

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

February 22, 2022

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:05 A.M. on the 22nd day of February, 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 and Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent. Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund was excused from the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Per LB 898, Commissioner Rivera 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. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Grant and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the February 08, 2022 minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Rivera, with Stewart abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve all claims with the exception of claim# 's 22020170 in the amount of \$92.11 and 22020208 in the amount of \$1869.58 both 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# 's 22020170 in the amount of \$92.11 and 22020208 in the amount of \$1869.58 both payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant, with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various offices were reviewed and approved by general consent of the Board. No one was present for Public Comment. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to enter executive session under Board Reports at 9:29 A.M. for personnel issues. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 9:36 A.M. a motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Board Reports ensued to wit: **Stewart:** NW Community Action met on February 17,2022. Recruitment issues were discussed. NCAP would like to see more people show interest in serving on Boards. Nancy Haag, former NCAP Board Member was acknowledged for her service to the Board. Anyone from the community interested in serving on a Board is encouraged to reach out to Commissioner Stewart. He can be reached by calling (308) 432-6692 or (308) 432-3393. A grant was received through RSVP for the AmeriCorps program. Mr. Stewart reported on outreach services provided by RSVP. A copy of that report is attached to these minutes. The weatherization program has completed 24 of 29 homes that were approved for the program. The program has also installed 14 of 16 furnaces that were approved for the program. A copy of that report is also attached to these minutes. Mr. Stewart reported the Department of Energy has 3 of 27 homes done. **Grant:** Area Aging elected Officers with business as usual; OHD held their meeting via zoom, they also elected Officers and business as usual. District 3 is looking for a Zoning Board representative. Anyone from Commissioner District 3 can serve on the Board. If interested, please contact Commissioner Grant at (308) 430-1850. **Rivera:** Tourism Board met February 05, 22. Ride the Ridge will host its last event this year. The Board elected a secretary for the Tourism Board. The Panhandle Public Health Department met via zoom, they are revamping policies and want to adopt a policy whereby employees may work from home. The office in Bridgeport will be closed with employees working from home. Region 1 elected Officers with individuals retaining previous positions. They are also trying to start up a homeless shelter in Scottsbluff, NE.

At 9:53 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, reported a bridge top in District 3 will be replaced weather permitting. Water permits have been applied for and Dawes County received six (6) water permits for road construction projects. District 2 has hired Jay Waldron. A pay scale set up was discussed. District 3 is grading roads and will start work in Whitney; District 1 is grading roads, pulling shoulders and general maintenance. District 2 is pulling shoulders and general maintenance. Oil supply was discussed. A P-Card was discussed for big purchases. The Highway Superintendent was authorized to check into a P-Card for the Roads Department. The Board recessed at 10:23 A.M. and reconvened at 10:26 A.M. The Highway Superintendent's salary was discussed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by

Grant, moved to set the Highway Superintendent's salary at \$51,000.00 effective immediately with no back pay. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Grant and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:40 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, met with the Board. He presented a tax deed. He explained the 2018 County Tax Sale wasn't done properly. Taxes due from 2016 were placed on the 2018 County Tax Sale. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wellnitz will contact the Deputy County Attorney for more direction. Kami Wills, HR Director, joined the meeting.

At 11:05 A.M. Caleb Johnson, Budget Coordinator, teleconferenced into the meeting. The budget contract was received by the Board. Preparation costs will be \$3200.00 with mileage and room being split between counties being served by Mr. Johnson. LB 644 was discussed. Mr. Johnson reported asking for more than 2% tax increase will trigger a joint hearing between schools, counties, cities and community colleges. A Board member will represent Dawes County re: LB 644 joint hearings. Mr. Johnson was asked to include an hourly rate in the contract for any additional duties. Preliminary budgets for 2022-2023 will need to come back early. The Board informed Mr. Johnson preliminary budget worksheets will go out to all departments in April of 2022 and will be due back by May 24, 2022 for Board reviews. In other business the Board reviewed a contract from LUTZ for consulting services re: ARPA.

Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to accept the terms of the contract and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board discussed Cost of Living increases for the Weed Superintendent, HR and Custodial Departments. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to grant a 3% Cost of Living increase in wages effective next payroll run with no back pay. Roll call vote, Ayes; Rivera, Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The last order of business was LB 51 discussion with the Sheriff. The Sheriff informed the Board that currently as LB 51 sits to replace a certified Deputy from another State, Nebraska requires certification in Nebraska before being hired. Uncertified Officers can be hired but can't perform any duties until they attend basic training and they must ride with a certified Officer. If LB 1250 addresses current legislation re: LB 51 then hiring will remain the same as it was before LB 51. Mr. Dailey presented different scenarios that would affect officer training in a timely manner. Salaries for the 2022-2023 budget in the Sheriff's Office were discussed. Sheriff Dailey offered three (3) different plans for the Board to consider re: salaries. Plan 1-budget \$43,585.00 for six (6) deputies; Plan 2-21,793.00 for six (6) deputies or half the cost of Plan 1 and Plan 3-4% Cola for six (6) deputies. The Crawford contract would need to be adjusted as they can't pay raises being proposed for the Sheriff's Department. Discussion ensued regarding a Code Enforcement Officer to enforce local ordinances should it become necessary in Crawford. Salaries in the Jail facility are also bad but this will be addressed at a later date. The Office Manager will also see an increase in salary. Also discussed briefly was pricing of used/verses new pickups.

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 March 08, 2022 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization 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 March 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

February 22, 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	SORTNAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$1,435.96
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$10,998.30
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$121.98
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$559.19
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-TREASURER	\$30.42
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$222.72
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$75.43
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$185.60
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$38,073.18
100	BOB'S SNOW REMOVAL	\$360.00
100	BUSINESS CONNECTION,THE	\$449.56
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$3,638.87
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$101.03
100	CENTURLINK	\$16.85
100	CERNY'S BODY SHOP	\$782.83
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$507.15
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$200.00
100	CONNECTING POINT	\$96.61
100	CONSIDINE,SEAN D	\$109.68
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$471.35
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$210.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$230.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$16.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$18.00
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$27.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$16.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$19.00
100	CVSOAN TREASURER	\$120.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$483.20
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$788.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$628.00
100	ELLIOTT,A,LAW	\$1,232.14
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$1.97
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$61.95
100	FIRST BANKCARD/HR DEPT	\$161.97
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$63.43
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18,494.07
100	FOX-ALL	\$1,474.43
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,310.35
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$305.12
100	JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY,INC	\$2,269.00

100	KCSR-AM	\$165.00
100	LUMEN-CLERK	\$18.34
100	LUMEN-TREASURER	\$20.77
100	LUMEN-WEED	\$5.63
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,989.00
100	MIPS INC	\$152.71
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$213.57
100	MORFORD'S DECORATING CENTER	\$4,400.01
100	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	\$306,318.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$93.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,437.79
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$2,033.81
100	NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT	\$191.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$44.85
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$109.39
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$96.42
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$200.05
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$417.55
100	OWEN DENTAL CARE	\$1,478.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$284.80
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$20.18
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/DIST COURT	\$33.20
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/SHERIFF	\$67.94
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/WEBSITE	\$99.00
100	REGIER CUSTOM DESIGN	\$1,955.00
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$951.60
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$92.11
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$1,445.59
100	SAYALOUNE, MALYCHANH	\$89.85
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,736.70
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$218.11
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$81.00
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$243.54
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS,PC	\$1,000.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$473.20
100	911 CUSTOM,LLC	\$110.90
200	AFLAC	\$444.40
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,222.02
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$134.08
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$1,277.46
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$331.62

200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,387.79
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$1,864.61
200	CONTRACTORS MATERIALS	\$1,039.00
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$16.51
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,331.19
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$66.98
200	FURMAN,PATRICK	\$2,870.00
200	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	\$363.64
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$444.13
200	KCSR-AM	\$275.00
200	LUMEN-#1 ROADS	\$5.63
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$39.22
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$76.02
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$736.42
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$153.54
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$3,004.12
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$334.60
200	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$24.70
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$1,619.50
200	POWERPLAN	\$3,116.46
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$1,869.58
200	STATE OF NE DEPT OF NATRL RESOURCES	\$60.00
200	STERN OIL CO,INC	\$3,806.14
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$116.77
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$87.89
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$74.23
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$97.89
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$139.11
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$28.10
990	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/VISITOR PROMO	\$27.54
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.78
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.55
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2.78
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$32.51
2910	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$33.95
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.86

2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$98.33
2910	LUMEN-E911	\$1,641.66
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.26
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$292.54
2913	LUMEN-E911	\$14,774.92