

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

September 27, 2022

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:03 A.M. on the 27th day of September, 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 Johnson. Also present was Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Per LB 898, Commissioner Rivera announced the location of the Open Meetings Act located on the door by the United States Flag. Copies of the Act are available upon request. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, moved to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to pay all claims with the exception of claim #'s 22090218 in the total amount of \$269.84 and #22090249 in the total amount of \$356.00 both payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to pay claim #'s 22090218 in the total amount of \$269.84 and #22090249 in the total amount of \$356.00 both payable to River A Holdings. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson with Rivera abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Public Comment ensued with Commissioner Rivera informing those present he will be looking into firearm laws in public facilities. Board Reports ensued to wit: Johnson: Area Aging reviewed the personnel manual; he wasn't able to make the PADD meeting and OHD didn't meet. Stewart: NNDC met 9/22/22 and discussed recruitment of stake holders and small businesses. SWANN-Business as usual with July and August invoices being paid. Region 23-met and discussed the four (4) county area activities and establishing a Communications Board was also discussed. NCAP-Brooke Smith is the new CEO, NCAP is pursuing a building for the weatherization program which serves twelve (12) counties with approximately thirty (30) homes a year qualifying for the weatherization program. Rivera: Panhandle Public Health changed their meeting date again and Mr. Rivera missed the meeting. Region 1 met and the flexible work schedule was on the agenda; however, when Mr. Rivera started asking questions there wasn't a lot of response. He will continue to address this issue. The remainder of the meeting was business as usual.

At 9:29 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road Updates included the following to wit: District 1-little under one (1) mile left on Beaver Valley Road; District 2-finished up Hollibaugh Road and onto Table Center Road. Water became available as well so projects can move forward. District 3-1.5 miles of sand down on Ferguson Road and the Crusher is currently at Goff pit. He also reported there is 6,316 gallons left on the fuel contract. CDL classes/costs was discussed. Additionally, it was brought to the Boards attention Dawes County isn't remaining compatible with wages as compared to other counties regarding the Roads Department. In addition, Dawes County is trying to compete with local entities for employees. Slim Butte Road will be addressed per concerns expressed to Commissioner Stewart. October 05, 2022 all crew members will be attending required OSHA training. Performance appraisals are in the works for the Roads Department. Mr. Yada presented a bid received from Rapid Trailer Sales for a 2022 Load Trail 96x16 Triple Deckover Dump Trailer at a bid of \$15,949.00. Funds received from sale of surplus property on Purple Wave will pay for the skid steer trailer. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept the bid from Rapid Trailer Sales for a 2022 Load Trail 96x16 Triple Deckover Dump Trailer in the amount of \$15,949.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kay Hill, HR Director, joined the meeting. The HR Department hours were discussed. Kay Hill asked for hours 8AM-4PM unless special circumstances are involved. In other business Commissioner Johnson reported a replacement on the Area Aging Advisory Board was needed. He spoke to Art Halfhide who has agreed to fill the position. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to appoint Art Halfhide to the Area Aging Advisory Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:56 A.M. Kerri Rempp, Tourism Director, presented her annual report to the Board. She reported post COVID was phenomenal with Tourism activities. Lodging taxes broke records in 2021 with 2022 looking to be on same track. \$25,126.00 in Grants were awarded and Improvement Grants are now open to apply for. Dawes County is holding its own in the Tourism Industry despite a loss in population. On average tourist spent \$238.00 per day when visiting our area. A part-time employee is being considered at a later time. A copy of the entire report is available on the Tourism website. The Board recessed at 10:12 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:24 A.M.

At 10:26 A.M. Brad Sawyer, Great Plains Communications, presented three (3) petition requests to place fiber optic cable for telecommunications in 21-31-48; 28-31-49 and 29-31-49 respectively. The Board reviewed the maps and information presented by Mr. Sawyer. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve the three (3) petition requests as presented from Great Plains Communications and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:33 A.M. Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer, presented the Sheriff's Distress Warrant Report and the 2022 tax sale list of unsold taxes. The Board reviewed the information and instructed the Clerk to place the reports on file. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. The opioid settlement was discussed. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to go forward with the opioid settlement and directing the Treasurer to establish revenue codes for receipt of the opioid funds. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board received one (1) proposal from M.C. Shaff to fulfill the term of Philip Curd as Surveyor for Dawes County. No action was taken. The last order of business was the quarterly jail inspection.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on October 11, 2022 beginning at 9:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization meeting, followed by the regular Commissioner meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. The meetings will be held in the Commissioner Room. The agenda will close at noon on October 06, 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

September 27, 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	\$1,732.13
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$1,968.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,270.48
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$399.77
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$144.11
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$40,946.45
100	BRANDT COURT REPORTING	\$1,580.05
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$269.98
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$2,966.93
100	CELESTE CATTIN	\$17.57

100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$105.35
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$6,162.36
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$1,003.31
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$325.00
100	CHADRON MOTOR COMPANY	\$92.32
100	CHADRON PLUMBING,INC	\$91.85
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$1,600.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$2,000.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$2,500.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$2,490.00
100	CULLIGAN-SHERIFF	\$21.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$104.00
100	DAWES CO TREAS/DELINQUENT PP TAXES	\$285.00
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$533.00
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$4,500.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$696.00
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$600.00
100	MICHAEL FELTON	\$1,675.15
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$737.14
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$359.84
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$19,341.98
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$151.54
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$1,997.38
100	JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS,INC	\$250.00
100	KCSR-AM	\$165.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$14.56
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$25.20
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$5.99
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$790.49
100	NE DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$14,532.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,520.72
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$2,832.76
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$210.00
100	NORTHWEST NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$7,000.00
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$204.66
100	NOSSAMAN PETIT LAW FIRM,PC	\$752.50
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$339.92
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$1,020.36
100	QUADIENT LEASING USA,INC	\$1,650.00
100	MARTHA QUAY	\$7.87
100	QUILL CORPORATION-COUNTY COURT	\$69.86

100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$3,285.00
100	REG 1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY	\$15,507.00
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$14,058.00
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$951.60
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$269.84
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$15.78
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$4,000.00
100	SIMMONS OLSEN LAW FIRM,PC	\$846.00
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$1,834.59
100	HOWMEDICA OSTEONICS CORP	\$94.40
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$706.00
100	USDA,APHIS,WILDLIFE SERVICES	\$34,800.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$81.91
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$253.32
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$52.64
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$112.83
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$504.43
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$161.84
200	AFLAC	\$422.12
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,257.48
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$96.37
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,434.02
200	BOB'S WELDING & REPAIR	\$112.50
200	CLARK EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$69,816.40
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,627.02
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$230.00
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$5.99
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO,INC	\$31,000.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$821.09
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$79.50
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$190.00
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$356.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$103.60
200	YOUNG'S REPAIR INC	\$3,304.09
990	AFLAC	\$13.20
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$81.57
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$114.52
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$161.88
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$34.27

990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.78
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$400.00
2580	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$60,144.66
2580	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$0.90
2580	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2.95
2580	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$0.57
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$40.11
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.81
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$136.50
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.25
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$171.02