

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**  
**June 9, 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 8:30 A.M. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 Deb Lesmeister, Deputy Dawes County Clerk and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. 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 May 12, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the minutes with the following correction to wit: capitalize the J on Johnson. Roll call, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. There was no correspondence to review but Commissioner Stewart reported on the BOE workshop that he attended recently in Kearney, Nebraska. He stated there is a new version of the valuation protest form available. The new form is currently being used by the Clerk's office at this time for people wanting to file a protest. He stated that in some counties the Assessor accompanied by 2 Commissioner's do an onsite visit to review information that is being protested. He said this has been very successful. Cheryl Dunn, Deputy County Assessor joined the meeting at 8:35 A.M. to present tax corrections. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson to approve tax corrections #5539 and #4655 and directed Chairman Stewart to sign. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. 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 8:48 A.M. The next meeting will be held on July 14, 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, July 9, 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deb Lesmeister**  
**Deputy 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 8:59 A.M. on the 9th day of June, 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 Deb Lesmeister, Deputy Dawes County Clerk, Adam Edmund, 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 Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Rivera to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting with the followings corrections, change Dawes County Deputy Clerk to Deputy Dawes County Clerk, correct road district for Bethel Rd to #3, not #2 and correct times for Dawes County Tourism Board to be consecutive at 10:11 A.M., 10:12 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.

Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Kerri Rempp, Chadron Record entered the meeting at 9:10 A.M. Motion by Johnson to approve the claims with the exception of claim #15060126 and claim #15060127 totaling \$1,040.00 from 2910-911 Emergency Fund which were denied. Seconded by Commissioner Rivera. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reviewed and approved by general consent the monthly fee/mileage reports of the various offices.

Correspondence items: The Nebraska Public Employee Retirement Systems audit report was shared. It has been completed and no points were found. A letter from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice stated that the annual inspection for the Nebraska Jail Standards Board will be June 23, 2015. A letter from NIRMA for renewal cost of insurance for the 2015-16 years was reviewed. Action will be taken on this item later in the meeting. Lacy Troester entered the meeting at 9:28 A.M. No one appeared for Public Comment, however Chris Fankhauser who is a member of the Dawes County Tourism Board shared that their meeting will be held at Fort Robinson next week. This will coincide with the travel writers group. They have received some applications for the Tourism Director position.

At 9:35 A.M. Lacy Troester, Human Resources met with the Board concerning recommendations of the Safety Committee. The first is the radon mitigation in the Courthouse. Radon has been detected in the janitor area of the building. The second issue is the cracking concrete on the front steps of the courthouse. The main problems exist with the ground level landing and the steps located below that. There is also cracked concrete on the walkway located on the south side of the building. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera to allow the Human Resources Director to request driving records with the payment to be made with credit card issued to that department. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Troester left the meeting at 9:38 A.M..

The Board recessed at 9:39 A.M. and reconvened at 9:42 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent met with the Board at 9:45 A.M. Resolution 2015-10 was read aloud by Commissioner Stewart pertaining to the inspection of Fracture Critical Bridges. There are 2 such bridges located in Dawes County. The total cost is \$7,059.70 and the 20% Dawes County would pay is \$1,411.94 Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera to adopt Resolution 2015-10. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera. Nays: Stewart. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera to award the bridge inspection contract to Stacy Swinney. There are approximately 55 bridges to be inspected at a cost of \$130.00 per bridge. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The request for proposal for the Soester Bridge located on Bethel Road was discussed. Albertson Engineering has estimated the engineering cost to be approximately \$29,000.00. This project will be funded with County money and no federal or state funds will be used. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera to accept the RFP from Albertson Engineering with the notation that this is an addendum to the original contract. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Hankin also shared road updates. The rains and flooding has caused damage to approximately 25 roads in the county. Damages range from minor gravel loss to major washing and some are still flooded. Airport Road has lost 1,000 feet of gravel. Road closures are being posted on the Chadrad website to keep the public informed. A declaration of disaster has been signed by Commissioner Stewart in conjunction with Region 23 Emergency Management Agency. This declaration could be very helpful with flood repairs such as hauling gravel and replacing culverts. Mr. Hankin stated that the Mack truck is still under repair. Road District #1 is doing blading and flood repair. The culvert on North Slim Buttes is still functioning. Road District# 2 has 4 trucks hauling gravel for repair work on Lembke and Pepper Creek Road. Road District #3 is doing blading and flood repair. Mr. Hankin left the meeting at 10:30 A.M. as did Chris Fankhauser.

At 10:31 A.M. Dan Worderkemper, Weed Superintendent met with the Board. He reported that he had attended an auction sale Box Butte County had and purchased spray chemical as they no longer have a weed department. The Milestone chemical he purchased was new and saved Dawes County \$900.00. Don Fryda entered the meeting at 10:32 A.M. Mr. Worderkemper now has 2 part-time staff. Brian Grant will be spraying in the Whitney area, Janice Bruhn will be in the Table area and Mr. Worderkemper will work on the east side of the County. By general consent the Commissioners gave Mr. Worderkemper permission to park the spray vehicle in the Road District #2 shop yard if they are working

in that area. He presented the Commissioners with quotes from Warne Chemical on sprayers. He would like to purchase a skid mounted low profile sprayer with cab controls. Mr. Worderkemper has concerns about safety to the public and to his workers with the present setup of the spray tanks. The height of present tanks create visibility issues. Vehicles approaching from behind can't fully see flashing lights as they are obstructed by the height and it also impairs driver to see clearly behind them. Mr. Worderkemper shared he has money available in his budget to make the sprayer purchase. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson to approve the purchase of 200 gallon range and pasture low profile sprayer equipped with skid mount, Honda engine, spray bar and boomless nozzles, 3 gallon clear water tank, electric cab controls to be mounted and wired by vendor. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Worderkemper left the meeting.

At 10:48 A.M. Don Fryda approached the Board concerning the USDA Wildlife Services contract renewal for 2015-2016. He stated there is going to be a 2% increase in the upcoming budget. The cost estimate for services will now be \$19,979.00 They have received a new airplane which will service our area. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera to approve the Work/Financial plan between Dawes County and USDA Wildlife Services. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Fryda left the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson to approve a surplus request by the Veteran's Service office. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Bruce Bump entered the meeting at 11:01 A.M. The Commissioners reviewed the NIRMA insurance rates. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera to change the NIRMA deductible to \$1,000 for auto physical damage, inland marine and property, building and contents coverage. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

An application requesting use of the Dawes County Courtyard by the Fur Trade Days committee was reviewed. It will be for the Trader's Market starting at noon on July 8, 2015 to July 12, 2015. Motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson to approve Chadron Fur Trade Days request. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. At 11:04 A.M. Bruce Bump and Adam Edmund left the meeting.

At 11:06 A.M. Three employees of the SW WRAP program approached the Board. Mr. Chad Werner is the public relations officer, Jeanette Bilstein, and Nicole Keller. Ms. Bilstein is training Ms. Keller who will be running the office as well as being a case manager. They stated their internet is very slow and Commissioner Stewart will look into this. They also inquired about the availability of a stand on which to put their copier. Mr. Werner stated that he will meet with Lacy Troester, HR Director to transfer his office keys to Ms. Bilstein. The SW WRAP program is available for homeless or almost homeless veterans to assist with their housing situation. The program is VA funded and serves 28 counties in western Nebraska. Prior to the Chadron office being open the closest office has been Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Ms. Keller will primarily focus on Chadron. The location of the Chadron office is at 250 Main Street with a schedule of Monday to Friday and hours of business will be 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Mr. Werner, Ms. Bilstein and Ms. Keller exited the meeting at 11:20 A.M.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:25 A.M. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be June 23, 2015 beginning at 8:30 A.M. The meeting will be held in the former County Courtroom 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. June 18, 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deb Lesmeister**  
**Deputy Dawes County Clerk**

**DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
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**June 9, 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=Visitor's Fund; 1100=Reappraisal Fund; 1150=Preservation & Modernization 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	\$531.43
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$984.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$7,118.21
100	AT&T	\$42.33
100	BIGHORN AUTO SUPPLY	\$19.38
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$27,574.43
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$506.33
100	CENTURYLINK	\$678.91
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$16.96
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$3,242.37
100	CHADRON LUMBER COMPANY INC	\$8.29
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$108.61
100	CHAMBERLAIN CHAPEL INC	\$3,590.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$327.84
100	COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL	\$483.09
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$160.65
100	CRAWFORD HANDI BUS	\$800.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$750.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$900.00
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$1,223.46
100	KARL DAILEY	\$50.71
100	DASH MEDICAL GLOVES INC	\$46.90
100	DAWES COUNTY ASSESSOR	\$50.00
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$1,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$317.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$371.00
100	DEPT OF LABOR,OFFC OF ELEVATR SFTY	\$140.00
100	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$863.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/BARBARA J SEBESTA	\$53.41
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$125.97
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$46.43
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$11,459.95
100	GIS WORKSHOP,INC	\$9,905.00
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$4.79
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$568.79
100	HOLIDAY INN	\$362.80
100	ICS JAIL SUPPLIES INC	\$1,982.38
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$36.40
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED	\$19.54
100	JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS,INC	\$2,100.00
100	KRAUPIE'S REAL ESTATE & AUCTIONEERS	\$1,650.00
100	TERRI LEMMON	\$70.61
100	DEB LESMEISTER	\$172.60
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$341.98
100	MIDWEST CONNECT,LLC	\$265.00
100	TIMOTHY MILNER	\$35.94

100	MIPS INC	\$3,204.27
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$60.00
100	NACEB	\$100.00
100	NACO	\$1,214.28
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$315.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,075.20
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$3,750.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$21.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ASSESSOR	\$17.94
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$37.25
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$71.78
100	NEVE'S UNIFORMS INC	\$851.37
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$331.62
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$37.00
100	POSTMASTER	\$88.00
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$18.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$177.97
100	RADIOLOGY IMAGING OF NEBRASKA,LLC	\$43.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$139.71
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	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$240.00
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$22.84
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$750.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,248.40
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$983.00
100	SOURCEGAS	\$173.10
100	STANARD APPRAISAL SERVICES INC	\$1,068.00
100	JACOB STEWART	\$32.75
100	LINDA THAYER	\$85.55
100	THE NEW LEAF	\$1,360.45
100	THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$228.98
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$280.48
100	USDA,APHIS,WILDLIFE SERVICES	\$4,896.75
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$125.25
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$149.35
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-SHERIFF	\$434.81
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$187.70
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$10.74
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$646.98
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	DAN WORDEKEMPER	\$15.00
200	AFLAC	\$220.11
200	ALLIANCE TRACTOR & IMPLEMENT CO	\$154.57
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$803.19
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,255.34
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$93.42
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$125.00
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$100.49

200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,161.09
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING, INC	\$53.50
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$12.48
200	INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$375.67
200	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	\$800.00
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$209.96
200	LARRY MCCASLIN CONSULTING	\$5,150.00
200	LITTREL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$150.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$25.33
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$325.83
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$71.03
200	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ROADS	\$79.99
200	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$396.74
200	POWERPLAN	\$62.25
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$279.61
200	SOURCEGAS	\$163.81
200	VERIZON WIRELESS/ROADS	\$218.12
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$113.23
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,750.00
990	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$513.50
990	LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$250.00
990	MALY MARKETING	\$3,550.00
990	NEBRASKALAND MAGAZINE	\$300.00
990	SARAH POLAK	\$427.80
990	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/VISITOR PROMO	\$3.31
1100	PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP	\$2,720.55