

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

February 10, 2015

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 8:32 A.M. on the 10th day of February 2015 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 Rivera. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, and Sandy Roes, WCHR Director. 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 Rivera, approving the Agenda. Roll call, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the January 08, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the minutes as published. Roll call, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lindy Coleman, Dawes County Assessor approached the Board and presented tax correction #4938 for the Boards review and approval. Motion by Commissioner Rivera approving the tax correction and directing the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera with Stewart abstaining. 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 8:46 A.M. The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2015 at 8:30 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 Thursday, March 05, 2015. 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

February 10, 2015

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:47 A.M. on the 10th day of February, 2015 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 Rivera. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney and Sandy Roes. 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 Johnson, seconded by Rivera, adding Sandy Roes to the Agenda re: \$25,000.00 donation to the City of Chadron re: pool project as the Board needs to vote on the donation due to time issues surrounding the donation. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Gary Fisher, Kevin Larsen, KCSR Radio, Alan Soester, Mark Betson and Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the January 27, 2015 minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. No correspondence was received.

At 8:35 A.M. Sandy Roes, WCHR, met with the Board. She reported a meeting was held in Crawford to inform/educate citizens about the pool project in Chadron. Tourism Board members were also present to go over what the Visitor Improvement Funds can be used for. Commissioner Rivera expressed concern with verbal agreements vs. written agreements and would like to see more financial involvement from Chadron State College. Gary Fisher also expressed concern with Chadron State College's financial involvement. Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, informed those present an interlocal agreement is in the draft stages between the City of Chadron and Chadron State College. Heating the pool facilities was also discussed. Ms. Roes reported a study has been done addressing usage of the college wood chip program to provide heat to the facility. Commissioner Rivera asked about longevity of the proposed pool cover. Ms. Roes reported explained sections of the pool cover can be replaced if necessary. The tax approved by the Voters in the 2014 General Election was a concern of those present. The County Clerk asked if there was a sunset on the ½ cent tax approved by the Voters for the pool project. Ms. Roes indicated for the record the tax will go away upon completion of the project. Project completion date is scheduled for December of 2016. Commissioner Stewart indicated he understands concerns of area citizens and informed those present the \$50,000.00 donation to the pool project by the Tourism Board will be paid out over a two (2) year period in installments of \$25,000.00 with no further commitment to the project. Commissioner Stewart recommended Mr. Fisher and Commissioner Rivera also visit with Paris Fisher to obtain additional information on the project. Sandy Roes added there are committees in place to address every aspect of the pool project. There being no further discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, to approve the \$25,000.00 donation from the Dawes County Tourism Board to the City of Chadron pool project. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson approving all claims with the exception of claim #'s 15020083 in the amount of \$30.76 and 15020042 in the amount of \$66.13. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Katie Haynes joined the meeting in progress. She provided an explanation re: claim #15020042 in the amount of \$66.13. Commissioner Johnson moved to pay claim #15020042 in the amount of \$66.13. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:28 A.M. Mike Kesselring, The Cook Shack, approached the Board. He informed those present the Cook Shack will again be involved in the Post Playhouse fundraiser to be held on March 14, 2015. He requested approval from the Board for a Special Designated License to serve wine during the fundraiser. Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Special Designated License for The Cook Shack. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Russell Milton joined the meeting in progress. Public comment ensued with Gary Fisher asking about the status of the bridge project on Lemmon Road. The Board invited Mr. Fisher to stay until the Road Superintendent meets with the Board. Other individuals joining the meeting were Lindy Coleman, Assessor and Nan Gould, Region 23 Emergency Manager. The pictometry contract was discussed at length. Mr. Fisher asked if the county will continue the contract after the initial six years. Commissioner Stewart reported the pictometry program will eliminate the use of commercial appraisers. Lindy Coleman added that pickup work would still need to be done on new structures. Mark Betson and Commissioner Rivera both expressed concern with privacy issues. Lindy Coleman indicated for the record the only individuals who would have access to the program are authorized users who cannot share the information acquired through the pictometry program with the public. Adam Edmund reported the licensure agreement is pretty restrictive re: terms of use. Nan Gould reported Region 23 Emergency Management could use the pictometry tool in damage assessments, exercises and pre-planning. Commissioner Rivera asked Ms. Coleman is the pictometry program is a want or need. Ms. Coleman

responded the reappraisal process is required by State statute and this program would allow more accuracy in the assessment process. Commissioner Johnson questioned why the county has been putting \$65,000.00 per year in the reappraisal fund without all the funds being used. Ms. Coleman reported she hasn't had any appraisers come in yet and wanted to wait as she feels the pictometry program will be beneficial instead. She went on to say the reappraisal process needs started regardless if appraisers or the pictometry program are used. The Board took no action on the pictometry contract. The contract approval will be added to the February 24, 2015 Commissioner meeting. Russell Milton approached the Board to share his feelings regarding the Visitor Improvement Fund established by the Commission. He doesn't approve of the fund which allows an additional 2% in revenue collection by the lodging industry. He reported he has talked to several individuals in the lodging industry and reported no one is happy about the additional tax. He reported that at no time did anyone from the lodging industry receive notice of the Board's intent to create the Visitor Improvement Fund. He expressed concern with usage of revenue generated by the additional 2% lodging tax. He also doesn't approve of the Tourism Board donating \$50,000.00 to the pool project. He wanted to know if the school could approach the Tourism Board to ask for money to fix their problems. Commissioner Stewart reported criteria to obtain funding through the Visitor Improvement Fund plays a huge part in deciding where funds are distributed.

At 10:02 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates included the following to wit: District 1-blading and maintenance; District 2-gravel hauling on Table Road is done and crews are blading roads; District 3-two trucks are hauling gravel to N. Moody Road and blading; Crusher-shut down so crew members can assist in blading roads. He reported the hazmat spill on West Ash is being addressed. The road is currently closed and will remain closed until further notice. The petition request submitted by Great Plains Communications will be addressed at the February 24, 2015 Commissioner meeting so Mr. Hankin has the opportunity to meet with them prior to approval of the petition request. He informed the Board two new hires will start February 17, 2015. The two new hires are Peter Emerson in District 2 and Earl Russell in District 1. Mr. Hankin has been in contact with Larry McCaslin to get started on the Lemmon/Soester bridge projects. He is looking at using FFP money to partially fund the projects. Discussion ensued amongst the Board, Mr. Hankin, Gary Fisher, Alan Soester and Mark Betson relevant to the two projects. A temporary structure was discussed. Mark Betson reported culverts are surfacing on several county roads and grading operations may need to be done differently to avoid surfacing of culverts. The Board recessed at 10:31 A.M and reconvened to regular session at 10:39 A.M.

At 10:40 A.M. Jim O'Rourke and Mark Haynes met with the Board to discuss LB 280 and seek support of the Board. Some background information was shared with the Board. Mr. O'Rourke reported school funding revenues come in at 48.2% from local property taxes in the State of Nebraska with the U.S. average coming in at 29% from local property taxes. A coalition of State wide supporters of LB 280 have been meeting monthly to address needed changes and LB 280 is a result of those meetings. LB 280 would reduce the reliance on property taxes to fund K-12 by reducing agricultural land valuation from 75% to 65% thus directing more state aid to school districts with high agricultural land values without reducing revenue for other local services. Schools not currently receiving equalization aid would under this bill. The bill would allow for a local income tax tied to a reduction in property taxes. This local income tax would stay with local school districts and creation of a foundation aid component would allow a per-pupil amount of \$500.00, regardless of whether a school receives equalization aid or not, to help restore aid to districts that have lost equalization funding due to unprecedented growth in agricultural land values. Mark Haynes reported the State Constitution provides language that the State will be responsible for educating K-12 individuals. Currently, the trend to fund local schools/Community Colleges is through property taxes. Mr. Haynes indicated everyone in the State of Nebraska needs to pay the necessary taxes to support our State's education programs. Both Mr. O'Rourke and Mr. Haynes requested written letters of support re: LB 280 be sent to revenue committee members by Dawes County Board of Commissioners.

At 11:21 A.M. a motion to enter executive session for personnel issues was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera. Roll was called, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera moved to reconvene to regular session at 11:48 A.M. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session. In other business the Board

reviewed and approved monthly fee/civil docket reports and approved them by general consent of the Board. The County Clerk reported to date no RFP's have been received to conduct audits for the County. The Board directed her to re-advertise the RFP. The Board also approved participation in the Chadron Record progress edition. The Board recessed at 11:58 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 12:20 P.M.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:25 P.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be February 24, 2015 beginning at 8:30 A.M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner 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. February 19, 2015.

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: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 10, 2015 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; 995=Visitor Improvement 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	AFFINITY THERAPY ASSOCIATES, LLC	\$100.00
100	AFLAC	\$517.52
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$8,397.68
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$449.06
100	AS CENTRAL SERVICES	\$170.80
100	MARK BETSON	\$23.79
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-SHERIFF	\$566.94
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-VETERANS	\$161.89
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL-WEED	\$117.50
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$27,217.29
100	ROBERT HARDY	\$270.00
100	CENTURYLINK	\$868.53
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$30.96
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-VETERANS	\$13.58
100	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$80.00
100	CHADRON LOCK	\$342.50
100	CHADRON LUMBER COMPANY INC	\$72.72
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$324.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$297.39
100	CLERK OF DIST COURT ASSOCIATION	\$25.00
100	ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$72.78
100	COMPTECH COMPUTERS	\$28.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$169.60
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$100.00

100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$1,396.83
100	DASH MEDICAL GLOVES INC	\$41.90
100	DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$1,229.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$168.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$371.00
100	E & J INVESTMENTS,INC	\$89.87
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	ENGRAVERS	\$44.00
100	FAIRFIELD INNS AND SUITES	\$83.00
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$117.18
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14,421.96
100	WAYNE FISHER	\$4.98
100	DAWN FORBES	\$200.00
100	JAMIE GOFFENA	\$12.00
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS,INC	\$447.49
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$305.00
100	LEAH GREMM	\$345.02
100	KATHLEEN HAYNES	\$66.13
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$13.20
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$48.60
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$18.20
100	JAEGER LAW OFFICE	\$98.00
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS	\$173.00
100	KCSR-AM	\$50.00
100	TEENA KENDRICK	\$100.00
100	TERRI LEMMON	\$378.90
100	DON MANDELKO	\$11.78
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$163.75
100	MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	\$200.00
100	LARRY MILLER,ATTY AT LAW	\$263.25
100	MIPS INC	\$3,376.77
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$60.00
100	NE ASSOC CO CLERKS,REG DEEDS,ELEC C	\$50.00
100	NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOC	\$100.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,547.25
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$21.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$253.33
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$57.04
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$191.28
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$230.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/DISTRICT CT	\$113.14
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$163.87
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/PUBLIC DEFEND	\$156.33
100	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$85.00
100	JENNIFER NIXON	\$121.33
100	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$25.56
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$227.19

100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$119.00
100	PB ELECTRONICS INC	\$710.00
100	HERB L PETERSEN	\$627.00
100	LOREN POURIER	\$14.46
100	QUALITY INN & SUITES	\$85.00
100	QUALITY INN AND CONFERENCE	\$86.95
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$386.93
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$487.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$104.93
100	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$250.96
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$44.48
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$113.39
100	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES	\$49.87
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,248.40
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$5,809.45
100	SOURCEGAS	\$694.78
100	STACY SWINNEY	\$504.22
100	ROSALENE B TOLLMAN	\$53.96
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-COMPUTER COSTS	\$42.90
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$270.41
100	MARK VAN HORN	\$10.57
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$116.65
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$150.37
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-SHERIFF	\$175.99
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$173.25
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$90.26
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$714.00
100	WESTERN NEBRASKA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$200.00
100	KENNETH S WINNER JR	\$25.15
100	DAN WORDEKEMPER	\$13.94
100	JON WORTHMAN LAW OFFICE	\$2,379.50
100	XEROX CORPORATION	\$1,060.68
200	A & H TRUCK SALVAGE,INC	\$550.00
200	AFLAC	\$202.43
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,004.18
200	BIGHORN AUTO SUPPLY	\$9.10
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,151.08
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$132.48
200	CENTURYLINK	\$145.44
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$100.49
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$106.00
200	CONTRACTORS MATERIALS	\$25.00
200	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$59.80
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,042.07
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$53.50
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$61.96
200	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	\$638.20

200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$331.01
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$299.00
200	MARK CHRISMAN TRUCKING INC	\$17,401.10
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$336.80
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$67.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$536.92
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$218.92
200	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$1,913.69
200	POWERPLAN	\$3,021.17
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$3,282.00
200	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$35.00
200	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$13.68
200	SOURCEGAS	\$1,087.65
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$104.45
995	CITY OF CHADRON-AQUATICS CENTER	\$25,000.00
2910	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$125.96
2910	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$150.00
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$2,705.00
