

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**October 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 8:59 A.M. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 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, Deputy County Attorney and Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record. 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. Chris Fankhauser, KCSR, joined the meeting. Minutes of the September 05, 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. Correspondence received from Emily Westphal re: BOE decision on valuation of parcels was reviewed by the Board. The County Clerk also presented a response letter sent to Ms. Westphal.

At 9:05 A.M. Barbara Sebesta, County Treasurer, approached the Board. She presented the Board with three vehicle exemption renewal requests to wit: Community Action, Bethlehem Lutheran and Chadron Community Churches. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the vehicle exemption renewal of NW Community Action. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the vehicle exemption renewal of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the vehicle exemption renewal of Chadron Community Church. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 9:11 A.M. the Chairman declared the Public Hearing open re: NW Community Actions' application for a vehicle exemption. Notice of the hearing was published in The Chadron Record on September 26, 2012. There being no comment from the public the Chairman closed the Public Hearing. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the vehicle exemption application of NW Community Action. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction #'s 4645-4646 for the Boards review and approval. Upon review of the tax corrections a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, directing the Chairman to sign the tax corrections as presented by the Assessor. 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 9:17 A.M. The next Dawes County Board of Equalization will be November 07, 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, November 02, 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**

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**October 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 9:18 A.M. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2012 in the Commissioner 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, Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record 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 noting the cancellation of scheduled appointments of the Weed Department until spring of 2013. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the September 19, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving all claims with the exception of claim #1210052 in the amount of \$1242.50. The Board approved to pay \$800.00 of the \$1242.50 presented for payment. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. A correspondence received was a cost breakdown of expenses incurred by the Sheriff's Department during the recent Ash Creek Fire. The information has been forwarded onto Nan Gould, Region 23 Emergency Manager.

At 9:38 A.M. Alan Connell, Veterans Service Committee and Mike Kohler, VSO, met with the Board. Mr. Kohler tenured his resignation as Dawes County Veteran's Service Officer effective October 15, 2012. Commissioner Swinney made a motion to accept the resignation of Mike Kohler. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Connell reported he has been in contact with Sheridan County and Box Butte counties, however; Sheridan County isn't interested in an inter-local agreement for these services at this time. Both counties have agreed to assist Dawes County until such time a replacement can be found. He also informed the Board he is aware of a former VSO for Sheridan County that would possibly be interested in an interim position but hasn't had the opportunity to speak to him yet. Mr. Connell will meet with the Veterans' Service Committee and report back to the Board at the October 17, 2012 meeting. The Vetra Spec software agreement will be reviewed by the Deputy County Attorney but no action will be taken until such time a new VSO is in place.

At 9:45 A.M. Public comment ensued with three members of the Pastoral Community approaching the Board. Those present were Pastor Russ Segar, First Congregational Church, Father Tim Stoner, St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Anne Sundberg, Emmanuel Lutheran Church. They are all interested in assisting with the recovery process from the recent fires. The weekend of October 6-7, 2012 (also weekend of World Communion Sabbath) they are inviting the community to pray for rain, drought relief, animals' dependent upon water for their existence and individuals affected by the recent fires in Dawes County. The Board recessed at 9:50 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:00 A.M.

At 10:01 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates included the following: District 1-mowing and patchwork done. They are also hauling gravel; District 2-mowing is

done and they have one man working on West River Road hauling gravel. Deadhorse Road is being addressed so it's passable; District 3-both mowers are running in Whitney and Squaw Creek areas. West Ash Creek Road is now passable; Crusher-the crusher is up and running with crews crushing rock from the Furman pit. A motion to enter executive session at 10:10 A.M. to discuss a personnel issue was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. A motion to reconvene to regular session at 10:24 A.M. was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session. Mr. Hankin reported the County will join the City of Chadron on October 20, 2012 in a surplus auction that will be clerked by Arner Auction. Discussion ensued amongst the Board and Mr. Hankin regarding several requests by landowners for autogates. A motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, adopting policy whereby the County will pay one-half (1/2) of costs associated with materials and labor with the landowner/leaseholder contributing the same towards the installation of autogates. The County will maintain the autogates once installed. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Hankin informed the Board that Pat Deaver, Interim Weed Superintendent, has been helping in the Roads Department. The Roads Foreman will start supervising the Weed Department with additional pay of \$200.00 per month as approved in the 2012-2013 budget beginning November 01, 2012. In other business the Board was presented with Resolution No. 2012-18 to adopt the 2012-2013 levies of the various political subdivisions. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, adopting the 2012-2013 levies of the various political subdivisions as presented by the County Clerk. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-18**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION** of the County of Dawes, State of Nebraska,

**WHEREAS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF DAWES COUNTY** has the authority to levy necessary taxes for county purposes and,

**WHEREAS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF DAWES COUNTY** finds pursuant to NE. State Statute 77-1601 and NE. State Statute 77-1603.4 the levy shall include all township, city, school districts, villages, and fire districts within their jurisdiction and,

**WHEREAS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF DAWES COUNTY** finds that is in the best interests of these aforementioned political subdivisions that the 2012-2013 levies be set accordingly:

<b><u>Cities:</u></b>		<b><u>Other Political Subdivisions:</u></b>	
<b>City of Chadron</b>	0.422549	<b>Ag Society</b>	0.004398
<b>City of Crawford</b>	0.500000	<b>WNCC</b>	0.100259 (Composite)
<b>Village of Whitney</b>	0.153605	<b>NRD</b>	0.021763
		<b>ESU 13</b>	0.015802 (Composite)

**Schools:**

**Chadron Public School District 2**

General Fund                    1.055062  
Special Bldg Fund            0.010500  
ESU 13                            0.015802  
Composite Levy                1.081364

**Crawford Public School District 71**

General Fund                    0.957995  
ESU 13                            0.015802  
Composite Levy                0.973797

**Chadron Fire**

**District**                    0.03439 (Composite)

**Crawford Fire**

**District**                    0.025166 (Composite)

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION THAT** the aforementioned levies be adopted for fiscal year 2012-2013. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion for passage of said Resolution, and after consideration the roll was called on the passage of said Resolution with the following Board members voting Aye: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Voting Nay: None.

The Chairman of the Board declared the resolution passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2012.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHERYL FEIST**

**COUNTY CLERK**

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD**

**OF EQUALIZATION**

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**Webb L. Johnson**

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**Jake Stewart**

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**Stacy Swinney**

Lacy Peterson, HR Director, joined the meeting. She presented revised job description for the custodial department to accurately reflect responsibilities. The Board took no action until such time Commissioner Swinney can meet with the department to review and ensure all employees of the department understand their responsibilities listed in the revised job descriptions. She also presented an agreement whereby the work hours of Jay King, Custodian, will be reduced back to 35 hours per week instead of 40 hours. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, reducing Jay King, Custodian, work hours from 40 hours per week to 35 hours per week. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:00 A.M. Meghan Lang and Jill Kracl, The Benefit Group, met with the Board. Meghan presented information on what The Benefit Group can provide for health care services. She reported they currently have 46 groups under their plan with 2 of those groups being county government. She proposed a \$50,000.00 specific deductible instead of a \$20,000.00 specific deductible. The specific deductible must be met prior to the reinsurance carrier contributing to any claim. By having a higher specific deductible premium rates would be reduced. The Board took no action.

At 11:30 A.M. Dave Coe met with the Board. He went over the final inspection results from the recent tuckpoint project completed by KARR TUCKPOINTING. An evaluation of the company's work was filled out and a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, directing the Chairman to sign the permission of reference waiver to be used by KARR TUCKPOINTING in advertizing campaigns. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent, the Treasurer's amended report of real taxes not sold at public/private tax sale, Sheriff's mileage report and the Treasurer's monthly report. Commissioner Swinney reported the meeting held on October 01, 2012 at CSC went well. Information from the meeting indicated a liaison is needed to access possible funding sources, alignment of taxes against production was discussed, loss of value re: Crow Butte Resources uranium mine has affected the local economy and identified needs included fencing supplies, plant trees, better county road system and sources of feed for livestock. Commissioner Swinney plans to send a letter to Governor Heineman prior to his visit with area Commissioners on October 10, 2012. The letter will address what was discussed at the meeting held on October 01, 2012 and ask the Governor for support in meeting identified needs.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M. The next meeting will be October 17, 2012 beginning at 9:00 A. M. The meeting will be held 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, October 12, 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**  
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**October 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.

<b>FUND</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTCLAIMS</b>
100	ABSALON FOOD CENTER	\$1,514.36
100	AFLAC	\$490.12
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$6,920.08
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$24.80
100	AS CENTRAL SERVICES	\$210.50
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL	\$271.01
100	BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC	\$7.69
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$301.90
100	CENTURYLINK	\$939.10
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-ASSESSOR	\$17.75
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$12.19
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$14.10
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$3.13
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$19.60
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CUSTODIAN	\$3.09
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$20.75
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$12.40

100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$45.02
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$26.92
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$35.35
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-VETERANS	\$19.01
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$2.89
100	CHADRON CITY SCHOOLS	\$100.92
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$268.74
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$47.64
100	CHADRON LUMBER COMPANY INC	\$155.20
100	CHEAPER THAN DIRT	\$316.39
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD/CRAWFORD PD	\$272.46
100	CMRS-FP	\$500.00
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	\$186.00
100	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$25.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$28.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$2,863.66
100	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$21,808.52
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$1,768.25
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$722.13
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$449.00
100	DAYLIGHT DONUT BAKERY	\$20.98
100	DAYS INN	\$269.88
100	DELUXE BUSINESS CHECKS & SOLUTIONS	\$129.18

100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	EXPRESS AUTO SALVAGE	\$72.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/BARBARA J SEBESTA	\$37.15
100	FIRST BANKCARD/SCOTT COTTON	\$351.65
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$10,687.92
100	GALLS	\$664.66
100	GMC OF CHADRON	\$128.19
100	SHARON HARRISON	\$10.90
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$40.17
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$242.08
100	IS COMMUNICATIONS & OPERATIONS	\$12.95
100	JOHN CRILE-24 HOUR LOCKSMITHING	\$800.00
100	JAY KING	\$16.00
100	CHARLES MICHAEL KOHLER	\$127.59
100	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	\$105.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$275.40
100	MILLENNIUM COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$50.00
100	NACO	\$120.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,227.61
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/PUBLIC DEFEND	\$63.96
100	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$28.66



100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$34.19
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$29.00
100	RADIOLOGY IMAGING OF NEBRASKA,LLC	\$43.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$144.68
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/VETERANS	\$119.60
100	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$159.86
100	RR DONNELLEY	\$37.20
100	MALYCHANH SAYALOUNE	\$10.69
100	RUSS SEGER	\$135.00
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$305.40
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-VETERANS	\$230.65
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS/WEED	\$40.85
100	GAROLD SMITH	\$63.04
100	SOURCEGAS	\$219.83
100	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$205.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$242.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-SHERIFF	\$226.59
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$167.94
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$24.57
100	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$200.00
100	WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC/SHERIFF/EXXON	\$204.80
200	AFLAC	\$197.33
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$739.03

200	CENTURYLINK	\$204.35
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #2 ROADS	\$3.06
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #3 ROADS	\$2.89
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST 1 ROADS	\$11.11
200	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$2,014.67
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,849.57
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$142.92
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$133.98
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$355.07
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$76.43
200	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ROADS	\$426.90
200	SOURCEGAS	\$518.35
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$74.82
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$21.91
200	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$189.00
200	JERRY BLAINE YARDLEY	\$195.50
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$57.54
990	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$600.00
990	ROBERT SHARP & ASSOCIATES	\$782.00
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$411.03
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$108.32
2910	OFFICE DEPOT	\$74.01

2910	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$150.00
2913	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$88.62