

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

May 23, 2012

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 2^{3rd} day of May, 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, Stewart and Swinney. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Don Grein. 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 Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the May 02, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the minutes with the following corrections to wit: agenda to close 5-18-2012, not 06-01-2012 as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the 5-16-2012 were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Adam Edmund, Dawes County Deputy Attorney, joined the meeting in progress. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress. Two bond continuation certificates for Thomas J. Thompson and Jerry R. Hartman were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving both bond continuation certificates. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Public comment ensued with Commissioner Swinney reporting a judicial hearing will be held on June 05, 2012 to determine if retiring Judge Plantz's position will be filled or moved to another judicial district. Roxie Graham-Marski, KCSR, joined the meeting in progress. Attendance at the June 07, 2012 Heartland Express meeting was discussed. Dawes County will send a representative to the meeting. Judge Harford joined the Public comment period and informed the Board five (5) County Judges covered the Panhandle prior to Judge Plantz retiring. There is a possibility a replacement will not happen as current plans are to increase judicial needs in District 8 by moving Sheridan and Grant counties to District 8. This would decrease judicial needs in the Panhandle. Judge Harford informed the Board that the Judicial Resources Commission has input regarding any final decisions made. The Board supports keeping a judgeship locally. The Board recessed at 10:07 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:17 A.M. Don Grein left the meeting.

At 10:18 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Also present was Dave Leppert, Albertson Engineering. Mr. Hankin gave updates to wit: District 1-Goffena Road is done; Redfern Road maintenance is in progress and the culvert on Ormesher Road has been replaced. District 2-The cattle pass on Table Road is completed; Country Club and Kings Canyon Road maintenance is in progress and shoulders are being pulled on the east end of East River Road. District 3-Maintenance on West Ash Creek Road is in progress and the Crusher Crew is working at Herman's Pit. He reported there are fifteen (15) bridge inspections scheduled for June, however; Mr. Hankin will contact the NDOR (Nebraska Department of Roads) to inquire about an extension. Blaine Yardley is contracted to conduct these inspections. Mr. Hankin reported he has obtained his bridge certification and needs to inspect bridges with a team leader for five (5) years to complete the certificate requirements. Mr. Hankin recommended the Board go with Hawk Truck Trailers for purchasing two (2) Belly Dump Trailers. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, to award the Belly Dump Trailers bid to Hawk Truck Trailers in the amount of \$31,272.00 per trailer. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reviewed a letter received from Jim O'Rourke requesting the speed limit on Country Club Road be reduced to thirty (30) MPH. Mr. Hankin reported an engineer study would be required and he could assist with the research. Commissioner Swinney asked if an ADT study has been conducted. Mr. Hankin responded no. The Board requested Mr. Hankin conduct an ADT study. In other business Commissioner Swinney requested a review of the Veteran Service Office hours. Also present was Martha Quay, Mike Kohler and Alan Connell. The hours of the office have and will remain 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and the Secretary hours will remain 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. so someone is available to receive calls from the Roads Department. Alan Connell

reported the Secretary who is shared between the Veterans Service Office and Roads Department does more roads related work. The Board will look into the possibility of full-time secretaries for both departments at budget time. The County Clerk advised the Board she has learned Appointed Officials, namely the Weed Superintendent, Highway Superintendent and Veterans Service Officer are salaried positions and therefore aren't eligible for retroactive back pay when cost of living raises are granted. These Officials will receive their cost of living increase in January of each year with the Elected Officials/Deputies with no retroactive back pay. The Board acknowledged receipt of the information. Dave Leppert approached the Board. He reported an alternate concrete abutment vs. sheet pile abutment will be bid on the Bethel Road Bridge project. Drawings are completed and RFP's (request for proposals) can be initiated. A deadline of November 15, 2012 is set for construction completion and there is a penalty clause in the contract. The Board instructed the Highway Superintendent to work with Albertson Engineering and advertise for RFP's. The deadline to submit a RFP is June 29, 2012. RFP's received will be opened at the July 03, 2012 Commissioner Meeting with bid award set for July 18, 2012.

At 11:07 A.M. Laura O'Rourke, Nebraska National Forest, met with the Board. Also present was interim Weed Superintendent, Pat Deaver. Mrs. O'Rourke informed the Board there is a cooperative agreement in place between Dawes County and the Forest Service to spray sixty-seven (67) acres at a cost of \$60.00 (sixty) dollars per acre. The contract end date is September 30, 2012. Mr. Deaver reported this project can be completed in 2-4 (two-four) days. The State and Private Forestry Grant has been applied for by Dawes County since 2002. Per grant stipulation all spraying is done on privately owned land with drainages as target areas. The grant is available to those counties with Federal Land. The county matches the grant with an in-kind match by supplying chemical and paying salary to spray. She reported an application extension could be applied for if the County wants to pursue this grant. The County will not pursue the grant this year. Mr. Deaver provided documentation of work he has completed relevant to the Weed Department. The issue of private spraying was discussed at length. The Board instructed Mr. Deaver to put together a list of available Sprayer's in the area and give referrals to land owners from the list. If no other options are available for land owners Mr. Deaver will do private spraying when available. County roads will be priority for spraying.

At 11:43 A.M. Pat Gould, Chadron Fire Chief, met with the Board. He reported if approved by the Chadron City Council a seed base will be installed at the Chadron Airport. The seed base will consist of a 10,000 gallon water tank to store water that will be used to fight fires. He requested the use of County trucks to haul the water to the storage tank. The request was approved by general consent of the Board. In other business, Lindy Coleman approached the Board to discuss the Zoning/Floodplain department. She reported if the floodplain maps were to go on her GIS program there would be costs involved. She reported FEMA has our floodplain maps available on-line. She reported the Zoning Board doesn't feel there are any teeth in the current zoning regulations or public awareness. Ms. Coleman informed the Board she is interested in assuming the duties associated with Zoning/Floodplain management. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, appointing Lindy Coleman as interim Zoning/Floodplain Administrator per emergency circumstances. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. An official appointment and duties assignment will take place at the June 06, 2012 Commissioner Meeting. The Board reviewed a PADD contract to update the Dawes County Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$9,000.00. No action will be taken until such time the Deputy County Attorney can review the contract. The Board reviewed and approved monthly fee reports of the various departments. The Board then discussed a letter received from the State Department of Economic Development referencing a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) grant that was used to start the revolving loan fund administered by NNDC. They are requesting payback of approximately \$500,000.00 in awarded grants or they will subject NNDC to an audit. Deb Cottier, NNDC Director, was scheduled to meet with the Board but due to unforeseen circumstances unable to attend. She will be rescheduled to meet with the Board to discuss what direction needs to be pursued in this matter. There being no resignation letter from Jim Phelps, an Aging Board Member appointment wasn't possible. The Health Insurance with RCI was discussed at length amongst Board Members. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, directing the Chairman to sign the disclosure statement with Bardon Insurance Group, Inc. re: reinsurance services fiscal year 2012-2013. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Stewart. Nays: Swinney. Motion carried. The Board will conduct an insurance survey in approximately six (6) months that will go out to all Dawes County Employees.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 1:32

P. M. The next meeting will be June 06, 2012 beginning at 9:00 A. M. with a Board of Equalization Meeting followed by the Commissioner Meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. Both meetings will be held in the Commissioners 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 3:00 P.M. on Friday, June 01, 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.**

ATTEST: _____

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk

May 23, 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	ABSALON FOOD CENTER	\$848.10
100	AFLAC	\$442.58
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$7,337.89
100	AT&T	\$50.11
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL	\$57.56
100	BIGHORN AUTO SUPPLY	\$8.45
100	MANDY BRICE	\$181.12
100	CENTURYLINK	\$775.10
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-ASSESSOR	\$13.66
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$13.85
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-VETERANS	\$13.80

100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$2.93
100	CHADRON CITY SCHOOLS	\$154.92
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$89.58
100	CHADRON EXPRESS LUBE	\$47.40
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$39.67
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$88.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$301.11
100	CMRS-FP	\$500.00
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$7.20
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	\$65.50
100	SCOTT COTTON	\$133.44
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$428.60
100	CRAWFORD PHARMACY	\$31.22
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$37.25
100	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$20,129.84
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$357.00
100	PATRICK DEAVER	\$2.50
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$124.87
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$271.02
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$11,768.60
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$250.44
100	HASTINGS HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER	\$64.95
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$29.37

100	CHELSEA HORN	\$60.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$35.25
100	IS COMMUNICATIONS & OPERATIONS	\$600.00
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$98.87
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED	\$28.94
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$683.72
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$1,690.20
100	MIPS INC	\$2,914.35
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$40.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$90.00
100	NE EMERGENCY SERVICE COMM ASSN	\$75.00
100	NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	\$10.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$84.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,456.03
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$20.50
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$117.72
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,223.02
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ASSESSOR	\$200.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$33.52
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$107.37
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$559.85
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$435.00

100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$96.53
100	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$16.80
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$29.11
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$259.56
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$208.08
100	PINE RIDGE GARDEN CENTER	\$14.45
100	PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER,INC	\$12.50
100	POSTMASTER	\$55.00
100	PRITCHARD & ABBOTT,INC	\$3,200.00
100	RAMADA INN	\$134.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$132.53
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/EXTENSION	\$36.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/TREASURER	\$175.40
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/WEED	\$213.30
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$21.52
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$127.76
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS/WEED	\$683.76
100	SHELL-EXTENSION OFFICE	\$228.37
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,209.79
100	HARRIS W SNYDER	\$100.00
100	SOURCEGAS	\$34.20
100	STEREO AM 610 KCSR	\$85.00

100	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$12.49
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$95.04
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$90.51
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$23.18
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$133.64
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$245.00
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$295.00
100	WESTERN PLAINS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$81.78
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$76.53
200	AFLAC	\$213.58
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$735.91
200	BIGHORN AUTO SUPPLY	\$311.04
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$120.00
200	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$10.76
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$101.48
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$102.00
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$21.75
200	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$1,942.27
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$125.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,866.26
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$347.55
200	LAWRENCE HANKIN	\$58.04

200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$30.90
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$9.19
200	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, LINCOLN AIRPRT	\$924.00
200	LARRY JOHNSON TRUCKING,INC	\$150.00
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$93.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$356.45
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS	\$739.45
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$106.84
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$1,402.85
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$4,766.12
200	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$402.74
200	PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER,INC	\$8,188.91
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$80.00
200	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ROADS	\$20.03
200	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$55.60
200	SCOTT MANUFACTURERS	\$165.03
200	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$124.86
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$80.27
200	WESTCO	\$20,326.62
1275	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$27,083.76
1900	DAWES CO TREASURER/VETERANS AID	\$55.83
2910	BEST BUY BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ACCT	\$424.92
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$224.59

2910	DAKOTA BACKUP,LLC	\$301.75
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$102.82
2910	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$285.41
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$1,943.00
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$183.75
2913	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$84.13