

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

November 06, 2014

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 9:03 A.M. on the 6th day of November, 2014 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stewart. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, and Vic Rivera. 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 Johnson, seconded by Swinney, approving the Agenda and noting the cancellation of Lindy Coleman re: tax corrections. There being no discussion roll was called, Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the October 01, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Swinney, approving the minutes with the following correction to wit: Commissioner Swinney seconded the motion made by Commissioner Johnson re: approval of Stanard Appraisals contract. There being no discussion roll was called, Ayes: Swinney and Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the Special Board of Equalization meeting conducted on October 16, 2014 were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Swinney, approving the minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. 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 9:07 A.M. The next Dawes County Board of Equalization meeting will be December 03, 2014 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 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 25, 2014 due to the Holiday. 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

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DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:08 A.M. on the 6th day of November, 2014 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stewart. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney and Vic Rivera. 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 Johnson, approving the Agenda and Board acknowledgement of Venita Quamme's appointment cancellation at 10:30 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Johnson, amending the minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting to read the Board recessed at 9:58 A.M., not 9:59 A.M. as recorded. The Board reconvened to regular session at 9:59 A.M., not 9:58 A.M. as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Johnson, approving claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Board reports ensued with Commissioner Swinney reporting seven Panhandle Commissioners met with Senator Al Davis and representatives from WNCC on October 09, 2014 re: WNCC funding. Commissioner Swinney then had the opportunity to meet with Dennis Bach, Head of State Community Colleges. Mr. Bach will be putting together figures relevant to mill levy reduction. Senator Al Davis will use these figures and letters of support from surrounding counties to introduce a legislative bill that would look at other sources of revenue to support the State Colleges and ultimately reduce the mill levy over the next five years. He reported the Nebraska Farm Bureau would support the legislative bill and the Nebraska Beef Association is looking at supporting the bill. Mr. Swinney also attended the NACO Legislative Conference and read aloud the letter drafted by Dawes County. He also had the opportunity to distribute the letter to various Officials during the conference. He attended the Dawes County Joint Planning meeting and reported Dr. Caroline Winchester expressed concern about State aid being reduced to support Jr. Colleges. Collaboration between agencies and programs will be imperative to the success of the legislative bill. Commissioner Stewart reported Northwest Community Action Partnership just finished their audit and services totaling \$3.5 million dollars were rendered to five counties. NCAP will be receiving \$45,470.00 from the Healthcare Navigator grant for 2015 which will be used to fund an outreach program to assist income eligible individuals with obtaining health insurance. Mobile food pantries were conducted in Chadron on October 08, 2014 and Gordon on November 05, 2014. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress. NCAP took possession of vehicles and equipment from CAPWN that will be used by the weatherization program. NCAP also received past client files as well as files for those on the weatherization wait list. The GED program is up and running at the Early Head Start building located at 255 Chadron Avenue. Once the Closer to Home building is repainted the GED program will be moved. The Foster Grandparent Program has finished the Hygiene for Humanity toiletry drive in five counties. Over 2,200 items were collected.

Commissioner Swinney announced the VA Director for Ft. Meade and Hot Springs has retired. The Board recessed at 9:56 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:01 A.M.

At 10:03 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Also present were Paul Wolvington and Roger Suhr. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed road closures. Mr. Hankin reported resolutions adopted have been published and sent to area landowners informing them of the Public Hearing date. He added that autogates may be necessary on Marchant Road. Paul Wolvington expressed concern with the county using tax payer dollars to install autogates on Marchant Road. He asked what it cost the county to do this. Mr. Hankin reported \$175.00 per foot in addition to labor/base costs. Mr. Wolvington indicated if Mr. Marchant would put his ½ mile of fence back up, autogates wouldn't be necessary. If he doesn't, then autogates will be necessary. Roger Suhr reported Ingrid Farreras sent him a letter expressing concern with one taxpayer benefiting and she's against closure of the road. Road classification was discussed and Hankin reported the county is fine. Mr. Wolvington commended the Dawes County Road Department indicating for the record their better than Box Butte County's roads on a good day. The Board thanked those present for their input. Mr. Hankin reported the Bethel Loop Project is just about done. He and Mr. McCaslin will do a walk through. Mr. Hankin presented an extended project order to include earthwork, fencing and graveling at a cost of \$8,000.00. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Johnson, approving the extension in the amount of \$8,000.00 and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll was called, Ayes: Swinney, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Road updates included the following to wit: District 1-blading, pulled a short section & graveled on Eagan Road. District 2-blading roads and pulled a section of Table Road from Scherbarth's to McGannon's. District 3-blading roads and pulled/graveled 1 mile of Saw Log Road to Dyer's. Chrisman Trucking is done at the Moody Pit and moving to the State Pit. The Highway Superintendent then presented the Highway Certification for the Chairman's signature. Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Johnson, moved to direct the Chairman of the Board to sign the Highway Certification. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:41 A.M. Public Comment ensued with Jada Thompson, Contryman Associates, P.C. re: 2014 Dawes County audit. Overall the audit went well according to Thompson. She indicated there are journal entry adjustments that need done regarding the closure of the Health Insurance Fund on the revenue side; Bond payments will be paid prior to their due date to ensure they are credited to the proper fiscal year and she encouraged the Treasurer to reach out to other Treasurer's as a resource when questions arise. The Board and Ms. Thompson then discussed LB 560. She recommended NACO (National Association of County Officials) give direction to counties as there appears to be several different interpretations of that law. Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund, agreed. The County Clerk indicated she will continue the current payroll process until such time she is told to do something different. Mr. Edmund indicated he would support the Clerk's Office in current payroll practices. A letter will be drafted and sent to all Department Heads informing them of changes in reporting sick, vacation and overtime payout. In other business the Board moved adoption of the Travel Board By-Laws to the November 19, 2014 Commissioner meeting and approved the monthly fee/mileage reports and the Treasurer's Distress Warrant by general consent of the Board. Lacy Peterson, HR Director, joined the meeting in progress and approached the Board. Once a full-time Weed Superintendent is hired the starting salary will be \$30,900.00 annually and upon completion of orientation/certification the position will be paid \$32,000.00 annually. The part-time Interim Weed Superintendent will remain at \$12.00 per hour. FLSA regulations were discussed

re: Weed Superintendent position. The Board instructed Ms. Peterson to make this position an exempt position for FLSA purposes. The Board discussed amending the Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance contract to address eligibility. Ms Peterson was directed by the Board to proceed with the necessary paperwork. The County Clerk and HR Director agreed to work together to update personnel policies relevant to changes requested. Once completed, it will be presented to the Board for final approval. The next order of business was setting Christmas Holiday Hours. Commissioner Johnson moved to set the Christmas Holiday schedule as follows: The Courthouse will be open all day on December 24, 2014. The Courthouse will close all day December 25 & 26, 2014. The Courthouse will be open all day December 31, 2014 and close again January 01, 2015 for New Years Day. Commissioner Swinney seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson, Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board then discussed the KONE Elevator contract for service at 451 Main Street. The contract with KONE will be honored and a letter will be sent to Schindler Elevator advising them of the Board's intent. Resolution No. 2014-20 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Swinney, renewing the NIRMA contract until June 30, 2018. Roll was called, Ayes: Swinney, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences included a thank you from the Dawes County Historical Society for watering the road down for the History in Action Day this year. Also received was a petition from area residents requesting the Highway Superintendent study lowering site distances at railroad crossings on Saw Log Road. The petition request will be addressed at the November 19, 2014 Commissioner meeting. The Board recessed at 12:16 P.M. and reconvened to regular session at 1:10 P.M. The Board addressed eleven (11) students attending Chadron State College's Business and Industry Day.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:26 P.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be November 19, 2014 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners room at the Courthouse. A current agenda is available at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours but will close at 2:00 P.M. on November 14, 2014.

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

November 06, 2014 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; 1150=Preservation & Maintenance Fund; 1900=Veterans Aid Fund; 2360=Drug Fund; 2500=Grants Fund; 2700=Inheritance Fund; 2910-911=Emergency Communications; 2913=Wireless Communications; 4000=Courthouse Bond Payment Fund.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$501.14
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$984.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$7,623.95
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$4.49
100	AS CENTRAL SERVICES	\$170.80
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-EXTENSION	\$119.53
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$27,018.44
100	BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC	\$499.99
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$193.75
100	CENTURYLINK	\$438.13
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-ASSESSOR	\$15.92
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$13.20
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$14.93
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$4.37
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$22.06
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CUSTODIAN	\$3.00

100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$19.40
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$18.24
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$22.13
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$25.93
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$17.75
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-VETERANS	\$12.47
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$2.90
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$999.00
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD/CRAWFORD PD	\$216.49
100	CRAWFORD HANDI BUS	\$800.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$750.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$900.00
100	CULLIGAN-PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$21.50
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$1,637.71
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$1,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$381.00
100	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$21.83
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$4,780.48
100	ENGRAVERS	\$951.00

100	FAMILY SKILL BUILDING SERVICES,LLC	\$520.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$56.49
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$12,649.01
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$110.85
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$74.14
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$150.00
100	HOLIDAY INN	\$375.80
100	ICS JAIL SUPPLIES INC	\$189.09
100	JAEGER LAW OFFICE	\$49.00
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED	\$438.79
100	KCSR-AM	\$50.00
100	MIDWEST CONNECT,LLC	\$35.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$450.15
100	NACCTFO	\$75.00
100	NACVSO TREASURER	\$30.00
100	NE DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$14,532.00
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,192.97
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$3,750.00

100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$112.63
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$39.60
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$15.96
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$19.49
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$90.54
100	OPTIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY,LLC	\$1,425.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$220.16
100	REG I MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE	\$6,499.50
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$1,779.38
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$4,231.30
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$106.39
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$3,990.00
100	SEARS HOMETOWN STORE	\$10.99
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$750.00
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$1,479.80
100	SOURCEGAS	\$116.40
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$462.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$406.85
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN-WAGES EXT	\$6,651.69
100	USDA,APHIS,WILDLIFE SERVICES	\$4,896.75

100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$555.28
100	VERIZON WIRELESS-WEED	\$62.82
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$164.47
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$56.87
100	MICHELLE WESTERBUHR	\$52.38
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$8,426.00
100	WEX BANK/SHERIFF/BOSELNAN	\$1,192.98
100	WEX BANK/SHERIFF/EXXON	\$74.76
100	WOODY'S CONSTRUCTION	\$2,260.00
100	JON WORTHMAN LAW OFFICE	\$1,016.20
200	AFLAC	\$215.69
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,027.41
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,349.93
200	CENTURYLINK	\$43.01
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$13.20
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #2 ROADS	\$3.07
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #3 ROADS	\$2.90
200	CHARLIE'S GARAGE	\$220.00
200	DAWES CO ABSTRACT & TITLE, INC ESCR	\$90.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00

200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,425.63
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$302.63
200	JIM LAMBERT	\$1,243.50
200	DANNY LARSEN	\$5,423.75
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$155.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$570.84
200	NORTHWESTERN HEATING AND COOLING	\$140.00
200	SOURCEGAS	\$78.02
200	VERIZON WIRELESS/ROADS	\$284.09
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$104.45
200	WEST 2ND APPLIANCE	\$9.07
990	LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$180.00
990	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/VISITOR PROMO	\$2.21
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$240.00
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$297.93
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$44.86
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$149.00
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$115.86
2913	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$115.35