

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
March 03, 2010
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 8:00 A.M. on the 3rd day of March, 2010 in the Commissioners Room 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, Wess and Blausey. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Lindy Coleman, Assessor and Wayne Fisher. 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 Blausey, approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the February 03, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey, approving minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Johnson and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lindy Coleman presented tax correction #'s 4440-4441 for the Board's review. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving tax correction #'s 4440-4441 and directing the Chairman to sign them. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The 2010 Permissive exemption listing was presented for the Boards' review. The Board questioned the Chadron Community Hospital. Ms. Coleman reported the hospital was never originally put on the tax rolls. Prairie Pines Retirement Center, the lot on 7th Street and old Connealy home that houses residents isn't included in the listing of exempt properties for the hospital. The Pine Ridge Cycle Association and Wounded Soldiers Association were discussed. Don Grein joined the meeting in progress. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving the 2010 Permissive Exemption Listing. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization a motion to adjourn at 8:15 A.M. was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Johnson and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next Dawes County Board of Equalization will be on April 07, 2010 at 8:00 A.M. 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 normally 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: _____

Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

DAWESCOUNTY
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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CHADRON, NEBRASKA
March 03, 2010
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:19 A.M. on the 3rd day of March 2010 in the Commissioner Room 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, Wess and Blausey. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Wayne Fisher, Bob & Jacquie Pinnt, Don Grein, Mark Haynes and Gary Bieganski. 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. 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 Blausey, approving the Agenda noting the cancellation of Eileen McDonald at 11:15 A.M. as the County Clerk was informed she had no knowledge of being placed on the Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving the February 16, 2010 minutes with the following corrections to wit: Add Potter to DeBuse and delete extra d in the word add. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Johnson and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences included a letter received from Tom Detwiler re: concerns with proposed location of grain handling facility location by Alpha School; SWANN re: BOD minutes and David F. Lynn, Sequoia Consulting Group re: indirect cost reimbursement option. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 8:30 A.M. Jay King, Custodian, presented the Board with a hold harmless agreement from the Chadron Chamber of Commerce re: Farmers Market beginning on June 05, 2010 and ending October 30, 2010. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving the application. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The temporary patch located at the bottom of the fire escape stairs and relocation of the County Attorney's Office to the Courthouse was discussed.

Public Comment ensued with discussion re: location of the proposed grain handling facility. Commissioner Blausey informed those present there haven't been any new developments with the proposed grain handling facility. Chad Franzen, KCSR Radio, joined the meeting in progress. Don Grein approached the Board. He reported that Mr. Keim had previously stated the county has never officially adopted a rock size. In visiting with Lemoyne Schulz, NE. Department of Roads, Classifications and Standards, gravel size is set by State Statute. Mr. Keim was asked to study statutes and if this is the case the Board will immediately implement such. Mr. Grein went on to inform the Board he has also learned Long Road is a collector road and Table Road is a higher road and as such construction projects on these type of roads require a certain gravel size. He indicated if the county isn't in compliance Mr. Schulz suggested claims be filed for damaged vehicles. Stacy Swinney and Larry Burbach joined the meeting in progress.

At 8:49 A.M. Harvey Keim met with the Board. Updates included announcement that River Road is now open, however; many holes remain in county roads due snow melting. Some gravel hauling has started but trucks are getting stuck. The Roes' pit isn't accessible so Lone Tree Road hasn't been addressed. The Roads Department can't get a truck into Junges' pit either. Commissioner Blausey asked if gravel could be stored somewhere outside the pits for access. Mr. Keim indicated they would need to be able to access pits first to move gravel somewhere as water is running everywhere. Mr. Keim reported Littrel Construction will haul gravel to Stockade Road when holes are all patched. Mr. Keim looked at both 2002 Kenworth Trucks located in Scottsbluff and a 2007 MAC daycab tractor in Omaha as requested by the Board. He recommended the Board go with the 2007 MAC. Mark Haynes asked about the suspension in the MAC and wondered why the county would spend \$53,950.00 on a MAC as opposed to \$59,000.00

on two trucks. Mr. Keim indicated maintenance will be cheaper on a newer model. Stacy Swinney asked what leases are left in the Roads Department. Mr. Keim reported two (2) leases remain open and this truck purchase was budgeted for. It was noted for the record several equipment purchases in the Roads Department have been paid off the past few years. Mark Haynes reported trucks will rot or depreciate out before they wear out. There being no further discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, accepting the bid on the 2007 MAC CXN613 Daycab Tractor in the amount of \$53,950.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Johnson and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion ensued re: 770BH. Mr. Keim reported he has been in contact with Murphy's re: cost to tear transmission apart to find problem, however; Murphy's told Mr. Keim it was the B clutch pack that needed replaced at a cost of \$19,723.00 plus parts. When Mr. Keim asked for this information in writing he received price quotes to wit: B clutch pack in the amount of \$19,723.00 plus parts or C clutch pack in the amount of \$6,478.95. Mr. Keim presented three options to the Board for their consideration. They were Option 1-rent equipment at \$4,000.00 per month or as needed; Option 2-buy a high hour used machine at an approximate cost of \$80,000.00 or take advantage of the CAT Rebuild Program and Option 3-bid a new piece of equipment. Larry Burbach of Caterpillar reported considering the current condition of the 770BH and without repairs being done, the current value would be approximately \$4,000.00 if traded. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress. Mr. Keim informed the Board to keep in mind that approximately \$93,372.20 will need to be budgeted in 2010-2011 to cover a balloon payment and the annual CAT rebuild payment. Stacy Swinney suggested double shifting the available machines instead of purchasing again. Commissioner Blausey indicated the budget has no wiggle room. Commissioner Wess suggested fixing the clutch in the 770BH. Commissioner Johnson suggested leasing the equipment. Larry Burbach suggested various lease options available. Commissioner Blausey agreed with Commissioner Wess to fix the clutch and keep it running until such time the roads budget can be addressed. All present agreed its imperative Deadhorse Road be addressed as soon as possible after snow falls. Mr. Keim asked the Board for direction re: Soester Bridge on Bethel Road. He reported the permit approved and received from the Army Corp of Engineers is for a pipe arch. Replacing the existing bridge with a pipe arch would run approximately \$25,000.00 plus labor, sheet pile and steel. Replacing with a bridge would run approximately \$60,000.00 and the permit may need to be readdressed. Discussion ensued. It was suggested instead of the county crews doing the pipe arch maybe a bridge would be a better option thus freeing crew members up to continue addressing maintenance issues. Another option discussed was the possibility of hiring an outside firm to install the pipe arch. Stacy Swinney suggested a proposal package be compiled to save on hydraulic studies. Mr. Keim will put together a package with different options and visit with the Army Corp of Engineers to see if the current permit for the pipe arch would need to be changed if the county went with a bridge instead.

At 9:55 A.M. Commissioner Johnson declared the published public hearing open re: budget authority to the Weed Department in the amount of \$13,000.00. The Weed Department has received more revenue from commercial spraying jobs than anticipated and wants to increase expenditures to get spraying equipment ready for this summer. Ms. Paulsen reported she has visited with Glenn Price re: kennel issue. It was learned Mr. Price applied for a conditional use permit, however; the permit request was submitted incomplete and consequently the Zoning Board denied his request and Mr. Price appealed. An alternative will be discussed during the March 11, 2010 Zoning Board meeting. Five other permits will be reviewed at that time. Ms. Paulsen rein rated zoning permits, not building permits, are issued because there are no building codes for the county. Commissioner Wess reported on the NIRMA conference he recently attended. At 10:23 A.M. there being no one from the public to comment on the budget authority hearing a motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, closing said hearing. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2010-11 was introduced by Commissioner Blausey, seconded by Wess, granting budget authority to the Weed Department in the amount of \$13,000.00 to meet expenditures for fiscal year 2009-2010. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Clerk will forward the proper paperwork to the State Auditors' Office. In other business the Board worked on compiling information for performance reviews on the Weed and Highway Superintendents. Commissioner Johnson will meet with both parties. Monthly fee reports of the various county offices were reviewed and approved by general consent of the Board.

At 10:45 A.M. Lois Chizek, Treasurer; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Karl Dailey, Sheriff and Cheryl Feist, County Clerk discussed the proposed personnel policy changes with the Board. Several issues were discussed at length and a letter was presented to the Board from Sheriff Dailey addressing concerns with the proposed changes. Jodi Applegarth joined the meeting in progress. Ms. Feist expressed concern with one individual being responsible for setting hiring standards for each office. It was learned that even if the Board were to adopt a new personnel policy program, Elected Officials and their Chief Deputies wouldn't be required to follow the policies as such. It was suggested the Board look at possibly addressing FLSA, State and Federal Laws with the personnel policy and only those individuals that are considered classified pursuant to state statutes. The Board was advised to make this a workable resolution for all concerned to avoid unionization of certain departments. No action was taken until such time more information can be obtained. Other counties will be contacted to see what they are doing. John Axtel joined the meeting in progress.

At 11:30 A.M. Denis Lyons approached the Board and requested the support of the Board in protecting his family and the citizens of Crawford against a corrupt Police Department. He wants his tax dollars to be more efficiently spent when dealing with the safety of Crawford citizens and his family. He doesn't want to see the county holding another bill due to negligence on the part of another Police Officer. The Board thanked Mr. Lyons for sharing his concerns. Jodi Applegarth reported he attended the Hotz trial and doesn't understand why \$60,000.00 was paid to someone who never testified. He feels the Judicial System needs to be put on tight scrutiny. Commissioner Blausey responded by informing him the Board isn't in a position to monitor the Court Systems Judicial proceedings. In other business Commissioner Johnson reported he has been in contact with the Sheriff Dailey re: security camera project. Twenty-three (23) cameras are being proposed with various locations throughout the Courthouse. Nine existing camera's would be removed. Discussion ensued. Two (2) optional cameras will be removed from the list and the existing nine (9) cameras will be kept to reduce costs. The county has budgeted approximately \$26,000.00 which includes a \$10,000.00 grant from NIRMA. The new camera package will need a thirty (30) day backup and be digital. Request for Proposals will be advertized in the near future.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners a motion to adjourn at 11:50 A.M. was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Johnson and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be March 17, 2010 beginning at 8:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's 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 4:00 P.M. on the Friday preceding the meeting 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: _____

Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

March 03, 2010 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; 2910-911=Emergency

(Communications); 4000=Courthouse Bond Payment Fund; 5400=Weed Department Fund.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$373.88
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$690.50
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,459.97
100	AS CENTRAL SERVICES	\$210.50
100	AXIS CAPITAL INC	\$459.22
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$184.36
100	CHADRON CITY SCHOOLS	\$318.11
100	CHADRON EXPRESS LUBE	\$38.25
100	CRAWFORD HANDI BUS	\$850.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$750.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$900.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$3,762.00
100	JOHN DAGEN	\$7.00
100	KARL DAILEY	\$15.28
100	KARL J DAILEY, SHERIFF	\$2,877.00
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$1,000.00

100	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$12,831.90
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$202.50
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$454.50
100	DELUXE BUSINESS CHECKS & SOLUTIONS	\$205.02
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	DAVE EUBANKS	\$1,160.00
100	FLEET SERVICES/EXXONMOBIL	\$87.82
100	FARM PLAN/BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$36.98
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$32.56
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$8,464.50
100	WAYNE FISHER	\$4.00
100	GMC OF CHADRON	\$467.83
100	JAMIE GOFFENA	\$6.97
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS INC.	\$37.50
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$57.45
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$888.10
100	HOLIDAY INN	\$219.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$85.20
100	JJ'S ENGRAVING & SALES	\$3.00
100	DIANNE J JOHNSON	\$35.00
100	JAY KING	\$16.00
100	KOVARIK,ELLISON & MATHIS,P.C.	\$807.37

100	DON MANDELKO	\$9.50
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$703.53
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$192.85
100	ONE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$284.00
100	NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOC	\$190.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$850.10
100	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$3,125.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$28.19
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$30.69
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$30.14
100	JOHN PERRINE	\$8.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$34.34
100	QWEST	\$1,136.15
100	QWEST	\$190.10
100	RADIOLOGY IMAGING OF NEBRASKA,LLC	\$180.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$260.86
100	REG I MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE	\$5,146.00
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$1,916.25
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$4,680.00
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$534.30
100	VIC RIVERA	\$18.50
100	RUSHVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE/FIRE	\$238.00

100	BARBARA SEBESTA	\$16.03
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$750.00
100	SERENITY SPRINGS FUNERAL CHAPEL	\$2,595.00
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-VETERANS	\$186.35
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS/WEED	\$208.03
100	SOURCEGAS	\$924.63
100	THORPE THOMPSON	\$20.50
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$222.01
100	USDA,APHIS,WILDLIFE SERVICES	\$4,758.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/SHERIFF	\$95.80
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$126.49
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$8.50
100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$78.38
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$280.00
200	ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS	\$250.46
200	AFLAC	\$186.20
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$699.65
200	ARMSTRONG EXTINGUISHER SERVICE INC	\$41.00
200	B & L HOLDING & INVESTMENT,LLC	\$2,000.00
200	CAT FINANCIAL SERVICES/12H GRADER	\$1,500.00
200	CATERPILLAR ACCESSACCOUNT CORP	\$3,212.35
200	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$1,301.88

200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$92.50
200	FARM PLAN	\$32.12
200	FIRST BANKCARD	\$33.01
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,813.61
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$485.70
200	LITTREL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$320.00
200	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$339.99
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$367.35
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$124.35
200	QWEST	\$184.57
200	QWEST	\$17.43
200	SOURCEGAS	\$682.70
200	WEST 2ND WESTERN AUTO	\$19.98
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$186.95
2910	NEVE'S UNIFORMS INC	\$15.95
2910	OFFICE DEPOT	\$339.98
2910	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$202.42
2910	PETERSEN DRUG	\$310.98
2910	QWEST	\$397.85
2910	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$150.00
2910	WALMART COMMUNITY/E911	\$8.70

2910	XEROX CORPORATION	\$658.23
5400	AFLAC	\$15.25
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$55.23
5400	CHEM-TROL,INC	\$4,608.00
5400	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$60.69
5400	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$13.00
5400	FIRST BANKCARD	\$53.75
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$171.42
5400	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$21.72
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$31.83
5400	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$209.83
5400	QUALITY INN & SUITES	\$183.00
5400	VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SUPPLY	\$5,175.00
5400	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$59.49

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