

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

May 24, 2022

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:03 A.M. on the 24th day of May, 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 and Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund. Per LB 898, Commissioner Rivera announced posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act which 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 Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the May 09, 2022 minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed by Board Members. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve claims as presented with the exception of claim #'s 22050169 in the amount of \$56.37 and #22050204 in the amount of \$3967.75 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 22050169 and #22050204 both payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board acknowledged correspondence received from TERC re: assessments in line with State Statute. The Board reviewed and approved by general consent monthly fee reports of the various departments. There being no one for Public Comment, Board reports ensued to wit: **Grant:** PADD and Area Aging didn't meet. **Stewart:** NCAP hiring committee will interview for the CEO of NCAP; SWANN's budget for 22/23 passed, no increases to rates unless using a roll-off box in which pricing is the same area wide. Region 23 welcomed Scott Konken, new Deputy Director for Region 23 and the 22/23 budget was passed. **Rivera:** Panhandle Public Health didn't meet; Region 1 was a short meeting with business as usual and verbal Judo training was conducted.

At 9:26 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates included the following to wit: District 1-3/4 mile built and graveled on Beaver Valley Road and grading. District 2-grading and hauling gravel on Hollibaugh Road. There is an opening in District 2 Roads Department as well. District 3-blading and the first 1/2 mile of Squaw Creek Road is built and will be graveled. In other business, Mr. Yada received a call from Jerry Sterling who reported when the County built Squaw Creek Road fifteen (15) year ago, they took too much dirt causing erosion problems by his fence line. He requested his fence line be replaced. Discussion ensued amongst the Board and Mr. Edmund. Mr. Yada was instructed to follow-up on the call with Mr. Sterling. Mr. Yada reported the Crusher is arriving on Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Commissioner Rivera shared information relevant to CDL's. He reported there is a Class A CDL course available at a cost of \$4500.00. Discussion ensued re: possibility of employees contracting with Dawes County for their CDL. Mr. Edmund indicated this would be very difficult to enforce. Commissioner Grant questioned whether CDL requirements are different amongst entities. County road employees must have a CDL and the State does offer the course and provides the equipment needed for testing purposes. Mr. Yada informed the Board that Pete Emerson will be using the pickup the Custodian turned back. Purple Wave auction netted the County \$98,200.00 from surplus equipment sold. The Highway Superintendent then presented three (3) bids received for a tractor loader to wit: NMC bid \$104,800.00 with a bucket, no forks; Murphy Tractor bid \$81,500.00 with bucket, no forks and Bobcat of Chadron bid \$69,816.40 with bucket, no forks. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to accept all bids received and directed the Highway Superintendent to award the bid to Bobcat of Chadron in the amount of \$69,816.40 using Purple Wave surplus funds received. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:02 A.M. Jerry Feist, USDA/APHIS met with the Board. He introduced Tim Brewer, representative for Box Butte and Sheridan counties. Mr. Feist recapped the previous agreement made between Dawes/Sioux counties and APHIS for trapper services. He reported it costs approximately \$68,300.00 for trapper services. Mr. Feist was asked by Commissioner Stewart why the County wasn't notified when Eli quit and went to work for the State. By not notifying the County, coverage was a huge concern. Mr. Feist responded by saying Dawes and Sioux counties were covered so he didn't feel the

need to call the counties involved. Discussion ensued. Dawes and Sioux counties will need to work together to acquire trapper services. Commissioner Grant reiterated the importance of notifying the counties involved when a trapper leaves. Commissioner Rivera will attend the Sioux County Board meeting in June to continue the trapper discussion. The Board recessed at 10:22 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:30 A.M. during which time Commissioner Stewart showed the other two (2) Commissioners what is being considered for office moves.

At 10:30 A.M. Brad Streeks, Custodian, presented two (2) bids received from Downs Rural Service to install sprinklers on the Southwest corner of the Courthouse. Downs bid \$10,541.18 for inside the sidewalk and \$16,318.65 for outside the sidewalk. The Board accepted the bids received from Downs Rural Service and instructed the Custodian to obtain one (1) more bid and a decision will then be made by the Board on the project.

At 10:36 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, met with the Board. Three (3) Tourism Grants were presented for Board approval to wit: White River Wacipi in the amount of \$1600.00 to host a Powwow at the Crawford City Park the end of June; Crawford Chamber in the amount of \$2150.00 to promote July 4th activities in Crawford and Peabody Fiddle Contest in the amount of \$675.00 to host the fiddle contest in Crawford City Park in July. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve all three (3) grants as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Grant and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Rempp also presented a surplus request to surplus a laptop that no longer works. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to surplus the laptop, tag#02075 and dispose of the laptop. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Rempp reported the Post Playhouse Improvement Grant for \$100,000.00 has been abandoned by the City of Crawford. The Travel Board requested the initial \$30,000.00 given to the City of Crawford be returned. Ms. Rempp said the Travel Board has received the \$30,000.00 back from the City of Crawford. There was an economic impact study done re: Tourism and it was reported tourism increased by 70% in 2021 resulting in a 30,000,000.00 impact on Dawes County. Ms. Rempp left the meeting. In other business the Board reviewed a Courtyard application submitted by Jim Hawk for use of the Courtyard during Fur Trade Days scheduled July 7-10, 2022. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant, moved to approve the Courtyard application for use of the Courtyard July 7-10, 2022. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Grant. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ron Moore joined the meeting.

At 11:19 A.M. A motion to enter executive session for a legal matter was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Grant and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 11:29 A.M. a motion to end executive session was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Grant. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Grant and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:30 A.M. The Chairman declared the Public Hearing re: ARPA projects open to solicit input, suggestions and hear from entities interested in ARPA funds. Commissioner Stewart read aloud a listing of potential ARPA funding projects suggested. They include Mobius Communications; Closer to Home; Roads equipment purchase; Whitney Warning Siren; Infrastructure gravel roads; Crawford Senior Citizens; Radios-Sheriff; Radios-Chadron & Crawford Fire Districts and 250 Main Street-windows. Applications must be submitted for all outside entities requesting ARPA funds. Joni Jespersen, Mobius, requested additional ARPA funding to continue the Broadband project being done by Mobius Communications. She shared a map of the potential area being considered. Rachel Johnson, RSVP, reiterated Closer to Home is still recovering from two (2) years of COVID impact and is requesting less than \$30,000.00 for Closer to Home. Crawford Senior Citizens Center presented a listing of items they are in dire need of and Commissioner Grant gave the letter to the Board. Commissioner Grant reported he feels there is an overlap of food services available to citizens in the area as he visited with several area residents concerning the food services available. The Senior Citizens center will not turn down an individual if they can't afford to make a donation or buy a lunch ticket. He reported there is a soup kitchen at the College, Closer to Home, Meals on Wheels, Backpack program, NCAP food distributions, Church pantry's and Helping Hands program. He did report there are some negative feelings in the community regarding the current food programs. He indicated for the record, once ARPA funds are distributed these entities applying for funds will be on their own for future funding as the County won't be able to continue funding the projects. Rachel Johnson briefed the Board on the types of fundraising done for some of these programs. Procurement procedures were discussed regarding ARPA funds. There

being no one else present from the Public to comment the Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 12:05 P.M.

At 12:06 P.M. Ron Moore presented an SDL application for a State Park celebration to be held June 11, 2022. Commissioner Grant kindly reminded Mr. Moore that any Agenda items need to be brought to the County Clerk prior to meetings so the Board can review the information prior to meetings. Commissioner Grant, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the SDL submitted by Ron Moore and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Grant, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 12:15 P.M. Jenny Borie, Audrey Pickering and Deb Lesmeister met with the Board re: HR Department. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, joined the meeting. Jenny Borie asked the Board what they are wanting in a HR Department. Mr. Stewart indicated for the record the Clerk’s Office did a good job handling the HR Department when they had it. He regretted shutting down the department when the Clerk’s office had it but the County has been through four (4) HR Director’s since that time. Commissioner Grant feels the HR Department should be under the Clerk’s office. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, reported she contacted several other counties and the Clerk’s office handles the HR Department and grievances need a place to go that’s neutral, other than the Courthouse. Salary was discussed. Adam Edmund wants one (1) contact for HR. The three (3) individuals from the Clerk’s Office were asked to put together a proposal for the Board to consider. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, reported the personnel policy handbook will be re-done and typed by committee members.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 P.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on June 14, 2022 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization meeting, followed by the Commissioner meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. Both meetings will be held in the Commissioner room. The agenda will close at noon on June 09, 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 24, 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	\$11,054.05
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$112.17
100	BLOOM	\$48.00
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$35,666.70
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$355.88
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,405.75
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$125.69
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$4,849.17
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$285.48
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	\$126.41
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$642.37
100	CRITES, SHAFFER, CONNEALY, WATSON, HARF	\$1,648.60

100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-DIST COURT	\$19.50
100	CULLIGAN-HR	\$34.50
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.00
100	CULLIGAN-WEED	\$19.50
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$296.04
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$420.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$154.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$628.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$1,455.00
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$2,300.88
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$330.00
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$525.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/E-911	\$139.81
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$921.69
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$18,397.57
100	LYNN FITZGIBBON	\$20.00
100	LOLA GARNER	\$49.25
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,151.46
100	GWORCS	\$17,155.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$82.80
100	HI-TECH CAR CARE	\$128.55
100	HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	\$192.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$140.99
100	JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS,INC	\$2,800.00
100	DEANN KOERBER	\$45.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$16.27
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$25.79
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$5.57
100	MIPS INC	\$923.32
100	NE ASSOC CO CLERKS,REG DEEDS,ELEC C	\$125.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,328.62
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$30.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,529.74
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$82.47
100	NIRMA	\$5,000.00
100	CANDACE NOLLETTE	\$30.00
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$194.36
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$432.26
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$196.96
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/WEBSITE	\$99.00

100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$56.37
100	SADDLE ROCK ONE STOP	\$1,202.61
100	JESSICA M SANFORD	\$30.00
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$9,014.10
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,PC	\$423.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,715.18
100	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$22.53
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$3,475.02
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/E911	\$84.24
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$81.21
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$224.18
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$502.30
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
200	AFLAC	\$439.26
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,560.78
200	BARTLETT RANCH	\$9,600.00
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$25.90
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$139.91
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,337.98
200	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$65.65
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$5,640.07
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$485.70
200	KAISER TIRE MOBILE SERVICE	\$299.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$5.57
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$110.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO.	\$52.52
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,211.40
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$73.78
200	NKC TIRE	\$736.44
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$18,152.72
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$145.90
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$879.68
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$3,967.75
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$430.98
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$113.18
200	WESTCO	\$15,148.13
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	MARILYN NORMAN	\$554.58
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.78
1100	PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP	\$43,710.24
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4.50
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.50
2580	LUTZ & COMPANY PC	\$632.50
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2.74
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.86
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$157.50
2910	GWORCS	\$367.50
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.26
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$890.00
2913	GWORCS	\$3,307.50