

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

July 03, 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 9:02 A.M. on the 3rd day of July, 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; Adam Edmund, Dawes County Deputy Attorney and Chris Fankhauser, KCSR. 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 June 06, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Assessor presented tax correction #'s 4637-4639 and sixteen (16) 2012 adjustments to values for the Boards review and approval. Upon review of the tax corrections and adjustments in value to 16 parcels a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, directing the Chairman to sign the tax corrections and adjustments as presented by the Assessor. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. One permissive exemption application from Wounded Warriors Family Support was presented to the Board. The Assessor recommended non-approval at this time due to lack of information submitted on the application. Barbara Sebesta, Dawes County Treasurer, presented three (3) vehicle exemption renewals for the Boards review and approval. They were High Plains Development, Northwest Community Action and 1st Congregational Church. Upon review a motion was made by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the three (3) vehicle exemption renewals. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. 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 9:24 A.M. The next Dawes County Board of Equalization will be August 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 Friday, July 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.

ATTEST: _____

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Cheryl Feist--Dawes County Clerk

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

July 03, 2012

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:25 A.M. on the 3rd day of July, 2012 in the former county courtroom 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; Adam Edmund, Dawes County Deputy County Attorney and Chris Fankhauser, KCSR. 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 Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the agenda and deleting discussion re: fireworks. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the June 20, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the minutes with the following corrections to wit: \$80,000.00 not \$18,000.00 re: tractor bid and combining, not combing as recorded. George Ledbetter, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving all claims. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 9:39 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:46 A.M.

At 9:47 A.M. Public Comment ensued with Nan Gould, Region 23 Emergency Manager; Scott Cotton, UNL Extension and Kelli Miller, USDA. Due to recent drought conditions in the county a drought disaster declaration was requested. Statistics backing up the request included 48% loss in rain; current temperatures as of July 2nd are temperatures normally seen on August 5th; 2000 cows have been sold the past four (4) weeks in Dawes County alone, feed costs are increasing and irrigated crops are up 10-15%. If the USDA declares a drought disaster area ranchers could potentially write off cattle losses. Scott Cotton predicts a 5-7 year recovery time for area producers. Nan Gould presented an open-ended disaster declaration to have on file if other drought related emergencies arise. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, declaring a drought disaster in Dawes County and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:02 A.M. Bethel Bridge bids were opened. Present was Larry Hankin, Roads Superintendent, Eric Fuller, Fuller Construction, Dave Coe and Dave Leppert, Albertson Engineering. Three contractors bid on the project to wit: **Fuller Construction**-Base bid of \$450,000.00 with alternate sheet pile abutment bid adding \$5,000.00 and deducting \$1500.00 for Cor-Ten Superstructure; **J. Scull**-Base bid of \$646,000.00 with alternate sheet pile abutment bid adding \$74,500.00 and no change in bid for Cor-Ten Superstructure; **Perrett Construction**-No base bid but an alternate sheet pile abutment bid in the amount of \$419,717.00. Discussion ensued regarding bid costs. Eric Fuller indicated steel providers suggested alternates for the sheet pile abutments and offered to breakdown his bid costs. The Board noted for the record there is quite a difference between what the county budgeted and bids came in at. Commissioner Swinney would like to take the bids to Lincoln so they are aware of what State specifications are costing counties. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to reject all bids received and directed the Engineer to acquire additional information relevant to costs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swinney. Roll was called, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. A bid tabulation sheet is available for public inspection during normal business hours and will become a part of the minutes housed at the Clerk's Office. The tractor purchase was discussed. Mr. Hankin reported he did look at the JD 4430. The tractor has 10,384

hours at a cost of \$17,500.00. He checked with other area vendors and feels the 4430 would be the best fit for Dawes County. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the purchase of the JD 4430 tractor in the amount of \$17,500.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Hankin presented a waiver for removing stuck vehicles. After review by the Board a motion was made by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the waiver language. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Road updates included the following: District 1-Redfern and Shafer Roads are done with maintenance; District 2-Maintenance is in progress on E. River and Hollibaugh Roads; District 3-Approximately 1 mile off Highway 2 & 71 on W. Ash Creek Road maintenance continues. The bridge on Toadstool Road is scheduled for replacement in fiscal year 2014-2015 according to the Forest Service. Mr. Hankin reported Dawes County contributed 367.5 man hours, 2184 pickup miles, 651 semi-tractor miles and 52 equipment hours to the Cottonwood Fire. He also informed the Board the entire Roads Department attended blade school. The Board recessed at 10:46 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:52 A.M.

At 10:53 A.M. Pat Deaver, Interim Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. He presented recent work records and reported the Forest Service work is completed. Due to dry conditions caution will be exercised when spraying. The Board discussed the USFS State & Private Forestry Cooperative Weed Management Grant. Commissioner Swinney made a motion directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the USFS State and Private Forestry Cooperative Weed Management Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. Roll was called, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:05 A.M. Deb Cottier, NNDC, met with the Board. In a previous visit with the Board Ms. Cottier had recommended the Board invite the Department of Economic Development out to audit the revolving loan fund. She has since learned that the League of Municipalities has taken a strong interest in what is happening to area communities that offer revolving loan funds. She explained that when the Department of Economic Development sent letters out in May of 2012 they didn't adequately explain their intent re: revolving loan funds. Due to recent developments and inconsistencies of the Department of Economic Development Ms. Cottier suggested the County request an extension. The extension would allow the County two (2) more months to look at alternatives and give the League of Municipalities more time to look at a resolution to the issue. After much discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, based upon DED's change in requirements Dawes County is now requesting an extension before deciding what to do regarding the revolving loan fund and directed the Chairman to sign the extension request. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee/mileage reports of the various departments. A letter was received from Jim Phelps tending his resignation from the Area Aging Board. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, accepting the resignation of Jim Phelps from the Area Aging Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Two (2) bond approvals were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the bonds of Doris Christensen-ESU 13 and Dixie Thompson-Whitney Irrigation District. Roll was called, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The RCI Skilled Nursing Facility Amendment was tabled until such time a representative can be present to explain the purpose of the amendment. The Board received notice from the Crime Commission that the Jail facility was found to be in full compliance per jail standards. In other business the Board discussed consolidation of the Weed and Road Departments. Commissioner Swinney suggested a line item be added to the Roads budget to track equipment damages as this affects costs in maintaining equipment. This will be discussed with the Highway Superintendent. Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund, indicated the Weed Superintendent could work in the Roads Department in the off season but the County would still be responsible for meeting all State Statutes relevant to weed control. Job descriptions will need to be researched to see if these departments can be combined. Private spraying was also discussed. Commissioner Swinney reported Sheridan County doesn't conduct private spraying so their weed budget is less. Information will be posted in the Courthouse informing residents that Dawes County will not conduct private spraying unless all avenues have been exhausted. The information will also include the names of area Sprayers and their contact information. The roundabout discussion was tabled as this is a project that has been in the works for years.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

The next meeting will be July 18, 2012 beginning at 9:00 A. M. 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, July 13, 2012. The meeting(s) 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

July 03, 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	\$903.02
100	AFLAC	\$490.13
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$6,691.86
100	BIGHORN AUTO SUPPLY	\$80.00
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$83.90
100	CENTURYLINK	\$841.97
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$14.11
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CUSTODIAN	\$5.35
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$15.84
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-E 911	\$5.88
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$89.58

100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$57.00
100	CHEAPER THAN DIRT	\$625.82
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD/CRAWFORD PD	\$322.02
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$126.53
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	\$204.00
100	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$22,145.58
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$144.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$449.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$52.59
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$10,447.61
100	FIRST WIRELESS,INC	\$35.00
100	GMC OF CHADRON	\$68.18
100	JAMIE GOFFENA	\$93.38
100	SHARON HARRISON	\$232.56
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$62.49
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$174.26
100	IS COMMUNICATIONS & OPERATIONS	\$12.95
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$104.92
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED	\$162.80
100	JAY KING	\$16.00
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$514.12
100	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	\$112.77
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$719.95

100	NACEB	\$100.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,172.49
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$68.15
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$777.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$34.99
100	NEVE'S UNIFORMS INC	\$141.90
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$28.99
100	PETERSON LOCKSMITH	\$2.00
100	PRIDE	\$158.11
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$167.49
100	RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$63.20
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$33.22
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$329.54
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS/WEED	\$277.29
100	AUSTIN SMITH	\$24.57
100	GAROLD SMITH	\$54.20
100	SOURCEGAS	\$240.43
100	SCOTT M SWICKARD	\$65.58
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$221.73
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$96.08
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$167.94

100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$155.54
100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$276.13
100	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$500.00
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	WESTERN NEBRASKA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$500.00
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$905.00
100	WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC/SHERIFF	\$143.74
200	AFLAC	\$197.33
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$735.91
200	CENTURYLINK	\$203.97
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #2 ROADS	\$2.93
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #3 ROADS	\$2.93
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST 1 ROADS	\$14.59
200	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$2,015.02
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,868.63
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$405.00
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$15.98
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$356.92
200	SOURCEGAS	\$518.35
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$74.82
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$100.55
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$27.77

990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$395.90
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$461.25
990	LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$1,050.00
990	NEBRASKA LIFE PUBLISHING, INC	\$548.26
990	SHIRLEY REED	\$70.00
990	ROBERT SHARP & ASSOCIATES	\$85.00
1900	DAWES CO TREASURER/VETERANS AID	\$114.73
2910	BEST BUY BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ACCT	\$78.23
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$0.97
2910	PETERSEN DRUG	\$29.99
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$890.00