

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

May 09, 2022

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session, was commenced at the hour of 9:26 A.M. on the 9th day of May, 2022 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Jake Stewart. Board Member present was Levi Grant. Also present were Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent and Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund. Commissioner Rivera called and he is on his way to the meeting. 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 Stewart, approving the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the April 26, 2022 minutes. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed by Board Members. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board took this opportunity to kindly remind individuals to pay personal property taxes as the County is required to withhold any personal property taxes due from Vendors. The Board reviewed and approved by General Consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. Correspondences acknowledged by the Board was NCAP and NNDC Newsletters.

At 9:33 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road Updates included the following: District 1-2.4 mile built on Beaver Valley Road and ready for rock. Grading as warranted; District 2-3.5 mile built on Hollibaugh Road and ready for rock. Blading as warranted; District 3-1/2 mile built on Ferguson Road and grading as warranted; Crusher-Pete has the Goff pit ready and the rental crusher should be here sometime this week. Currently they are at Bruns pit then will move to Wohler's pit. Mr. Yada informed the Board that Murphy Tractor has come back with a bid of \$317,750.00 for a grader purchase. Also discussed but no action taken by the Board was the purchase of a packer. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to proceed with the State bid on the Grader in the amount of \$317,750.00 which the Board will seek ARPA funding for. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart then shared a potential listing of ARPA projects. A Public Hearing will be advertised for May 24, 2022 at 11:30 A.M. to hear input, suggestions, concerns, etc. regarding the use of ARPA funding for projects in the community. The next order of business was renewal of the Blue Cross, Blue Shield subgroup application for the year 2022-2023. Commissioner Rivera joined the meeting. Discussion ensued re: rate hike of 17.5% in health coverage and 5% in dental coverage. Dawes County's share of the Insurance premium paid on behalf of employees converts to an additional \$6.30 per hour per employee on average. The Board expressed concern with some employees not recognizing the additional benefit. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to renew Blue Cross, Blue Shield coverage with a \$1600.00 deductible and Option 3 Blue for health and dental respectively. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:21 A.M. there being no one from ESU 13 present, Commissioner Stewart read aloud a proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month. The Chairman of the Board, Vic Rivera, signed the proclamation.

At 10:24 A.M. Rachel Johnson, RSVP, presented updates relevant to the RSVP program. The program is a national service program for active older adults aged 55+ to volunteer and share their skills, talents and valuable experience with the community. The program is funded 70% through AmeriCorps Seniors and 30% through local financial and in-kind donations. Due to this type of service and others offered through RSVP and other agencies 78% of the community felt their food security was better last year in light of COVID. Meals on Wheels provides the opportunity to check in on home bound Seniors. Commissioner Grant asked how the meals are distributed. A flyer expanding on these services will become a part of these minutes. Closer to Home used to be called Dorothy's Kitchen, then NCAP had the program awhile. In 2014 \$100,000.00 was donated and was used to start Closer to Home, a project that serves 25-30 meals per day. The program has a nine-member board and a day-day coordinator. COVID

increased the demand for meals thus draining the budget. She requested \$25,000.00 in ARPA Funding to assist in the day-to-day operation of the program. The Board informed Ms. Johnson a Public Hearing will be held on May 24, 2022 at 11:30 A.M to hear input, suggestions, concerns re: potential projects for ARPA funding requests. Donate it, Don't Dump It items collected at CSC will be sold with revenue going to Feed a Senior. A letter received from Jerry Feist, USDA Wildlife Services, sent a letter to Board Members re: Government Trapper position. Discussion ensued re: the amount of money the County was obligated to pay for this position and the possibility of the county going out on their own locally so services are available and affordable for the county. Don Fryda will be contacted to possibly oversee the program and find trappers locally in Dawes County. In other business Commissioner Stewart reported on potential office moves within the next two months due to the Court system needing more room.

At 11:00 A.M. Karl Dailey, Sheriff, met with the Board re: policy and/or resolution addressing his departments benefits per the Auditors request. Mr. Dailey indicated his department works seven (7) days a week and are on call 24 hours, seven days per week. He explained this is why his department is different when it comes to tracking benefits. The Sheriff's Department will draft a policy in which the Board will approve by resolution at a later date. The Board recessed at 11:05 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 11:08 A.M. Commissioner Stewart reported the Antelope Cemetery Association has approached the Board regarding responsibilities of the association. Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund, provided a copy of State Statutes addressing Cemetery Associations. The Clerk's Office will have a few copies available. The HR Department was discussed at length regarding future of the office. Commissioner Rivera reported as of today's date the Board is in receipt of two (2) applications.

At 11:35 A.M. Sandy Montague-Roes, WCHR, met with the Board. She presented updates re: Joint Planning meeting. The next meeting will be held on July 07, 2022 with location to be announced. EPC (Emergency Protective Custody) cases and administration thereof will be discussed. She invited the Board to attend the meeting.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on May 24, 2022 beginning at 9:00 A.M.. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner room. The agenda will close at noon on May 19, 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

May 09, 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	AFLAC	\$1,513.62
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$9,865.06
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$1,143.19
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$295.69
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$148.07
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$35,732.37
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$273.43
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,849.76
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$32.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$496.19

100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$144.08
100	CHADRON ARBOR BARBER TREE SERVICE	\$4,000.00
100	CHADRON LOCK	\$315.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$521.84
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$30.00
100	CULLIGAN-ASSESSOR	\$47.50
100	KARL DAILEY	\$182.27
100	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$111.50
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$504.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$628.00
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$969.51
100	DOCU-SHRED LLC	\$120.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$3,253.98
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$359.58
100	FIRST BANKCARD/HR DEPT	\$130.83
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$203.44
100	FIRST BANKCARD/WEED DEPT	\$91.03
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$16,276.08
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$351.01
100	DILLON HALL	\$144.45
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$145.24
100	HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	\$284.85
100	INTRALINKS,INC	\$225.00
100	KCSR-AM	\$165.00
100	LATIMER REPORTING	\$143.60
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$81.36
100	MAXIMUS,INC	\$2,100.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$2,638.50
100	MIPS INC	\$3,400.43
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$212.49
100	NE COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION	\$940.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,007.46
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$198.92
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$31.60
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$34.29
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/PUBLIC DEFEND	\$61.87
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$886.45
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$251.08
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$381.00
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	POSTMASTER	\$80.00

100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$289.44
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$8,290.00
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,PC	\$658.00
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	\$75.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$10,171.94
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$98.33
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$224.30
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$1,105.69
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$251.70
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$120.88
200	AFLAC	\$439.26
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,190.44
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$874.98
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$628.21
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,338.03
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$10.92
200	CENTURYLINK	\$16.83
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$121.85
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$124.96
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$92.95
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,136.54
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$53.50
200	KAISER TIRE MOBILE SERVICE	\$241.50
200	KCSR-AM	\$110.00
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$530.53
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$38.49
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$38.01
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NE ASSN OF CO HWY SUPERINTENDENTS	\$50.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$680.83
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$51.90
200	NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER @ UNK	\$1,800.00
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$85.00
200	POWERPLAN	\$6,701.94
200	SAFETYLINE CONSULTING LLC	\$795.00
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$451.98
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VIAERO WIRELESS-ROADS	\$142.04
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$113.26
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$71.30
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$97.90

990	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$84.99
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$65.00
990	CHADRON FESTIVAL OF QUILTS	\$944.20
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$284.35
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$127.89
990	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING INC	\$1,440.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$25.04
990	NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	\$100.00
990	ROTARY CLUB OF CHADRON	\$122.00
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.79
995	DEAN RUNYAN ASSOCIATES INC	\$8,000.00
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$13.95
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$45.85
2580	LUTZ & COMPANY PC	\$1,107.50
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$9.13
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.86
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$228.69
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.26

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
May 09, 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 9:19 A.M. on the 9th day of May, 2022 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Jake Stewart. Roll was called and the following Commissioner was present: Commissioner Grant with Commissioner Rivera calling in and on his way. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Per LB 898 the Vice 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 Stewart, approving the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, approving the 04/12/2022 minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. There being no correspondence, the Assessor then presented tax correction # 5187-5189 for the Board's review. Upon review of said tax corrections Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve said corrections and directed the Vice Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:22 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, presented a vehicle exemption application for Camp Norwesca regarding a donated 2005 Ford pickup and 42 vehicle exemption renewals for NCAP. Upon review of said exemptions a motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart approving said vehicle exemptions and directing the Vice Chair to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart 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 9:25 A.M. The next meeting will be held on June 14, 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, June 09, 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**
