

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**October 05, 2011**

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Board of Equalization in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:05 A.M. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Johnson. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners’ Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record and Roxie Grahmn-Marski, KCSR. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Per LB 898 the Chairman announced the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the September 07, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving minutes with following correction to wit: add the word “meeting” to the next Dawes County Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Assessor presented tax correction #4594 for the Boards review and approval. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, directing the Chairman to sign the correction. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Assessor informed the Board that Source Gas is contesting the 2011 state assessed value. Dawes County receives two percent (2%) of the amount assessed which is \$335,000.00. Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, introduced Resolution No. 2011-17 setting the 2011/2012 levies for Dawes County.

Commissioner Swinney introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-17**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION** of the County of Dawes, State of Nebraska,

**WHEREAS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF DAWES COUNTY** has the authority to levy necessary taxes for county purposes and,

**WHEREAS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF DAWES COUNTY** finds pursuant to NE. State Statute 77-1601 and NE. State Statute 77-1603.4 the levy shall include all township, city, school districts, villages, and fire districts within their jurisdiction and,

**WHEREAS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF DAWES COUNTY** finds that is in the best interests of these aforementioned political subdivisions that the 2011-2012 levies be set accordingly:

<b><u>Cities:</u></b>		<b><u>Other Political Subdivisions:</u></b>	
<b>City of Chadron</b>	0.422549	<b>Ag Society</b>	0.004417
<b>City of Crawford</b>	0.500000	<b>WNCC</b>	0.100259(Composite)
<b>Village of Whitney</b>	0.157951	<b>NRD</b>	0.020427
<b>ESU 13</b>	0.015855(Composite)		

**Schools:**

**Chadron  
Fire District**  
0.032547(Composite)

**Chadron Public School District 2**  
0.032547(Composite)

General Fund	1.039500	<b>Crawford Fire</b>
Special Bldg Fund	0.010500	<b>District</b> 0.021773(Composite)
K-8 Bond	0.061404	
9-12 Bond	0.026286	
ESU 13	0.015855 (Composite)	
Composite Levy	1.153545	

**Crawford Public School District 71**

General Fund	0.959600
ESU 13	0.015855(Composite)
Composite Levy	0.975455

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION THAT** the aforementioned levies be adopted for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion for passage of said Resolution, and after consideration the roll was called on the passage of said Resolution with the following Board members voting Aye: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Voting Nay, None.

The Chairman of the Board declared the resolution passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHERYL FEIST**

**COUNTY CLERK**

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD**

**OF EQUALIZATION**

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**Webb L. Johnson**

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**Jake Stewart**

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**Stacy Swinney**

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:18 A.M. The next Dawes County Board of Equalization will be November 02, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. A current Agenda to the Board of Equalization proceedings is kept on file in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours for inspection, but the Agenda will close by 3:00 P.M. on October 28, 2011. The Agenda may be modified to include items of emergency nature. The meetings of the Dawes County Board of Equalization are open to the public.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BOARD OF**

**DAWES COUNTY**

**Cheryl Feist**

**EQUALIZATION**

**Dawes County Clerk**  
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**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**October 05, 2011**

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:19 A.M. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011 in the Commissioner's room and published pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Johnson. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Roxie Grahmn-Marski, KCSR and Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record. Per LB 898 the Chairman announced

the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the Agenda and noting the cancellation of Jeff Fankhauser at 11:00 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the September 21, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the minutes with the following corrections to wit: Rhoads's not Roe's pit; bridge was temporarily fixed by District 1, not West Plains Grain; and the word have instead of historically. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving all claims. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Public Comment ensued with Roxie Grahmn-Marski inquiring about the amendment to the holding services provided by the Panhandle Veterinary Clinic. Commissioner Johnson informed Ms. Grahmn-Marski this was an agenda item that would be addressed later in the meeting. Also discussed was whom Roxie should contact should she have questions relevant to county government. She was informed when appropriate talk to the Elected Official of the office in question or anything to do with the Board itself she is welcome to talk to the County Clerk. Commissioner Johnson reported Morrill County has adopted a statement of support re: agriculture. No action was taken. The Board recessed at 9:55 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:00 A.M.

At 10:00 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He reported attending an executive session and NACO meeting addressing the highway trust fund and allocation thereof. Copies outlining the allocation were shared with the Board. He informed the Board he received an e-mail from Albertson Engineering re: Bethel Road project engineering study. Albertson Engineering will meet with the Board in November to go over their study and make a recommendation relevant to the project. Mr. Hankin also reported half (1/2) of the fifty-five (55) bridges in Dawes County are due for inspection. Discussion ensued regarding who will conduct the inspections. Commissioner Swinney reported he does Sioux County bridge inspections. He would like files set up on each bridge to include pictures, inspection reports or anything relevant to that bridge. Inspection costs were also discussed. It was noted for the record should the Board decide to contract this service to Commissioner Swinney, the accountability and disclosure commission would need to be contacted to make sure this is acceptable and there would be no conflict of interest. No action was taken until such time this can be researched. Mr. Hankin reported Davenport Road is being graveled. District 2 crews have reset the culvert on Deadhorse Road. East and west River Roads are also being maintained. Brown Road is pulled and graveled. Old Highway 20 has one-half (1/2) mile done as of today. There are also two mowers going in District 2. The crusher crew is finishing maintenance on the screen and jaw of the crusher. They will be moving the crusher equipment to Goffena pit. In other business Mr. Hankin presented the highway expenditure report and certification of compliance. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Swinney would like to see Crew Chiefs and the Roads Foreman sign off on the report as well. He also discussed the possibility of having former Highway Superintendent Harvey Keim sign off for the first six (6) months of the report. Commissioner Stewart indicated he doesn't feel this would benefit the county and we have a Highway Superintendent in place. Commissioner Swinney expressed concern with certification that minimum standards of design, construction and maintenance of roads, highways and streets have been met. Larry Hankin indicated that all maintenance performed is done to original condition of the road. Commissioner's Johnson and Stewart both agreed the report needs to be submitted in a timely manner. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, directing the Chairman to sign the highway budget/expenditure report and certification of compliance. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Johnson. Nays: Swinney. Motion carried.

At 10:37 A.M. Becky Paulsen, Weed Superintendent, Zoning and Floodplain Manager, met with the Board. She reported the Weed Department is preparing for the winter months. She informed the Board a zoning board meeting will take place on October 20, 2011 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at 250 Main Street. The next item for discussion was floodplain insurance being required by banking institutions who loan money/refinance existing loans to individuals determined to be in a flood zone. Individuals from the community who have been affected by the flood insurance program were present. Gene and Patti Klitz indicated they have applied to be grandfathered into the plan and informed the Board citizens affected must be prepared to spend anywhere from \$5,000.00-\$8,000.00 for the necessary survey and \$3,000.00-\$4,000.00 for the flood insurance itself. Kay Merrill reported she received a letter in the mail from her banking institution and had to acquire the insurance. She went on to say individuals don't have a choice. If you don't acquire the insurance on your own, it is forced on you at a higher rate. She asked whose idea it was to introduce this program in Dawes County. The County Clerk explained that a former Commissioner,

Don Blausey, had been approached by individuals in the county who wanted flood insurance and the only way to offer it was to become involved with the National Flood Insurance Program. Discussion ensued. Deputy Attorney Adam Edmund will research options available to the county and Ms. Paulsen will contact Bill Jones, Natural Resources Department. A motion to enter executive session at 11:04 A.M. for a personnel matter was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion to reconvene to regular session at 11:34 A.M. was made by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session. The Board asked the County Clerk to add a zoning board appointment to the October 18, 2011 Agenda.

At 11:36 A.M. Barbara Sebesta, Dawes County Treasurer and Rhonda McGannon, Deputy Treasurer, met with the Board. Ten (10) distress warrants in the amount of \$8815.11 were presented to be stricken from the tax rolls. Discussion ensued. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, joined the meeting in progress. No action was taken on the distress warrants. Another report presented indicated that all delinquent taxes on parcels advertized for public sale were sold at the tax sale.

At 12:00 P.M. Dave Coe met with the Board. He reported he has studied the tuck pointing project, inspected the courthouse and is interested in drafting the RFP (request for proposals). Mr. Coe will submit a contract for the tuck pointing project. Mr. Coe also presented a drawing of the front courthouse stairs which need attention. A local contractor could complete this project. Three informal bids will be solicited by Mr. Coe on behalf of the county. Mr. Coe reported the energy grant has approximately \$14,000.00 available to address energy issues. Several ideas were discussed. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee reports of the various offices, acknowledged receipt of letters from the Department of Health and Human Services re: federal incentive payment and Panhandle RC&D re: membership dues. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney reported he has studied statutes and cannot find anything that requires the Board to give notice to citizens prior to euthanization of animals held by Panhandle Veterinary Clinic on behalf of the county. The amendment to the Panhandle Veterinary Clinic Holding agreement will stand.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:32 P.M. The next meeting will be October 18, 2011 beginning at 11:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners room at the Courthouse. A current agenda for the meeting is kept on file in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours for inspection, but will close by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, October 14, 2011. The meetings of the Dawes County Commissioners are open to the public. **Disclaimer: A complete text of all Resolutions passed by the Board is available upon request in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours.**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Cheryl Feist**

**Dawes County Clerk**

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**October 05, 2011 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective**

**Accounts: Key for Claims:** 100=General Fund; 200=Roads Fund; 990=Visitors Fund; 1100=Reappraisal Fund; 1900=Veterans Aid Fund; 2360=Drug Fund; 2500=Grants Fund; 2700=Inheritance Fund; 1275=Health Claims Fund; 2910-911=Emergency (Communications); 2913=Wireless Communications; 4000=Courthouse Bond Payment Fund.

<b>FUND</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTCLAIMS</b>
100	ABSALON FOOD CENTER	\$1,250.21
100	AFLAC	\$504.76
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$690.50
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$6,188.53
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$11.29
100	AS CENTRAL SERVICES	\$210.50
100	AT&T	\$108.19
100	AXIS CAPITAL INC	\$459.22
100	MARK BETSON	\$21.09
100	BOX BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF	\$7,020.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$563.70
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-ASSESSOR	\$11.77
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$9.07
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$18.90
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$3.61
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$29.81
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CUSTODIAN	\$3.58
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$11.92
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$27.37
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$34.14
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$23.26
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-VETERANS	\$8.64

100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$2.84
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$7.20
100	CHADRON WHOLESALE	\$102.40
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$82.24
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$28.00
100	CRAWFORD HANDI BUS	\$850.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$750.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$900.00
100	CREATIONS OF HEART	\$20.00
100	JOHN DAGEN	\$7.77
100	KARL DAILEY	\$20.00
100	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$19,230.72
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$1,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$33.50
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$598.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	FLEET SERVICES/EXXONMOBIL	\$129.67
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$9,987.82
100	WAYNE FISHER	\$2.22
100	GIS WORKSHOP,INC	\$4,475.00
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$29.35
100	ICS JAIL SUPPLIES INC	\$183.74
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$14.20

100	DIANNE J JOHNSON	\$38.85
100	WEBB L JOHNSON	\$332.70
100	JAY KING	\$16.00
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$498.99
100	METAL PRODUCTS COMPANY	\$13.84
100	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	\$102.67
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$452.35
100	MOODY DENTAL	\$130.72
100	MOORE WALLACE-AN RR DONNELLEY CO	\$102.60
100	NACCTFO	\$60.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,078.33
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$3,750.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$19.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$3,814.95
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$53.46
100	NEVE'S UNIFORMS INC	\$67.91
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$520.85
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$584.24
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$146.16
100	REG I MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE	\$5,225.50
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$1,779.38
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$3,664.80

100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$2.22
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$10,880.00
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$750.00
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$137.58
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-VETERANS	\$316.46
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS/WEED	\$1,602.97
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$100.00
100	SOURCEGAS	\$340.38
100	USDA,APHIS,WILDLIFE SERVICES	\$4,758.00
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$234.56
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$99.40
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$317.39
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$542.70
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$75.92
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$171.40
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$518.00
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$1,810.00
100	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	\$780.00
200	AFLAC	\$242.80
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$732.79
200	CENTURYLINK	\$204.68
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #2 ROADS	\$2.84
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #3 ROADS	\$2.35

200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST 1 ROADS	\$15.79
200	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$1,929.86
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$125.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,008.74
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$4.00
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$779.60
200	MARVIN MAZANEC	\$20.74
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$371.43
200	NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER @ UNK	\$170.00
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$61.86
200	SOURCEGAS	\$421.36
200	O'CONNOR PROPERTIES LLC	\$126.00
200	TERRACON CONSULTANTS,INC	\$3,500.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$89.09
200	WEST 2ND WESTERN AUTO	\$13.99
1275	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$32,000.00
2500	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$750.00
2910	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$79.00
2910	DAKOTA BACKUP,LLC	\$351.54
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$84.13
2910	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$150.00
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$149.00
2910	XEROX CORPORATION	\$697.16

2913	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$102.82
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