

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**February 04, 2009**

**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 8:15 A.M. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009 in the Dawes County Commissioner's room pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Blausey. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Lindy Coleman, Assessor, and Bill Cebula. Per LB 898 the Chairman announced the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act located in the Commissioners room. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the January 08, 2009 BOE meeting were reviewed. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wess, approving the minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction #'s 4360-4363 for the Boards review and approval. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the corrections as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. A late filing received from Richard Hale for the Homestead Exemption was discussed at length. Motion by Wess approving the late application, motion died for lack of a second. The late filing was denied. Mr. Cebula suggested when individuals come into the Assessor's Office to file their Homestead Exemptions the process be explained better. Assessor Lindy Coleman informed Mr. Cebula her office does take the time to explain the process and follows up with phone calls or letters if necessary. Jim Lees joined the meeting in progress at 8:32 A.M. The Assessor presented the Board with a copy of the 2009 permissive exemptions that will be approved at the February 18, 2009 BOE meeting.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization a motion to adjourn at 8:34 A.M. was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. A current Agenda to the Board of Equalization proceedings is kept on file in the County Clerks office during normal business hours for inspection, but the Agenda will close by 4:00 P.M. on the Friday preceding the Board meeting on Wednesday. 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**

**February 04, 2009**

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:35 A.M. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009 in the Dawes County Commissioners Room pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Blausey. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Bill Cebula. Per LB 898 the Chairman announced the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act located in the Commissioner Room. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. Commissioner Wess asked his phone number be published so individuals having questions concerning Commissioner District 2 could contact him. That phone number is (308) 430-3953. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, approving the Agenda as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the January 21, 2009 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wess, approving the minutes as published with the following correction to wit: Harvey Keim presented the annual road report **not** the One and Six Year Road Report as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Jack Honerkamp joined the meeting in progress. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wess, approving all claims as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. No correspondences were received. Public Comment ensued with Bill Cebula. He suggested the County find ways to provide the same level of services at a lower cost. He went on to say people need to get out of denial and realize the economy is in bad shape. Commissioners need to provide leadership and we need to get past the Governor pointing at County Commissioners and vise versa when it comes to property taxes. The Board informed Mr. Cebula the only role they play in taxes is the setting of the levy. Commissioner Wess indicated the only way the County could save money is to let staff go. He indicated the Roads Department has thirteen full-time employees who are responsible for approximately seven-hundred miles of County roads. Commissioner Blausey informed Mr. Cebula if staff are let go, services suffer. Kerri Rempp joined the meeting in progress at 8:56 A.M. Harvey Keim joined the meeting in progress. In other business Jack Honerkamp visited with the Board concerning the Barber Road Bridge. He suggested the bridge be closed or repaired as the webbing is all down, there is no road signage and people are using his land to go around the bridge. He suggested better signage and farming is a real concern because it's very difficult

getting farm equipment across the creek. He suggested a culvert be installed. Harvey Keim informed those present a hydraulic study has been completed. When asked how long before the bridge is addressed, Mr. Keim indicated approximately one year depending upon Army Corp Engineering permit approval. Harvey Keim, Highway Superintendent, visited with the Board and informed them a MSHA Safety Course was attended by members of the Roads Department. He reported some changes will be forth-coming. Road plowing continues and Commissioner Blausey reported he received a call from a concerned citizen regarding Antelope Road. Mr. Keim will respond to the call.

At 9:35 A.M. The Chairman of the Board called the Public Hearing re: One and Six Year Road Plan open. Harv Keim went over the One and Six Year Road Plan. Project #C-23(77) in the six year plan needs a better cost estimate closer to seven million dollars; Project #C-23(75) Bethel Road Bridge will be moved to the six year plan and Project #C-23(79) will be moved to the one year plan. Projects for 2009 were also reviewed. It was asked what the load rating is on Soester Bridge. Mr. Keim reported the County is waiting on the State for a load rating re: Soester Bridge. The following individuals were present for the hearing. James Lee, Jack Honerkamp, Jerry Ochoa, Chuck Schiaffo, James A. Hanson, Mark Haynes, John and Sheila Stumph, Bill Cebula, Dale Steineke, Pam Mandelko, Gary and Trudy Fickel, Mark Betson, Pete Butler and Marisa Betson. Comments were heard from the following individuals: **James Hanson**-supports C-23(77) paving Slim Buttes Road. Transportation is key to economy. Individuals are commuting daily from Chadron to Pine Ridge for work and tourism would benefit. Cultural exchange could benefit all of us. **Jack Honerkamp**-supports C-23(77) paving Slim Buttes Road. He feels there is an economic/social advantage to Chadron. The project is long over due. He also indicated he was pleased to see Camp Norwesca Road on the One Year Road Plan. **Jerry Ochoa**-supports C-23(77) as ability to access property increases value. **Mark Haynes**-Asked the Board how they feel the county is going to benefit from paving Slim Buttes Road. Commissioner Blausey responded by saying there is an indirect and tourism benefit to the County. Mr. Haynes responded by saying the majority of value is located in the rural Dawes, not Chadron, and the Board needs to be mindful of this. **Marisa Betson**-Agreed there is a benefit economically, however; she doesn't agree with paving Slim Buttes Road. She suggested the County gravel instead of pave. The Board responded they aren't against graveling Slim Buttes Road. Additionally, there needs to be more patrol work done on County Roads as people are ruining them by speeding, etc. She asked if there were any statistics to back paving Slim Buttes Road. She also feels the issue needs to be voted on by the citizens of Dawes County. Commissioner Blausey informed her statistics are out there and being updated. He also expressed concern with all the wrong information being circulated. **Chuck Schiaffo**-Asked what days the counts were done on Slim Buttes Road by the State. He expressed concern with beer consumption, trash dumping, etc. Many accidents also occur on the road. **Gary Fickel**-reported Dunlap Road needs addressed and Squaw Creek Road has a river running down the middle of it. Mr. Fickel suggested red rocking Slim Buttes Road. He went on to say the county north of us is one of the poorest in the nation and supporting the local agricultural economy would be a better choice. He wants the issue put to a vote of the people. **Jim Lees**-doesn't trust traffic counts done in the past by the State. The County isn't in the pavement business and maintenance thereof would be extremely costly. He was glad to hear the County would consider graveling Slim Buttes Road and wants the issue of paving Slim Buttes Road to be a ballot issue. Commissioner Blausey informed those present planning is priority in major projects such as Slim Buttes Road. **Dale Steineke**-Wanted to know where the facts and figures are to support paving Slim Buttes Road. Commissioner Blausey responded by saying an economic impact study is currently being updated. Mr. Steineke suggested the new information acquired with the updated economic impact study be shared with Dawes County Citizens. **Bill Cebula**-Supports graveling Slim Buttes Road as opposed to paving. He questioned if accidents occurring on Slim Buttes Road are due to condition of roads or the driver. Where is the data relevant to accidents that have occurred? **Dave Varmette**-Informed the Board he traveled Slim Buttes Road for fourteen years and there is ariel photography

available to view. He also offered his services as a contact to obtain the photos. Jim Lees asked about the money set aside for Slim Buttes Road project. Commissioner Blausey responded by saying there is approximately \$85,000.00 available in the sinking road fund. There being no further comment from the public the Chairman declared the public hearing closed at 10:55 A.M. Once the changes suggested to the One and Six Year Road Plan are made the Board will adopt a resolution approving the plan. A copy of the recorded public hearing is available from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours after a records request has been obtained, media supplied to Clerk for copying and a small copy fee.

At 11:05 A.M. Jane Schanem, Regional Care Inc. and John Daniels, Gregory's Insurance met with the Board. Ms. Schanem presented a semi-annual report on the health care plan. Janell Rothleunter joined the meeting in progress at 11:20 A.M. RCI (Regional Care, Inc.) will return on March 19, 2009 to meet with Officials and Staff re: Health Savings Accounts. A memo will go out to all offices informing them of the meeting.

At 11:39 A.M. Lois Chizek, Treasurer, approached the Board and asked for direction re: mature tax certificates. She reported Megan Failla has all the foreclosure paperwork done. The Board directed Ms. Chizek to turn the foreclosure proceedings over to the County Attorney.

At 11:44 A.M. Dave Coe, Jerry Moss, Eric Fuller, Scott Roberts and Roland Sayer met with the Board to discuss elevator updates. Mr. Coe presented jail entrance procedures which resulted in six new change proposals to wit: change order proposal #17 re: fan in Jain cell needs relocated at no additional charge. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wess, approving change order proposal #17. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Change order proposal #18 re: installation of wiring to operate main entrance door from the Jailers office area at a proposed cost of \$1689.99; change order proposal #19 re: installation of conduit from camera locations to mechanical room at a proposed cost of \$1030.73; change order proposal #20 re: installation of a speaker system for communication between Jailers office and main entrance at a proposed cost of \$2,874.46; change proposal order #21 re: provide camera system to record operations in entrance foyer and main lobby area at a proposed cost of \$3,879.02 and change proposal order #22 re: installation of camera system in elevator cabin to monitor and record operations at a proposed cost of \$1406.29. A proposal was received from ADT for the camera systems at a cost of \$9,357.92 with annual maintenance costs of \$769.82 or lease the camera system with maintenance included at a cost of \$1,499.74 annually. Discussion ensued. The Board elected not to address the camera systems at this time. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, approving change proposal order #'s 18, 19 and 20 at a total cost of \$5595.18 and the addition of five days to project regarding change order proposal #20. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Roland Sayer invited the Board to do a walk through of the project. Eric Fuller informed the Board the Courthouse roof is in bad shape and will need addressed. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee reports of the Treasurer, Clerk of District Court and Sheriff's Department. Lois Chizek provided the Board with information on transfers made to the Roads Department and ADA Fund. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wess, directing the Chairman to sign a water line application request from Dan Littrel. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 12:38 P.M. a motion to enter executive session was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Johnson. The purpose of executive session being to discuss personnel matters. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Also present was Lindy

Coleman. At 12:49 P.M. a motion reconvening to regular session was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, approving a full-time position for the Assessor's Office. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 12:55 P.M. there being no further business to address Commissioner Wess made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Roll call vote: Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board will be February 18, 2009 beginning at 8:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization Meeting, followed by the Commissioner Meeting at approximately 8:20 A.M. A current Agenda to the BOE/Commissioners proceedings is kept on file in the County Clerks office during normal business hours for inspection, but the Agenda will close by 4:00 P.M. on the Friday preceding the Board meeting(s) on Wednesday. The Agenda may be modified to include items of emergency nature. 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**COMMISSIONERS**

**DAWES COUNTY**

**Cheryl Feist**

**Dawes County Clerk**

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**February 04, 2009 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective**

**Accounts.**

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$389.65
100	ALLTEL	\$249.95
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,312.61
100	AMSAN	\$108.96

100	AT&T	\$52.45
100	AXIS CAPITAL INC	\$459.22
100	BANK OF THE WEST	\$19.95
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$73.01
100	CHADRON CITY SCHOOLS	\$284.68
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$77.55
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$18.49
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$293.56
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$50.00
100	VELVET CLARK	\$15.00
100	MARY HELEN COGDILL	\$16.38
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$6.41
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$206.75
100	KARL DAILEY	\$30.58
100	KARL J DAILEY, SHERIFF	\$2,618.00
100	DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	\$44.35
100	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$11,114.89
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$540.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	FLEET SERVICES/EXXONMOBIL	\$157.38

100	JEFF FANKHAUSER	\$59.99
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$25.50
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$26.25
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$8,699.97
100	GALLS	\$62.95
100	JAMIE GOFFENA	\$248.98
100	THERESA A HAYNES	\$7.02
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS, INC.	\$142.50
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$17.14
100	MATTHEW BENDER & CO,INC	\$91.85
100	MIDWEST TRANSPORTATION SPECIALISTS	\$117.80
100	MIPS INC	\$131.05
100	NE ASSOC CO CLERKS,REG DEEDS,ELEC C	\$75.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$331.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$78.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$817.39
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$27.50
100	NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$79.48
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$31.67

100	KEITH OETKEN	\$98.28
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$139.35
100	PINE RIDGE LAND SURVEYS,INC	\$2,186.60
100	QWEST	\$1,404.91
100	QWEST	\$145.13
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$2.47
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$1,086.75
100	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$59.01
100	ADAM SELLMAN	\$58.50
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-VETERANS	\$177.89
100	SHELL-EXTENSION OFFICE	\$90.80
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$204.70
100	SOURCEGAS	\$550.76
100	SPRING CREEK SERVICE	\$77.81
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$165.53
100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$100.76
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$820.00
100	MICHELLE WHETHAM	\$28.32
200	AFLAC	\$174.20
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$683.42



200	CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLIES,INC	\$594.10
200	CAT FINANCIAL SERVICES/12H GRADER	\$1,500.00
200	CAT FINANCIAL SERVICES/160H GRADER	\$2,170.18
200	CHADRON CITY SCHOOLS	\$25.88
200	COE ENGINEERING	\$144.00
200	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$1,090.09
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$83.50
200	EUGENE A DUCKER	\$56.65
200	FARM PLAN	\$163.98
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,098.65
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	\$1,920.78
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT/770CH MOTORGRADER	\$926.35
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT/772 MOTOR GRADER	\$2,411.68
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT/850C CRAWLERDOZER	\$2,683.70
200	F HARVEY KEIM	\$14.00
200	LINWELD	\$181.69
200	DON LITTREL	\$4,473.33
200	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	\$700.00
200	NE ASSN OF CO HWY SUPERINTENDENTS	\$25.00

200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$283.13
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$365.04
200	PANHANDLE COLLECTIONS,INC	\$140.69
200	QWEST	\$165.31
200	QWEST	\$16.40
200	SOURCEGAS	\$1,112.95
200	SUMMIT SIGNS & SUPPLY,INC	\$155.00
200	TOOF'S DIESEL REPAIR	\$1,850.55
2910	APPLE TIME INC	\$419.06
2910	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$94.99
2910	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$157.50
2910	QWEST	\$504.01
2910	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$125.00
5400	AFLAC	\$15.25
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$53.63
5400	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$49.04
5400	FARM PLAN	\$10.99
5400	FIRST BANKCARD	\$11.70
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$193.93
5400	NACO PLANNING & ZONING	\$30.00

5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$31.46
5400	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$191.28
5400	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$85.00
5400	QWEST	\$16.34
5400	SOURCEGAS	\$12.31

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