

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

January 25, 2022

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session, was commenced at the hour of 8:59 A.M. on the 25th day of January, 2022 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Vic Rivera. Board Members present were Jake Stewart and Levi Grant. Also present were Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund; Terry Curtiss, Atty and Val Jansante, Adrian Smith's Office. 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. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, approving the agenda with the deletion of Doves Program agenda item. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Grant and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the January 11, 2022 minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve all claims as presented with the exception of claim#22010209 in the total amount of \$3683.80 payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Grant. Nays, None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant moved to pay claim#22010209 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$3,683.80. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences acknowledged by the Board included a nomination packet re: Emergency Management. The Board reviewed and approved by general consent monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. There being no Public Comment, Board reports ensued to wit: **Stewart:** NNDC held their annual stakeholder meeting and re-organized the Board; SWANN-Board re-organized and recognized Loren Paul for years of service to the SWANN Board and reviewed healthcare options. SWANN was able to save \$52,200.00 by switching healthcare to United Health Care Insurance; Region 23 re-organized their Board and discussed grant funding for emergency sirens in Whitney, Nebraska; Communications Center Board met and implemented by-laws. Adam Edmund will assist with legalities associated with the formation of a centralized communication center. Discussion ensued. NCAP revised their COVID policy, approved a line of credit, passed the LIHAEP Grant and sold a building to Pioneer Manor located at 122 N. Main Street. **Grant:** Area Aging Board met, client assessments have been moved to the State level and local clients aren't being properly served. Many Senior Citizens are going without food and medications. He indicated federal funding was received to advertise COVID related issues, not help area Seniors and ARPA funding can't be used to feed our Senior Citizens. OHD met via zoom, there is COVID amongst the clients and staff. **Rivera:** Panhandle Public Health District didn't meet, they will start zoom meetings, Region 1 met and discussed the opioid settlement. The State will remit settlement checks to various counties. Alcohol consumption has increased significantly due to COVID according to Rivera.

At 9:30 A.M. Val Jansante, Adrian Smith's Office, met with the Board. He informed the Board that Congressman Adrian Smith was interested in the Chairman position on the Ways and Means Committee but is Chairman of the trade subcommittee. Mr. Smith has refiled for the 3rd Congressional District. Commissioner Stewart asked Mr. Jansante to follow-up on the USDA funding issues.

At 9:35 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, presented road updates to wit: All districts are grading roads when weather allows, hauling gravel from Goff pit to Deadhorse Road, pulling shoulders, the Crusher/Crew Manager is working at Goff pit, Road Crew members have been advised performance appraisals are coming and parts of the One-Six-Year Road Plan will be set as goals in the evaluations. Commissioner Grant shared information received from constituents and Commissioner Stewart suggested alternating crushing rock and hauling gravel annually. Commissioner Grant indicated for the record there are roads in the Whitney area in dire need of maintenance, District 3 roads are in bad shape. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, joined the meeting.

At 9:41 A.M. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, met with the Board re: copy fees. She expressed concern with costs associated with shopping locally for office equipment. She also informed the Board the copier in the work room is not working and no one is available to work on it. The County Clerk indicated

individuals have looked at the machine but parts are hard to find. Commissioner Stewart will look into options available locally. Stacy Swinney, Patti Hollibaugh and Doug Leeling joined the meeting.

At 9:53 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. He presented his annual Department of Agriculture report and reviewed it with the Board. Commissioner Grant asked what the report contains. Mr. Wordekemper indicated the report contains the number of inspections conducted, budget figures, control plans, etc. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the report details and direct the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 9:58 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:00 A.M.

At 10:00 A.M. The Chairman declared the publicized hearing re: One-Six-Year Road Plan open. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent went over what was accomplished this past year and reported due to dry conditions this year's projects were harder to complete. Mr. Yada briefed those present on the One Year Plan. Doug Leeling asked if both Construction Crew and individual districts will be working on projects. Mr. Yada replied it will be a combination of both. Mr. Leeling then asked why the County is doing Bergfield Road and where is rock coming from. Mr. Yada informed Mr. Leeling this is a suggested project and subject to change. Mr. Leeling also asked about Brown and Bethel Loop Roads. Patti Hollibaugh asked who gave mileage estimates on the number of miles covered. She went on to say mileage estimates aren't accurate, there is no way county crews did ten (10) miles of road in a year. Commissioner Rivera indicated lack of water prohibited project issues. Mr. Yada also informed those present that permits for water weren't submitted in a timely manner so when he started in May of 2021 he applied for the permits. Stacy Swinney reported Deadhorse Road has been on the One (1) year plan for years and now it's been moved to the six (6) year plan, why? Mr. Yada indicated traffic counts affect projects as well. Mr. Yada then went over the Six (6) year plan. Doug Leeling reported Breakneck, Norgard and Dyer Roads all need addressed. He reported Jay Bruns would be an excellent candidate to train crew members on grading roads. There being no further comment on the One-and-Six Year Road Plan the Chairman closed the hearing at 10:36 A.M. Resolution No. 2022-07 was introduced by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, approving the One-and-Six Year Road plan and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. A copy of the One-Year and Six-Year Plans will be attached to minutes and can viewed during normal business hours at the Clerk's Office. The last order of business was to set a date to discuss LB 51 between Board Members and Sheriff Karl Dailey. The Board scheduled February 22, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to have a workshop re: LB 51 with the Sheriff.

There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on February 08, 2022 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization meeting, followed by the Commissioner meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. The meetings will be held in the Commissioner room. The agenda will close at noon on February 03, 2022. **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

January 25, 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	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC/SHERIFF	\$3,149.40
100	AFLAC	\$1,529.41
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,417.60

100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$21.00
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$50.30
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$253.89
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$204.93
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$39,218.51
100	BOB'S SNOW REMOVAL	\$270.00
100	BOULDER COUNTY SHERIFF	\$50.12
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$1,136.25
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$676.77
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,839.48
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$129.77
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$57.59
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$44.29
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$34.38
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$920.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$120.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$12.00
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$33.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$296.04
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$171.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$628.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$169.07
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$206.26
100	FIRST BANKCARD/HR DEPT	\$72.42
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$20,038.57
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,033.93
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$109.16
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$37.21
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$132.03
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$150.00
100	JM RANCH	\$3,643.00
100	KCSR-AM	\$110.00
100	LARAMIE COUNTY SHERIFF	\$35.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$14.19
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$27.03
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$5.63
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,153.50
100	MIPS INC	\$766.00
100	NE ASSOC CO CLERKS,REG DEEDS,ELEC C	\$75.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00

100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,817.96
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,861.11
100	NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	\$393.75
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$199.57
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$374.90
100	OWEN DENTAL CARE	\$1,344.00
100	PETERSEN SNOW REMOVAL	\$350.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$51.28
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$413.30
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$1,385.12
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$92.56
100	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES	\$51.70
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$185.00
100	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$33.93
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$81.00
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$262.90
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$8.16
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS,PC	\$1,325.00
100	WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY	\$81.22
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$455.69
200	AFLAC	\$444.40
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,075.36
200	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$50.42
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$81.24
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$570.60
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$712.84
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,387.79
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$305.95
200	CONTRACTORS MATERIALS	\$221.00
200	CUSTOM PRODUCTS CORPORATION	\$1,227.56
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$539.84
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,682.15
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$674.82
200	JAY D GOFF	\$10,410.00
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$2,723.00
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$383.47
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$482.15
200	KCSR-AM	\$220.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$5.63
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00

200	MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	\$189.31
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$568.56
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$140.10
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$3,420.58
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$381.95
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$12,028.87
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$3,683.80
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$125.75
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$116.77
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$76.89
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$67.10
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$97.89
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$111.86
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$20.67
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.78
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$8.10
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$25.93
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$4.82
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$32.57
2910	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$6.00
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.86
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$180.00
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.26
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$293.12