

## CHADRON, NEBRASKA

July 26, 2022

### DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session, was commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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 Webb L. Johnson. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent and Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. 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 Johnson, approving the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to correct the July 12, 2022 minutes to reflect the bid received from Chadron Glass to install an exterior door at 255 Chadron Avenue in the amount of \$9750.00 which was approved by the Board. In addition, the bid received from American Playground in the amount of \$76,475.00 no action was taken by the Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to pay all claims as submitted with the exception of claim# 22070240 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$96.20. Roll call vote: Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to pay claim# 22070240 payable to River A Holdings in the total amount of \$96.20. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments were reviewed and approved by general consent of the Board. There being no correspondence public comment ensue with Tessa Reece sharing the 2022 Fair schedule. She invited all to attend some of the activities being planned this year. Board Reports ensued to wit: Stewart: NCAP met, there are two (2) finalist that will be interviewed in ten (10) days with the new CEO to take over by August 15, 2022. Head Start program begins in August and weatherization program is waiting on grants; SWANN held their first meeting of a new year. 7% into new budget year with last fiscal year ending with a positive cash flow; The fence between the Weed Department and SWANN will be replaced with SWANN agreeing to pay \$3800.00 towards the rebuild of the shared fence; Region 23 met with business as usual, discussion included fire and rescue calls; Communications is putting together figures with several factors coming into play. NNDC met and went over loan applications. Johnson: Area Aging didn't meet; PADD and OHD Boards both evaluated their Executive Directors and discussed salaries, with OHD also going over budget. Rivera: Region 1 and Panhandle Public Health didn't meet.

At 9:22 A.M. Brad Streeks, Custodian, met with the Board. He reported one of the air conditioning units went out at 250 Main Street. He presented two (2) bids to wit: Fire & Ice bid \$9490.00 and it will be 4-8 weeks out for delivery; MPC bid \$8980.50 with a down payment required and it will be 8-12 weeks out for delivery. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept Fire and Ice bid in the amount of \$9490.00 due to no money down and quicker delivery of the product. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed two (2) surplus requests received from the Sheriff's Department on a 2003 Polaris and the Public Defender on a Seagate Storage 8TB. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve said surplus requests as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:35 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates included the following to wit: District 1-crews still building on Beaver Valley Road going east; District 2-crews finishing up on Hollibaugh Road with culverts in and rock coming; District 3-crews still working on Squaw Creek Road and then Ferguson Road as needed. The Crusher broke down again last Thursday so credit will be given for the time the equipment is down. The Fuel Tax Audit is done and the State congratulated the Roads Department for the quality of record keeping. The State has notified the Highway Superintendent that the Niobrara River is shut down for water. In other business the Board learned that GLR can't take on Dawes County for auditing as they have six (6) new clients. The County Clerk reported she heard nothing back from Contryman. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved

to accept the contract with the Nebraska Auditor’s Office for a three (3) year period at an approximate cost of \$18,000.00 per audit year. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart reported another playground bid was received in a timely manner but had been sent via email so it wasn’t available for review at the last Commissioner meeting when the Board reviewed a bid from American Playground in the amount of \$76,475.00. The bid was received from Constructive Playthings in the amount of \$21,380.00 to upgrade the Head Start playground. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson to accept the bid received from Constructive Playthings in the amount of \$21,380.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart reported the ARPA claim to Mobius has been paid. The last order of business was the HR position decision. Jenny Borie and Audrey Pickering joined the meeting. The County Clerk indicated for the record she never received the application packet and according to the individuals’ letter of resignation from a county office indicated they had been hired by Commissioner Stewart and was needing to start as soon as August 3, 2022 if possible. Jenny Borie asked why the Clerk’s Office had to put in a proposal when everyone else was interviewed. Commissioner Stewart indicated for the record two (2) proposals were presented which were cut and dry with no room for negotiations. Ms. Borie expressed concern with the way the position hiring was handled. Jenny Borie and Audrey Pickering left the meeting. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to enter executive session re: personnel at 10:13 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 10:20 A.M. motion to reconvene to regular session with no action taken during executive session was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to hire Kay Hill as the HR Director for Dawes County. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on August 09, 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 August 04, 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**

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**July 26, 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**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTCLAIMS</b>
100	AFLAC	\$1,791.80
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,667.75
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$399.77
100	BAUERKEMPER'S INC-WEED	\$2.98
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-EXTENSION	\$96.48
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$163.23
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$145.08
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$40,751.92
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$123.60

100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$1,801.60
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$107.99
100	CENTURYLINK LD-DISTRICT CT DONT USE	\$856.30
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$269.82
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$4,005.36
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$680.55
100	CHADRON VISION CENTER INC	\$128.00
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	\$209.73
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$791.98
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELY,WATSON,HARF	\$720.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$1,070.00
100	CULLIGAN-CO ATTORNEY	\$10.00
100	KARL DAILEY	\$16.20
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$391.92
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$66.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$696.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$16.00
100	DOWNS RURAL SERVICE	\$1,698.70
100	A ELLIOTT LAW	\$1,130.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$389.92
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$20,616.17
100	FNIC	\$100.00
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$2,117.29
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$133.87
100	HAUSER'S GRAB N GO LLC	\$1,448.67
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$140.99
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED	\$55.97
100	KCSR-AM	\$220.00
100	LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$25.85
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$18.35
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$27.08
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$5.99
100	LISA MERRITT	\$38.37
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,831.07
100	NEBRASKA STATE AUDITOR	\$17,692.56
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$36.33
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$108.12
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$198.80
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$256.29
100	QUALITY INN-OGALLALA	\$178.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/CO ATTORNEY	\$49.74

100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$951.60
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$1,814.52
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$1,417.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$81.91
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$237.55
100	WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	\$719.54
100	SAM WELLNITZ	\$49.45
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS,PC	\$325.00
100	WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY	\$93.16
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$533.57
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
200	A & H TRUCK SALVAGE,INC	\$350.00
200	AFLAC	\$422.12
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,158.52
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$61.90
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$93.73
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,434.02
200	CONTRACTORS MATERIALS	\$2,082.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST BANKCARD/ROADS	\$0.96
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,069.87
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$466.25
200	KCSR-AM	\$165.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$5.99
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$38.49
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO,INC	\$23,945.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$677.55
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$56.47
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$10,611.94
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$84.94
200	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$311.60
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$2,513.41
200	PINE SPRINGS RANCH,INC	\$6,345.00
200	POWERPLAN	\$15,248.68
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$96.20
200	STACY SWINNEY	\$992.50
200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$194.28
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$103.60
200	WESTCO	\$20,017.08
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$70.27
990	AFLAC	\$13.20

990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$71.32
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$114.52
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$122.69
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$23.59
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.78
995	HOMESLICE MEDIA GROUP,LLC	\$2,642.58
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$200.00
2500	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$3,857.09
2501	KCSR-AM	\$150.00
2580	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$243,750.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$59.13
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.81
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$704.98
2910	NE EMERGENCY SERVICE COMM	\$100.00
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.25
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$252.06