

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

January 04, 2012

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 8:58 A.M. on the 4th day of January, 2012 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 and Gale Potter. 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 December 07, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving minutes with the following corrections to wit: change meeting date from the 11th to the 2nd; add the word meeting and the December agenda closes December 30th not the 27th as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, joined the meeting. Lindy Coleman, Dawes County Assessor, presented tax correction #4599 and #'s4607-4623 for the Boards review and approval. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, directing the Chairman to sign the corrections. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:12 A.M. The next Dawes County Board of Equalization will be February 01, 2012 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 January 27, 2012. 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.

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DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk

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DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:13 A.M. on the 4th day of January, 2012 in the Commissioners 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 and Stewart and Swinney. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Gale Potter, Denis Lyons and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. 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 Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the agenda, noting Becky Paulsen wouldn't be present but protocol for the January 10, 2012 meeting would be discussed. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the December 21, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the minutes with the following corrections to wit: Ryan not Rein as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Gale Potter, Tourism Director, explained the Lamar billing. She reported billboards and covers were gone so the Travel Board quit paying the Lamar bill until they were fixed. In 2009 the Travel Board and Lamar agreed to an amount to be paid and Lamar inadvertently left out an invoice in the amount of \$950.00. With interest the bill amount due became \$1700.00 as the invoices were sent to the wrong address. The bill amount due has since been reduced to the original amount of \$950.00 and was paid with today's claims. Ms. Potter suggested the Board think about the County owning billboards to save money. Currently it costs the Travel Board \$1240.00 per month to maintain the billboards. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Swinney expressed concern with the County paying an invoice that's two (2) years old but because services were rendered it will be paid. No action was taken on the County owning billboards. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting.

At 9:30 A.M. Public comment ensued with three Fall River County Commissioners, Joe Allen, Deb Russell and Mike Oftener meeting to discuss the possible closure of the VA Hospital in Hot Springs. Commissioner Oftener thanked the Board for supporting the VA Hospital through a letter. The facility itself has served several area Veterans, however; services have continued to decline the past several years. The PTSD program continues to serve several Veterans and needs to continue. Roxie Graham-Marski, KCSR, joined the meeting. Commissioner Swinney explained how the Dawes County Veterans Service Program works and introduced Jeff Fankhauser, Dawes County Veterans Service Officer. He indicated the entire Northern Panhandle supports the VA Hospital in Hot Springs, South Dakota. Denis Lyons spoke briefly and reported that he and several family members served our Country. He indicated the best health care he has ever received was through the VA Hospital in Hot Springs, South Dakota. He doesn't want to travel for medical care. Commissioner Russell reported there's a push to send Veterans to local hospitals and this isn't a good remedy. Commissioner Oftener explained that local hospitals aren't equipped or trained to handle PTSD individuals. Commissioner Allen reported approximately 360 jobs will be affected if the VA Hospital closes. Jeff Fankhauser presented a letter to the Board that's being sent by Steve DiStasio to area Veterans. Public comment continued with Denis Lyons expressing concern with a comment made by Commissioner Swinney to Commissioner Stewart to look into an issue with SWANN and the inappropriate conduct of Commissioner Swinney during a previous Commissioner Meeting when dealing with a citizen at the meeting. Mr. Lyons reported he has since followed the minutes of the Board and nothing was ever reported back regarding the SWANN issue.

At 10:06 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He reported District 1 is working at the Justice place, equipment maintenance is done and they are working on signage; District 2 has completed the Cottonwood School Road and some spot graveling is done on the west side of the highway. Equipment maintenance is starting and District 3 has started cleanup on the Bergfield Bridge. Some blading is also done. Mr. Hankin reported the 850 Dozer is down and being worked on. Commissioner Swinney indicated with Mr. Hankin and Mr. Dierksen's experience he would like to see them out with Crews more. Commissioner Stewart expressed concern with paperwork not getting done. Commissioner Swinney would like to see a full-time Roads Secretary to do the paperwork. Discussion ensued. John Axtel joined the

meeting in progress. Vehicle door identification for the Roads/Weed Departments was discussed. Commissioner Swinney feels this will create unity between the departments/crews and create a positive public image. Mr. Hankin shared a quote from Kelly Heppner for decals in the amount of \$1065.00. The Board directed Mr. Hankin to obtain a quote from LA Signs too. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, directing Mr. Hankin to move forward with purchasing decals for the Roads/Weed Departments pickups and trucks. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business Resolution No. 06-2012 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Stewart, directing the Chairman to read said resolution which will remove Slim Buttes Road from the NDOR Federal-Aid transportation program. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 10:28 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:38 A.M. The following resolutions were adopted to wit: Resolution No. 01-2012 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, electing Webb L. Johnson as Board Chairman for 2012. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 02-2012 was introduced by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Johnson, electing Jake Stewart as Vice Board Chairman for 2012. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 03-2012 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, designating depositories for 2012. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 04-2012 was introduced by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, designating legal publications for 2012. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 05-2012 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, appointing Larry Hankin as the 2012 Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Copies of all resolutions adopted can be viewed at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Board appointments for 2012 were discussed. A motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney to retain the same Board appointments from 2011. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Clerk will notify the various Boards affected. The next order of business was to set the Easter and Christmas Holiday schedule for 2012. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, to close the Courthouse at noon on April 06, 2012 and all day December 24, 2012. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The District 2 Shop insulation project was discussed. Commissioner Stewart expressed concern with Contractors using the listed estimated cost to base their proposals on and roll out fiberglass proposed by Fuller Construction's bid. He indicated moisture is a problem with roll out fiberglass as opposed to pressed board fiberglass. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Swinney moved to accept Fuller Construction's Bid of \$9,000.00 to insulate District 2 shop and directing Dave Coe to secure bids for a shop door, sealant and roof vents. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney and Johnson. Nays: Stewart. Motion carried. The Board acknowledged receipt of the Weed Department's annual report which will be acted upon at the January 18, 2012 Commissioner Meeting. Discussion ensued re: protocol for the public meeting scheduled to take place on January 10, 2012 at the Fairgrounds. The County Clerk will record the meeting and have agenda's with meeting protocol information available.

At 11:15 A.M. Judy Amoo, WNCC Dean of Economic & Community Development, introduced several other WNCC staff members in attendance. They included Marilyn Dodge, Jan Adams, Stacie Folkers and Lori Federick. A slide show showcasing WNCC programs was presented. Eleven counties in the Panhandle are served by various programs offered by WNCC. Some of the programs available are dual credit courses for high school students, senior citizen gold card, corporate academies, GED program, etc. The WNCC Outreach Education program has been renamed Business and Community Education according to Amoo. Commissioner Stewart questioned why the GED program is losing students. Various reasons cited included lack of childcare, transportation, time commitment, etc. Marilyn Dodge explained the GED program is very structured and requires time and commitment. Jan Adams indicated there have been GED's awarded just recently. Commissioner Stewart asked for number of students graduating from WNCC and remaining in the Panhandle. Ms. Amoo will send those figures. Marilyn Dodge will send GED numbers. Ms. Dodge asked for two internet lines to be installed at 250 Main Street for testing purposes as all GED testing will become computerized by 2014. The Board approved the request by general consent.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 12:17 P.M. The next meeting will be on January 18, 2012 beginning at 9:00 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, January 13, 2012. 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.

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DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk

January 04, 2012 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.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	CAROL ABOLD	\$72.00
100	ABSALON FOOD CENTER	\$984.51
100	AFLAC	\$481.75
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$6,832.18
100	AS CENTRAL SERVICES	\$60.25
100	AXIS CAPITAL INC	\$459.22
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL	\$47.01
100	BOX BUTTE GENERAL HOSPITAL	\$438.77
100	CENTURYLINK	\$796.10
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$21.17
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$14.36
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$5.88

100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$20.62
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CUSTODIAN	\$4.38
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$28.62
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$35.61
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$28.95
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$34.06
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-VETERANS	\$9.31
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$5.78
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$42.07
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$238.34
100	COMFORT INN	\$188.88
100	KARL DAILEY	\$40.96
100	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$21,500.23
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$357.00
100	DEPT OF LABOR,OFFC OF ELEVATR SFTY	\$100.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	FLEET SERVICES/EXXONMOBIL	\$43.58
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$441.11
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$36.75
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$10,202.10
100	JAMIE GOFFENA	\$21.04
100	RUSSELL HACK	\$60.00
100	HAMPTON INN	\$269.85

100	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	\$269.85
100	ICS JAIL SUPPLIES INC	\$18.02
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$14.20
100	IS COMMUNICATIONS & OPERATIONS	\$12.95
100	ARNOLD JOHNSON	\$60.00
100	WEBB L JOHNSON	\$364.08
100	LA SIGN & SCREEN PRINTING	\$480.00
100	M C SCHAFF & ASSOCIATES INC	\$579.09
100	GERALD D MCCOY	\$24.00
100	MIDWEST MAILING SOLUTIONS,INC	\$129.00
100	MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	\$120.00
100	FLORENCE MIKESELL	\$144.00
100	MIPS INC	\$1,534.60
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,124.36
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$255.50
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$155.98
100	NEVE'S UNIFORMS INC	\$87.00
100	XENILE NIXON	\$12.00
100	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$47.25
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$247.33
100	PRIDE	\$3,000.00

100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$74.85
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$119.64
100	REGIER CUSTOM DESIGN	\$555.00
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$1,277.20
100	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$145.66
100	PAULA RIGGS	\$24.00
100	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$175.00
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$340.00
100	BARBARA SEBESTA	\$709.50
100	SERVICEMASTER CLEAN OF CHADRON	\$45.00
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-VETERANS	\$271.68
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS/WEED	\$17.59
100	SOURCEGAS	\$124.73
100	WALTER SPEIRS	\$84.00
100	JERRY STERLING	\$36.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$224.98
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$301.11
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$345.86
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$137.20
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$905.00
100	JON WORTHMAN LAW OFFICE	\$664.54
100	CHARLES YOUNG	\$24.00

200	AFLAC	\$272.00
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$773.21
200	CENTURYLINK	\$202.64
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #2 ROADS	\$2.89
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #3 ROADS	\$3.15
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST 1 ROADS	\$10.93
200	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$2,081.62
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$125.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,921.45
200	ROGER GOFFENA	\$783.14
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$596.48
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$383.58
200	NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER @ UNK	\$340.00
200	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ROADS	\$31.99
200	RAY REIMANN	\$6,240.00
200	SOURCEGAS	\$421.36
200	STATE OF NE DEPT OF NATRL RESOURCES	\$50.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$97.87
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$108.29
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$718.69
990	LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$2,165.00
990	NEBRASKA LIFE PUBLISHING, INC	\$2,600.00
1275	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$50,000.00

2910	CENTURYLINK	\$184.43
2910	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$150.00
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$890.00
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$225.42

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