

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**  
**March 17, 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 8:00 A.M. on the 17<sup>th</sup> 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, Scott Cotton and Ann Hanson. 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. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving the February 03, 2010 minutes with the following corrections to wit: reiterated, not rein rated and correcting the February 16, 2010 minutes that a Class A Highway Superintendent License generates an incentive of \$9,000.00, not \$6,000.00 as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Johnson and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences included a letter received from Nebraska State Historical Society re: concerns with proposed location of grain handling facility and NE National Forest re: public comment request on the Strong Canyon Project. 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. Commissioner Blausey presented an update on the grain handling facility project. He reported West Plains Grain hosted a public meeting and informed those attending the original land deal for the proposed site did not go through and they will begin searching for a new location. Commissioner Blausey expressed concern with the recent adoption of Resolution No. 2010-08 designating an area east of Chadron as a recovery zone without having more information regarding historical and environmental impacts. The Board may need to go back and retract the resolution. Ann Hanson informed those present that Mr. Wells indicated at the meeting West Plains Grain does own One hundred feet (100') of ROW either side of the railroad tracks and could possibly look at this location. Gale Debusse Potter joined the meeting in progress. Ann Hanson wanted to go on the record as saying individuals are not opposed to economic development in the area but disagree with the proposed location of the grain handling facility. Commissioner Blausey informed those present a letter was received from the Nebraska Historical Society expressing concern with the original proposed site. In other business the Board reviewed a contract for annual elevator maintenance from Schindler Elevator Corporation. Discussion ensued as to options available. Stacy Swinney and Harvey Keim joined the meeting in progress. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey accepting option two (2) for annual inspections at a cost of \$1800.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. George Ledbetter joined the meeting in progress. No one appeared for public comment. The Board reviewed a letter received from the Nebraska National Forest requesting comments for a project in Strong Canyon. The Chairman will contact Charlie Marsh and let him know the Board of Commissioners have reviewed the plans and have no concerns with the proposed activities. Commissioner Wess reported NACO (National Association of County Officials) is strongly encouraging counties to implement job descriptions and personnel policies if they haven't done so already. Discussion ensued re: personnel policies. Commissioner Wess suggested Elected Officials work with the Human Resource Director in implementing a policy handbook. Commissioner Blausey suggested the Board go ahead and adopt policies and Officials consider what was adopted by the Board when implementing their own. It was noted that all policies need to contain EEOC, Civil Rights and FLSA requirements. Commissioner Wess reported a CD is available from NACO that has updated county job descriptions and suggested the County obtain

a copy. The Human Resource Director will be instructed to obtain a copy of the CD. An e-mail will go out to all Elected Officials regarding this new information.

At 8:55 A.M. Harvey Keim met with the Board. Updates included repair work on various pieces of equipment and delivery of the new MAC truck will be March 30, 2010. Road maintenance continues with several county roads requiring patch work. It was noted for the record that Stockade Road repairs and gravel work must be completed by April 21, 2010. Crews are now able to get into the Johnson pit. Mr. Keim reported two (2) seasonal part-time individuals will be hired. Mr. Keim also presented a crew schedule and fleet management schedule for the Boards review. Resolution No. 2010-11 was introduced by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, approving a twenty percent (20%) co-pay of \$740.83 on two fracture critical bridge projects. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Johnson and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion ensued re: pay of the in-coming full-time secretary for the Roads Department and Veteran Service Office. The possibility of paying out of one fund as opposed to switching back and forth between funds to eliminate errors was suggested by the County Clerk. The Board informed Mr. Keim to visit with Mr. Fankhauser and work something out. Stacy Swinney inquired about graveling of Faulk Road and where the Roads Department was at with the Bethel Road project. Mr. Keim informed Mr. Swinney Faulk Road is scheduled, they just haven't got to it yet and the Bethel Road project has paperwork to be finalized yet.

At 9:35 A.M. Scott Cotton, Extension Service, presented a draft guideline for usage of the conference room at 250 Main Street. The Board approved the guideline as to form.

At 9:45 A.M. Lois Chizek, Treasurer, met with the Board. She presented information relevant to the 2010 tax sale. A grand total of \$64,153.95 was collected with thirteen (13) parcels and five (5) special assessments not being sold. The Board will need to make a decision on the parcels and special assessments not sold at a later date. She also informed the Board all transfers approved per Resolution No. 2009-29 have been made with the exception of \$331,585.00 to the Roads Department and \$100,000.00 to the Road Construction Fund which will be done at a later date as taxes are collected. Janet Johnson joined the meeting in progress. The Board recessed at 9:53 A.M. and reconvened at 10:10 A.M.

At 10:11 A.M. Becky Paulsen, Weed Superintendent, Zoning Administrator and Floodplain Manager, met with the Board. She reported spraying equipment is almost ready to go and she has sprayed for cheat grass. A temporary seasonal position will be filled for office help over the summer. The March 11, 2010 Zoning Board meeting had a lot of public participation, however; Ms. Paulsen feels her Board needs unified and she'll work on this. Zoning Education is also needed for the general public. Scott Cotton suggested a handout. Ms. Paulsen thought this would be a good idea. She reported the conservation easement presented by Butch Ellis, Nature Conservancy, at the November 18, 2009 Commissioner Meeting is resolved. Ms. Paulsen publically thanked Janet Johnson for all her help with zoning issues. John Dagen joined the meeting in progress.

At 10:35 A.M. Marguerite Vey-Miller met with the Board. She reported High Plains Development is a federally funded program that is available to assist entities such as the county with community development block grants, environmental reviews re: federal funding, etc. She reported should West Plains Grain obtain federal funding to build a grain handling facility an environmental review would be necessary as part of the funding process. This review process would look at such things as environmental justice, economic impact now and in the future, public input and several other factors. She commended the Board on establishing a planning commission. She wanted the Board to know the program is available to assist them. John Axtel joined the meeting in progress.

At 10:47 A.M. The Chairman of the Board declared the public hearing open to hear comments, suggestions, etc. regarding adoption of wind tower regulations. Also present was Marc Stevens, Kim Earney and Kevin Heikkla. Mr. Heikkla suggested the follow changes: 16:03 (5) remove types III, IV and V, replace with types as specified by the National Wetlands Directory; 1603:6 (9) in referencing hazardous waste and solid waste, insert the word environmental; 1603:6(10) include a financial responsibility plan; Standards (10) insert State

recommended scenic definitions and 1602:2(2) remove Supervisors and insert Commissioners. The possibility of continuing a conditional use permit for towers was also discussed. There being no further input from the public a motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, to close the public hearing at 11:26 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, adopting wind tower regulations with the aforementioned changes. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee reports of the various offices.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners a motion to adjourn at 11:30 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 April 07, 2010 beginning at 8:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization meeting followed by the Commissioner Meeting at approximately 8:20 A.M. Both meetings will be held in the Commissioner's room at the Courthouse. A current agenda for the meeting(s) 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(s) on Wednesday. The Agenda(s) 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Cheryl Feist**  
**Dawes County Clerk**

**March 17, 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	\$373.86
100	AMERICAN JUDICATURE SOCIETY	\$36.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,706.34
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$24.99
100	AT&T	\$72.02
100	JESS BLUNDELL	\$20.00
100	ROBERT HARDY	\$540.00
100	BOX BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF	\$420.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$47.32
100	CHADRON CITY SCHOOLS	\$48.94
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$546.67
100	CHADRON WHOLESALE	\$186.59
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$375.08
100	CMRS-FP	\$500.00
100	SCOTT COTTON	\$82.23
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$750.67
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$21.00

100	KARL DAILEY	\$44.22
100	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$12,831.70
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$454.50
100	DELL MARKETING LP	\$191.42
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$2,921.09
100	DAVE EUBANKS	\$380.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$112.50
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$8,984.83
100	FLEET SERVICES/SHERIFF	\$330.93
100	GORDON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$2,474.10
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS INC.	\$262.69
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$298.48
100	MIDTOWN HOLIDAY INN	\$210.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$165.96
100	IS COMMUNICATIONS & OPERATIONS	\$12.95
100	JAY KING	\$34.99
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$131.25
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$192.85
100	MIPS INC	\$2,745.47
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$284.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$945.41
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,461.15
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ASSESSOR	\$110.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$93.48
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$126.98
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$95.87
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/DISTRICT CT	\$54.99
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$725.59
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/PUBLIC DEFEND	\$124.03
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$36.68
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$30.45
100	NEOPOST,INC	\$301.90
100	OWEN DENTAL CARE	\$145.00
100	PESTS GO	\$30.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$131.68
100	PINE RIDGE LAND SURVEYS,INC	\$1,515.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$286.94
100	QWEST	\$425.49
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$518.85
100	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$278.90
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$119.24
100	SHELL-EXTENSION OFFICE	\$137.38
100	KRISTI TOOF	\$14.43
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$187.44
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$106.94
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$207.98
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$13.05

100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$67.82
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$72.92
200	ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS	\$250.46
200	AFLAC	\$186.20
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$699.65
200	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$60.26
200	AULICK INDUSTRIES	\$127.20
200	BATTERIES PLUS	\$299.96
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$610.62
200	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$132.74
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$101.41
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$102.00
200	CONTRACTORS MATERIALS	\$450.00
200	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$1,301.79
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$92.50
200	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$727.47
200	EDDIE'S TRUCK CENTER	\$84.51
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,813.61
200	GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE & SUPPLY, INC	\$376.81
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$667.91
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$26.96
200	HILLS MATERIALS COMPANY	\$748.80
200	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	\$207.13
200	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$8.36
200	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	\$118.00
200	J & J PARTS & SUPPLY	\$25.06
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$338.14
200	LINWELD	\$42.30
200	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	\$240.10
200	MOTOROLA	\$4,830.60
200	NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	\$250.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$367.35
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$182.06
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$13.52
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$31,210.27
200	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$1,703.92
200	NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP	\$179.00
200	POWERPLAN	\$2,165.05
200	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$111.95
200	SHEEHAN MACK SALES & EQUIP,INC	\$230.29
200	STERN OIL CO,INC	\$2,433.98
200	JACOB STEWART	\$78.77
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$11.26
200	UNITED STATES WELDING,INC	\$124.82
200	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$107.79

200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$1,050.00
200	WESTCO	\$6,994.71
200	WISE-MACK, INC	\$54,614.74
2910	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$22.58
2910	DAKOTA BACKUP,LLC	\$366.18
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$186.95
2910	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$42.00
2910	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$378.39
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$1,039.00
5400	AFLAC	\$15.25
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$55.23
5400	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$181.90
5400	CCC CAMPUS ACCOUNTS	\$115.00
5400	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$31.72
5400	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$60.68
5400	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$13.00
5400	EXPRESS AUTO SALVAGE	\$110.00
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$186.96
5400	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$21.72
5400	LA SIGN & SCREEN PRINTING	\$40.00
5400	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$35.00
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$34.88
5400	PWCA/PANHANDLE WEED CONTROL ASSOCIA	\$30.00
5400	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$11.38
5400	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$64.00
5400	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$116.47

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