

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**March 04, 2009**

**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 8:07 A.M. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009 in the Dawes County Commissioner's room pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Blausey. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Lindy Coleman, Assessor. Per LB 898 the Chairman announced the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act located in the Commissioners room. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the February 18, 2009 BOE meeting were reviewed. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wess, approving the minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction #'s 4364-4369 for the Boards review and approval. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, directing the Chairman to sign the corrections as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization a motion to adjourn at 8:20 A.M. was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Wess. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. A current Agenda to the Board of Equalization proceedings is kept on file in the County Clerks office during normal business hours for inspection, but the Agenda will close by 4:00 P.M. on the Friday preceding the Board meeting on Wednesday. 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**

Cheryl Feist

**EQUALIZATION**

**Dawes County Clerk**

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**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**March 04, 2009**

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:21 A.M. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009 in the Dawes County Commissioners Room pursuant to public notice as

required by law. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Blausey. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk. Per LB 898 the Chairman announced the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act located in the Commissioner Room. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. Commissioner Wess asked his phone number be published so individuals having questions concerning Commissioner District 2 could contact him. That phone number is (308) 430-3953. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, approving the Agenda adding Dave Coe re: elevator updates at 11:45 A.M. and correcting Agenda to read approval of February 18, 2009 minutes instead of February 04, 2009 Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the February 19, 2009 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wess, approving the minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, approving all claims as submitted correcting the coding on claim #09030025. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences received included a letter from Region 23 re: notice of hazard mitigation meeting and Karr Masonry re: free masonry inspection. No one appeared for public comment. In other business Commissioner Wess discussed zoning relevant to wind towers/farms. Several area Ranchers/Farmers have been contacted about the possibility of selling land for this purpose. The current zoning regulations will need to be amended to address this issue. The County Clerk reported she has been in contact with the Zoning Administrator and was informed a meeting will be called for this purpose. Another issue that will need to be addressed is the possibility of issuing fines for individuals not obtaining permits prior to building in the county. Commissioner Johnson informed the Board Members he has been approached by the Area Aging Board requesting an increase in funding received from the county. The matter was tabled until the April 01, 2009 Commissioner Meeting to give Commissioner Johnson the opportunity to obtain additional information. Kerri Rempp joined the meeting in progress at 9:07 A.M.

At 9:15 A.M. Harvey Keim, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Mr. Keim reported LB5 was signed by the Governor which will permit trapping in right of ways. Mr. Keim indicated several counties have passed resolutions not allowing trapping in right of ways due to liability issues. The Board informed Mr. Keim to prepare a resolution to that affect. Mr. Keim reported the 160H grader is paid off and requested permission to acquire a gravel truck. Discussion ensued. The Board informed Mr. Keim to hold off until such time we're through the spring season. Also discussed was the LPA (Local Public Agency) manual which includes language indicating the design engineer for a federal aid project will not be allowed to provide construction management services on the same project. Discussion ensued. It was noted this will be very difficult for small counties due to lack of qualified individuals.

At 9:31 A.M. Jessica Davies and Kim Engel, Panhandle Public Health, met with the Board. Jessica Davies presented survey results re: worksite wellness program. Area's of interest included cancer prevention, flu shots, screenings and headache prevention/treatment. Ms. Davies indicated overall there wasn't a huge interest in the program at this time. The Board discussed the possibility of working with area agencies to set up a screening/flu shot clinic at the courthouse for employees. RCI will be contacted to see if the \$500.00 wellness benefit offered through the county health insurance would cover this type of a clinic. Kim Engel presented an inter-local agreement between Dawes County and Panhandle Public Health. She informed the Board the IRS has informed Panhandle Public Health they will lose tax exempt status. The inter-local agreement would allow Panhandle Public Health to continue operating tax exempt. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, directing the Chairman to sign the inter-local agreement. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee reports of the County Clerk, County Treasurer, Clerk of District Court and Civil Docket/VIN/ Mileage reports of the Sheriff's Office. Budgets of the various offices were also reviewed and letters will be sent to those offices whose budgets are at seventy-two (72) percent advising them to track expenditures so they don't go over adopted amounts.

At 10:53 A.M. Dr. Tim Donahue's senior capstone Business and Marketing Strategy class presented updated results of an economic impact study conducted in 1990 by the Clarius Corporation. Also present was Gary Fisher, Mark Haynes, Karyn Snook, Douglas Liewer, Amy Fellhoelter, Victoria Frey, Brett Simons, Dr. Tim Donahue, John Ritzen, Kenneth Schumacher, Shane Dennehy, Marisa Betson, Isaac Stockton, Tyler Watson, Amie McCracken, Bailey Lord, Myrna Betson, Mark Betson, Brenda Johnson, Dennis Brown, Jim Lees, Austin Bailey, Justin Haag, Morse Carnahan and Tim Anderson. Dr. Donahue introduced himself to those present and offered some background as to why the study was conducted and Government sources that were used in the study. Commissioner Blausey thanked Dr. Donahue and his class for the excellent job they did on the study. The study was divided into four teams with each team selecting a team leader. Team leaders took turns presenting information. Victoria Frey discussed what resources were used to complete the study and informed those present collateral readings were also included in the study. It was learned Dr. Koza's class will take the study further. Amy Fellhoeller discussed the economic impact on Chadron and Dawes County as a whole. It was learned eighty (80) million dollars comes to the reservation each year with sixty-four (64) million dollars being spent outside the reservation. Brett Simons discussed what tangible statistics were used in the study. These included safety counts, traffic counts and accidents. He reported in 2007 the NDOT (Nebraska Department of Transportation) traffic

counts were 350 daily on the South end and 285 daily on the North end. These counts have doubled since the Clarius study was conducted in 1990. Douglas Liewer discussed poll factor study results. In conclusion Dr. Donahue offered to clarify any study results if needed and indicated he would be willing to discuss the study and provide copies to anyone requesting such. Several questions were posed to the students relevant to the study. Some of those questions asked were: Of the sixty-four (64) million dollars leaving the reservation what portion comes to Dawes County? 2/3 goes to South Dakota and 1/3 comes to Nebraska. It was also learned there are no banking institutions, nursing homes or major businesses available to the residents of Pine Ridge, South Dakota. It was asked if an increase in Driver's Licenses being issued could be a contributing factor to the increase in traffic counts? Yes, this would affect traffic counts. It was asked if the study considered other types of improvements such as graveling as opposed to paving. Collateral readings offered alternative suggestions. Dr. Donahue informed those present many enrolled members are returning to Reservations due to the economy. Entitlement benefits are available to enrolled members. It was asked how many Native Americans are enrolled at Chadron State College. There was no immediate information available to answer the question. Dr. Donahue went on to say a cost benefit analysis needs to be done. Information received from Ray Jungel, NDOR was shared. The 2007 traffic counts were estimated due to damage to equipment used for count. It was noted the 2005 traffic counts were correct and included in the study. It was asked what the intent of the study was? The original intent of the study was to obtain new statistics. Commissioner Wess indicated several other issues still remain to be addressed. Farm net income and tourist expenditures were discussed. Road maintenance and changes to Slim Buttes Road layout were discussed. The bottom line of concern being cost to the taxpayers of Dawes County. The Board informed those present if sufficient funding isn't obtained to assist the county in the project it will not go forward.

At 12:25 P.M. Dave Coe and Roland Sayer met with the Board. The elevator installation itself started today. Mr. Coe indicated the elevator installers have several questions relevant to dampers and conduit used. Mr. Coe will contact Mike Tyson again to get clarification. Housing of the card reader software was discussed at length. The software program will be housed in the Sheriff's Department. It was learned the elevator will require a dedicated dial tone. Dave Coe will work with the County Clerk to resolve this matter. It was also learned the final elevator inspection is conducted by the State so the county will be at the mercy of the State. Mr. Sayer indicated there are some projects he can't finish until such time the elevator is in.

At 12:52 P.M. there being no further business to address Commissioner Wess made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board will be March 18, 2009 beginning at 8:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse. A current Agenda to the BOE/Commissioners proceedings is kept on file in the County Clerks office during normal business hours for inspection, but the Agenda will close by 4:00 P.M. on the Friday preceding the Board meeting(s) on Wednesday. The Agenda may be modified to include items of emergency nature. 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**

**March 04, 2009 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective**

Accounts:

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$389.65

100	ALLTEL	\$206.43
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,451.01
100	AXIS CAPITAL INC	\$459.22
100	BOB BARKER COMPANY INC	\$59.71
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$13.73
100	CHADRON WHOLESALE	\$90.03
100	VELVET CLARK	\$50.00
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$135.08
100	SCOTT COTTON	\$99.55
100	KARL DAILEY	\$4.27
100	KARL J DAILEY, SHERIFF	\$2,744.00
100	DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	\$39.71
100	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$11,114.89
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$356.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$540.00
100	CHERYL DUNN	\$17.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	FLEET SERVICES/EXXONMOBIL	\$48.61
100	FARM PLAN/BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$16.76
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$67.95
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$8,905.22
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$110.85
100		\$30.00

	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS, INC.	
100	HOLIDAY INN	\$142.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$130.77
100	MATTHEW BENDER & CO,INC	\$52.76
100	MIDWEST TRANSPORTATION SPECIALISTS	\$697.55
100	LORI MISKIMINS-CO CT CLERK MAGISTRA	\$19.23
100	NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY INFO BUREAU	\$143.10
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$331.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$838.19
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$60.33
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$300.36
100	PENGAD,INC	\$50.23
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$19.99
100	QWEST	\$891.20
100	QWEST	\$144.68
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$304.56
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$815.35
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$8.00
100	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$55.00
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-VETERANS	\$137.65

100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$1,131.10
100	SOURCEGAS	\$1,008.64
100	SPENCER FANE BRITT & BROWNE LLP	\$876.00
100	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	\$5,000.00
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$253.15
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$860.00
200	A & H TRUCK SALVAGE, INC	\$300.00
200	AFLAC	\$174.20
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$683.42
200	B & C STEEL CORPORATION	\$493.31
200	CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLIES, INC	\$143.40
200	CAT FINANCIAL SERVICES/12H GRADER	\$1,500.00
200	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$1,090.09
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$83.50
200	FARM PLAN	\$157.57
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,098.65
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$301.90
200	HOURT'S BODY SHOP	\$238.96
200		\$926.35

	JOHN DEERE CREDIT/770CH MOTORGRADER	
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT/772 MOTOR GRADER	\$2,411.68
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT/850C CRAWLERDOZER	\$2,683.70
200	ROBERT J JOHNSON/2006 FORD PICKUP	\$2,857.35
200	F HARVEY KEIM	\$15.00
200	LINWELD	\$94.50
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$163.75
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$365.04
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$156.66
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$4,784.69
200	PANHANDLE COLLECTIONS,INC	\$140.69
200	QWEST	\$165.31
200	QWEST	\$16.27
200	SAMSCREEN,INC	\$674.58
200	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$10.96
200	SOURCEGAS	\$648.92
200	JACOB STEWART	\$55.00
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$18,341.00
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$86.32
200	WEST 2ND WESTERN AUTO	\$29.99

2910	BEST BUY GOV LLC	\$1,569.97
2910	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$37.99
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$186.95
2910	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$224.12
2910	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$48.79
2910	QWEST	\$503.55
2910	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$125.00
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$1,039.00
5400	AFLAC	\$15.25
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$53.63
5400	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$19.48
5400	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$49.04
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$193.93
5400	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	\$19.21
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$31.46
5400	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$146.93
5400	OUTLAW PRINTERS, INC	\$4.50
5400	QUALITY INN & SUITES	\$180.00
5400	SHELL FLEET PLUS/WEED	\$136.01
5400	SOURCEGAS	\$12.44

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