining from the vote. The Board wished to thank those that have served on the Travel Board and those that expressed an interest in being on the Travel Board.

At 11:00 A.M. Board Re-Organization ensued for fiscal year 2022. Resolution No. 2022-01 re: Chairman was presented for nominations from the floor. Commissioner Vic Rivera indicated for the record he is interested in

serving as Board Chairman. There being no other nominations from the floor, all nominations ceased. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to appoint Vic Rivera as Chairman for fiscal year 2022. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2022-02 was introduced by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, appointing Jake Stewart as Vice Chairman for fiscal year 2022. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Rivera. Nays: Stewart, Motion carried. Resolution No. 2022-03 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, establishing official depositories for Dawes County for 2022. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2022-04 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, establishing official publications for Dawes County for 2022. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2022-05 was introduced by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, appointing Wade Yada as Highway Superintendent for fiscal year 2022. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2022-06 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, setting the 911 surcharge rate at \$1.00 per line for fiscal year 2022. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next order of business was approving the 2022 meeting dates for Board of Equalization and Commissioners. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the 2022 meeting dates. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The 2022 Holiday schedule was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the 2022 Holiday schedule. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The 2022 Board appointments were reviewed. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to keep the same Board appointments as last year noting the Chairman will be responsible for Courthouse issues and Safety Committee. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:08 A.M. Joni Jespersion and Tanya Mayer, Mobius Communications, joined the meeting. Also present was Jenny Borie, ARPA reporting agent. Joining the meeting later was Stacy Swinney, John Axtel and Sandy Montague-Roes. Joni Jespersion announced the Public Service Commission has approved the ARPA Grant for Dawes County. The grant will allow for Mobius Communications to run fiber for internet access in rural Dawes County. The County has committed \$487,500.00 of ARPA funding for this project. The County will also start looking at rural water lines to see if ARPA funding can help replace, restore, water lines. Completion date for the project is scheduled for Summer of 2023. Mobius Communications will work with the Treasurer and Jenny Borie to have ARPA funding ACH'd to Mobius Communications. A Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP) Community Partner Contribution Certification was presented to the Board. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to direct the Vice Chairman, Jake Stewart, to sign the NBBP certification. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:33 A.M. There being no further business to come before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board will be January 25, 2022. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner's room at the Courthouse. An agenda to the Commissioners proceedings will be kept on file in the County Clerks office for inspection, but the agenda will close on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at noon. The agenda may be modified to include items of emergency nature. **Disclaimer: A complete text of all Resolutions passed by the Board is available upon request in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours.**

ATTEST: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 11, 2022 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	CAROL ABOLD	\$72.00
100	AFLAC	\$1,529.41
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$1,968.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,756.20
100	JUDY BERGFELD	\$132.00
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$861.99
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$39,218.62

100	BLUE 360 MEDIA,LLC	\$261.89
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$55.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$321.36
100	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$23.40
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$215.84
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,955.46
100	CELESTE CATTIN	\$58.13
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$32.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$632.49
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$225.01
100	CHADRON PLUMBING,INC	\$195.06
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$513.99
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$1,600.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$455.26
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$2,000.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$1,800.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$660.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$51.00
100	KARL DAILEY	\$71.91
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$4,500.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$628.00
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$2,853.54
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$20.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$126.32
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$125.77
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$17,760.51
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$348.39
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$236.12
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$132.03
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$696.99
100	ARNOLD JOHNSON	\$60.00
100	KCSR-AM	\$55.00
100	LATIMER REPORTING	\$113.56
100	LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	\$162.30
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$65.04
100	GERALD D MCCOY	\$24.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,218.00
100	MIPS INC	\$2,612.40
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$212.24
100	NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOC	\$60.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,259.10

100	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$7,000.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$31.80
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$106.68
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$145.00
100	XENILE NIXON	\$12.00
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$362.97
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$554.40
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/WEBSITE	\$99.00
100	REG 1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY	\$14,804.00
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$13,428.00
100	DUIANE E SEEGRIST	\$36.00
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$3,500.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,749.44
100	JERRY STERLING	\$36.00
100	DANA STREEKS	\$68.16
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$96.72
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/E911	\$178.48
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$263.06
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$25.40
100	CAPITAL ONE NA	\$46.04
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
200	AFLAC	\$444.40
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,281.74
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,387.85
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$97.71
200	CENTURYLINK	\$16.12
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$123.70
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$123.10
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$83.03
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,510.59
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$53.50
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$213.96
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$1,288.20
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$76.02
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$789.75
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$150.94
200	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ROADS	\$182.86
200	POWERPLAN	\$1,085.19

200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$2,348.58
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$1,899.00
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$143.64
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$116.86
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$75.49
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$97.90
990	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,990.56
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$29.19
990	DAWES CO TREAS/TOURISM BENEFITS PAY	\$5,986.65
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$1,102.73
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$143.92
990	GREY EAGLE POST 1375	\$500.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$29.41
990	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/VISITOR PROMO	\$18.15
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.79
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,750.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,750.00
995	MILES PARTNERSHIP, LLLP	\$8,000.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.86
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	INTRALINKS, INC	\$92.19
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.26
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$890.00

Disclaimer: A complete list of all employees & claims are available at the Dawes Co Clerk's Office.

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
January 11, 2022
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 9:00 A.M. on the 11th day of January, 2022 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; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Mark and Merna Betson, with Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney being excused. 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 Grant, seconded by Rivera, approving the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, approving the 12/14/ 2021 minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. There wasn't any correspondence acknowledged by the Board. The Assessor discussed setting valuation protest hearing dates for 2022. July 18, 2022 valuation protest

hearings will begin and will be advertised by the County Clerk. The Assessor presented tax correction #'s 5176-5183 for the Board's review. Upon review of said tax corrections Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Grant, moved to approve said corrections and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Assessor informed the Board approximately \$2.6 million dollars in value was picked up due to unpermitted structures on the last pictometry flight. She also informed the Board that Chadron residents will see values go up 15-17% this year as values are currently at 83% of market value and should be higher.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:10 A.M. The next meeting will be held on February 08, 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, February 03, 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

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION
