

(Neb.)-Dawes County Fire Costs Finalized

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(Chadron)-The final tally for the Dawes County Road Department involvement with the West Ash Fire has been figured, and Road Superintendent Larry Hankin presented those numbers to the County Commissioners at their Wednesday morning meeting. Hankin also said that Deadhorse and West Ash Roads are still closed due to damage done by increased traffic during firefighting efforts.

Hankin said there were 853.5 man hours, 267 equipment hours, 659 semi miles and 967 pickup miles. The mileage was all accumulated in Dawes County during the West Ash Fire, which began in late August, and was considered fully contained on September 9.

According to Hankin, he also submitted a reimbursement form for costs incurred during firefighting efforts by the County crews. The total amount submitted was \$64,203.75. If this is approved, Hankin said he is not sure if the funding would come from the State or Federal agencies.

He is also waiting to hear if the County will qualify for funding to help repair the roads that were damaged during this time. He stated that representatives for the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency were in Dawes County earlier this week examining the roads, and they are in Sheridan County today (Wednesday).

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