

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

February 28, 2023

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 28th day of February, 2023 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Board Members present were Jake Stewart and Vic Rivera. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Kay Hill, Human Resources Director; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Cactus Shumway and Sam Wellnitz, Treasurer. Per LB 898, Commissioner Johnson 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 Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved to approve the agenda adding a date for a Public Hearing re: road closure which was presented to the Clerk 24 hours prior to the meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Claim #23020195 needs recoded to medical prisoners. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera to approve all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondence acknowledged by the Board was a letter from Hemingford Public Schools showing bus routes. The map was turned over the Highway Superintendent. Monthly fee/mileage reports of the various county offices were reviewed and approved by general consent of the Board.

At 9:30 A.M. Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He reported all three districts are continuing snow removal. District 3 is working on equipment maintenance. Some grading will begin as roads start drying up. Commissioner Rivera shared information relevant to CDL training. It was learned that CDL testing can be done the Roads Department office. The possibility of a local instructor was discussed but no action taken. Mr. Yada also provided loader updates re: repairs, breakdowns, etc. A road study conducted by the Highway Superintendent regarding Road No. 50 was reviewed by the Board with a recommendation from the Highway Superintendent to not close Road 50. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept the road study done on Road No. 50, set a public hearing date for March 28, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. and directing the chairman to sign said resolution. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Crawford Law Enforcement contract was discussed. Commissioner Rivera presented information relevant to the contract. Sheriff Dailey wants to go hourly up to 112 hours per week. Breaking down the contract, it appears it would cost approximately \$139,776.00 in wages; \$42,720.00 in benefits and \$15,609.54 in expenses for a total contract amount of \$198,105.54. Discussion ensued. Any deputy could work in Crawford, not specific deputies. The Board agreed with Commissioner Rivera to present this proposal when a meeting with Crawford is held again. Deb Lesmeister, Deputy County Clerk and ARPA Administrator presented a report on the ARPA fund. She suggested a journal entry be done on an ARPA claim to correct coding. There are also two applications missing for funding. They are Whitney Irrigation and the Whitney Siren projects. Commissioner Stewart will look into the applications. She reported the ARPA fund has a balance of \$325,412.00. ARPA projects completed with ARPA funding include the following to wit: Broadband service to rural residents; upgrades to Whitney Irrigation for agricultural use in the Whitney area; building infrastructure which replaced windows in county offices; motor grader purchase to assist in opening roads for passage; radio upgrades for both the Fire Department and Sheriff's office; Closer to Home to assist in providing meals to individuals in the area and installation of a warning siren in Whitney, Nebraska to warn residents of dangerous weather approaching. The Board is pleased they were able to help various organizations through ARPA funding. Celeste Cattin, Clerk of District Court joined the meeting.

At 10:00 A.M. Bids received for the multi-purpose/Jury room were opened to wit: Dierksen Enterprises bid \$35,675.00 which includes all labor, materials, removal of 18'x10' plaster wall with a completion date of forty-five (45) days. SDS Construction bid \$47,250.00 which includes all labor and materials. Johnson Construction bid \$51,375.00 which includes all labor and materials. Discussion ensued amongst board members. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to award the bid to

Dierksen Enterprises in the amount of \$35,675.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next order of business was review and approval of the 2022 audit contract. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, approving the 2022 audit contract and directing the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 10:20 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:29 A.M.

At 10:30 A.M. Caleb Johnson, J13 Enterprises, LLC met with the Board regarding the 2023/2024 budget preparation. He presented his contract and went over some changes relevant to this year's contract. Budget worksheets will go out to all departments around April 03, 2023 and will be due back by May 05, 2023. He reported more opioid funding is coming. The Roads Department current budget was discussed. Tribal funds need to be looked at as to what funds can be expended on. Reallocation of funds will need to be considered possibly before fiscal year end. Sam Wellnitz reported a resolution is needed to correct errors made when money was receipted into E911 funds. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to accept and approve the budget contract for 2023/2024 in the amount of \$3500.00 with J13 Enterprises, LLC and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:15 A.M. Tessa Reece, UNL Extension, Rowdy Schommer, Rhett Lesmeister and Morgan Schommer joined the meeting. Tessa asked if the Board had any questions regarding a report that was sent to Board Members regarding her 4-H activities. She then had each child present tell the Board why the 4-H program is important to them. Rowdy Schommer presented a Thank You sign and thanked the Board for their support of the 4-H programs; Rhett Lesmeister told the Board that 4-H has given him confidence and he was able to participate in a horse show. He also handed out 4-H newsletter which contains information relevant to all the projects/activities 4-H participates in; Morgan Schommer said 4-H has taught her leadership and because of this she is a member of the 4-H council which makes program decisions for the 4-H program. The Board thanked the young people for coming in and sharing their 4-H experiences. In other business Brad Streeks, Custodian, met with the Board. He reported the 2006 Buick Lucerne needs to be put on surplus. The vehicle will be put on surplus and sealed bids taken.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be held on March 14, 2023 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 February 23, 2023. **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 28, 2023 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	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC/SHERIFF	\$4,936.25
100	AFLAC	\$1,698.36
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$11,545.75
100	AT&T MOBILITY	\$399.56
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$1,329.54
100	SHERRI BLOME	\$400.00
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$37,562.70

100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$951.69
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$1,850.00
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$415.80
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$786.81
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$311.79
100	CHAMBERLAIN CHAPEL INC	\$3,000.00
100	CHARM-TEX INC	\$1,032.50
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$145.70
100	CRAWFORD FIRE AND RESCUE	\$410.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$570.00
100	CULLERS LAW OFFICE	\$730.00
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$199.88
100	DAWES CO TREASURER-FUND TRANSFER	\$200,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF	\$276.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$498.50
100	DOUGLAS,KELLY,OSTDIEK,OSSIAN,BRODER	\$400.00
100	DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE CO	\$31.95
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$317.85
100	FIRST BANKCARD/DISTRICT COURT	\$36.75
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$44.70
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$19,635.58
100	GRP & ASSOCIATES,INC	\$47.00
100	HARRIS SALES COMPANY INC	\$197.36
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$95.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$146.64
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$420.00
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$16.17
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$20.81
100	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,LLC	\$5.97
100	MIDWEST CONNECT,LLC	\$77.00
100	MIPS INC	\$21.00
100	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	\$30,000.00
100	NE ASSOC CO CLERKS,REG DEEDS,ELEC C	\$50.00
100	NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/SHERIFF	\$93.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$525.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,755.99
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$255.95
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$53.00
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$150.00
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$30.00
100	PANHANDLE APPLIANCE SERVICE	\$150.00

100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$52.58
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$31.93
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$508.64
100	KATHLEEN SCHENBECK	\$344.77
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$13,416.54
100	KARLA S THOMPSON-HALL	\$400.00
100	TREE DOC	\$2,150.00
100	UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$485.91
100	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$10,000.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-WEED	\$82.88
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$265.10
100	XEROX CORPORATION/E911	\$463.08
100	XEROX CORPORATION/SHERIFF	\$75.64
100	XEROX CORPORATION/TREASURER	\$120.01
100	385 XPRESS LUBE	\$76.75
200	AFLAC	\$398.10
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,271.56
200	BEGUIN PROPANE	\$1,429.02
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$1,697.60
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,246.78
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$75.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,551.44
200	FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER,INC	\$30.38
200	FULLER CONSTRUCTION	\$9,040.00
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$135.00
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$688.39
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$170.67
200	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	\$5.97
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$35.00
200	MONTANA CSED SDU-WAGE WITHOLDING	\$165.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$827.12
200	NITSCH FENCING AND FABRICATION	\$3,577.50
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$6,073.50
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$78.25
200	XEROX CORPORATION/ROADS	\$118.60
990	AFLAC	\$13.20
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$88.25
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$114.52
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$183.68
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$40.28
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$9.78
2580	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	\$2,969.68

2580	TITAN MACHINERY	\$125,000.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$58.30
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$13.61
2910	INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	\$151.20
2910	INTRALINKS,INC	\$156.99
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.24
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$248.52