

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

December 04, 2013

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 4th day of December, 2013 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 and Swinney. Commissioner Johnson and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, were excused due to weather. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Scott Cotton, UNL Extension and Chris Fankhauser, KCSR. 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 Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the November 11, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences received and acknowledged by the Board included a letter from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission re: pending TERC cases for Dawes County.

Lindy Coleman presented tax correction #'s4809-4836 for the Boards review and approval. Upon review of the Board a motion was made by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the corrections and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:14 A.M. Rhonda McGannon, Deputy County Treasurer, presented four (4) vehicle exemption renewals and two applications for vehicle exemption status for Northwest Community Action to wit: 2009 Carry on Cargo Trailer; 2010 Chevrolet Malibu; 1995 Chevrolet Lumina Sport Van; 1996 GMC Cutaway Bus; 2012 Hyundai Santa Fe Sport Utility and 2012 Dodge Journey Sport Utility. Upon review of the Board a motion was made by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the vehicle exemption renewals and granting exempt status on two new vehicles acquired by NW Community Action and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart 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 9:17 A.M. The next Dawes County Board of Equalization meeting will be January 08, 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 3:00 P.M. on Friday, January 03, 2014. 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

December 04, 2013

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 4th day of December, 2013 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 and Swinney. Commissioner Johnson and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney was excused due to road conditions. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Chris Fankhauser, KCSR; Scott Cotton, UNL Extension and Lindy Coleman, Assessor. 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, amending the agenda to reflect the cancellation of Blaine Yardley at 10:00 A.M. and deleting updates on the fire sprinkler inspection contract. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the minutes and changing the annual increase years to 2018 instead of 2017 reflecting a correct term. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Wayne Fisher joined the meeting in progress. Claims were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving all claims. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record; Gale DeBuse-Potter, Travel Board President and Collette Fernandez, Director of the Chadron Chamber of Commerce all joined the meeting in progress.

At 9:36 A.M. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, met with the Board. She informed the Board she had a proposal from Phillip Curd, Surveyor, to survey corners and get coordinates for township lines at \$550.00 per corner. She indicated this is necessary as there are forty-five (45) corners in question that need addressed. The Board asked if this type of work was included in what he currently does for the county and she indicated no. Mr. Curd will be asked to attend the next Commissioner meeting to go over services that are provided by Mr.

Curd. In the meantime, the Board gave approval to begin work on those areas that need addressed immediately. Public Comment ensued with Scott Cotton, UNL Extension, thanking the Board for their support during his tenure as Extension Agent for Dawes County. Commissioner Stewart thanked Mr. Cotton for years of service to Dawes County. Mr. Cotton informed the Board they will have an active role in the replacement process. The Board asked Mr. Fisher if he would like to meet with them now or wait until his appointment at 11:30 A.M. Mr. Fisher indicated he would meet with them now.

At 9:50 A.M. Wayne Fisher met with the Board regarding proposed salaries of the Elected Officials. Due to fires, drought and limited incomes of tax payers he feels a 3% cost of living would be costly to the tax payers and a percentage increase in wages doesn't reflect a true cost due to variance in salaries amongst departments. Commissioner Swinney informed Mr. Fisher that he was a member of the NACO salary study committee and based on population, county valuation and counties similar in size it was recommended salaries of Elected Officials in Dawes County be set at a minimum of \$43,000.00. Mr. Fisher indicated for the record that he had visited with several tax payers in the area and the general consensus is that tax payers aren't in favor of an increase. Mr. Fisher shared information he had compiled which included county valuations, salaries and benefits of various counties in the Panhandle. He reported he would also like to see more be done for area Veteran's. Commissioner Swinney shared information with Mr. Fisher on an endowment fund that has started for area Veterans. There are also local organizations that would welcome any Veteran and the county has a Veterans Service Office to assist those Veterans returning home. John Axtel, Double Q Country, joined the meeting in progress.

At 10:30 A.M. Gale De Buse-Potter, Travel Board President and Collette Fernandez, Director of the Chadron Chamber of Commerce met with the Board to discuss Travel Board membership, voting, recruitment and terms. Ms. DeBuse-Potter reported the Travel Board has five members and it's very difficult to find members in the lodging industry. By-laws state that members serve four year terms, and the position is on a volunteer basis. Once the term is up, the member can reapply to the Board of Commissioners, who would approve their appointment. It was noted for the record that any Dawes County resident can apply to serve on the Board. Ms. DeBuse-Potter reported there are currently three members who have served more than four years, and she didn't think it would be fair to let them go after their years of service on the Board. Those in attendance pointed out that proper protocol should be followed to either continue their current position or appoint another individual to fill the spot vacated. By-laws are currently being studied by the Deputy County Attorney. Commissioner Stewart directed

Ms. DeBuse-Potter to article 9 of the by-laws that address voting. He reported the by-laws state that any board or committee member will have a vote. Ms. DeBuse-Potter indicated for the record that hadn't been her understanding. At 11:10 A.M. the Chairman of the Board declared the Public Hearing open re: creation of a County Visitor's Improvement Fund. Ms. DeBuse-Potter reported with the establishment of this fund taxes collected can be used to attract visitor's, improve existing facilities, create maps or anything to do with promotion of the county thereof. John Axtel reported originally the County Visitor's Improvement Fund was intended for brick/mortar projects. Commissioner Swinney reported that the Travel Board has secured a grant with a match from the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission for tear off maps. There being no further public comment, the Chairman closed the hearing at 11:21 A.M. Resolution No. 2013-23 creating a Visitor's Improvement Fund for Dawes County, was introduced by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board thanked Ms. DeBuse-Potter and

Collette Fernandez for the work they are doing to promote Dawes County. The Board recessed at 11:30 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 11:35 A.M.

At 11:35 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates included the following: Districts 1-3 are blading and roads are being checked today with light snow removal. Ang Gilchrist joined the meeting in progress and requested to record the meeting. In District 3 debris was again removed by road crews by the Bergfield Bridge. The Weed Superintendent is working on his annual report and will begin work in the Roads Department. Bethel Loop Project updates indicated there are two (2) days of blading to finish due to weather and additional work is being done to remove a cut bank. Mr. Hankin also reported that Kim Earny has contacted him regarding the Sand Creek Bridge project to see if the county is still interested in helping with the project. It was noted for the record that State Aid Bridge funds have been applied for to assist with the project. The next order of business was use of vacation time by road crew members. Mr. Hankin presented a proposal to change policy for the roads department whereby road department employee's annual vacation leave will be balanced as of the employees annual hire date as opposed to a calendar year. Mr. Hankin reported he has addressed the issue with road department employees and all are in favor of the change to policy. He also reported the policy change was reviewed by the HR Director. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the revised policy change to balance vacation leave of the road department employees using their anniversary hire date instead of on a calendar year. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Fee/Mileage reports of the various offices were reviewed and approved by general consent of the Board. The County Clerk was instructed to contact KONE Elevator to begin inspections at 250 Main Street and when the contract with Schindler Elevator is up in 2015 the elevator inspections at the Courthouse will be added to the KONE contract. The Board tabled adoption of the Elected Officials salary resolution until the December 18, 2013 Commissioner meeting so all Board Members could be present.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 12:31 P.M. The next meeting will be December 18, 2013, 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, December 13, 2013. 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: _____
COMMISSIONERS

DAWES COUNTY

Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk

December 04, 2013 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; 1275=Health Claims Fund; 2910-911=Emergency Communications); 2913=Wireless Communications; 4000=Courthouse Bond Payment Fund.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	ABSALON FOOD CENTER	\$1,467.53
100	AFLAC	\$466.11
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$984.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$7,171.90
100	AS CENTRAL SERVICES	\$150.25
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$25,300.57
100	BRYAN MEDICAL CENTER	\$5,670.59
100	CENTURYLINK	\$869.47
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-ASSESSOR	\$21.39
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$12.95
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$14.21
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$6.91
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$25.36
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CUSTODIAN	\$2.90
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$16.29
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$16.16
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$21.70
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$26.51

100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$17.97
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-VETERANS	\$14.82
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$2.90
100	CERNY'S BODY SHOP	\$250.00
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$188.00
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$109.95
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$132.22
100	CHADRON LOCK	\$105.00
100	CHADRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$277.53
100	CHERRY COUNTY TREASURER	\$990.00
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$203.52
100	ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$287.85
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	\$186.00
100	SCOTT COTTON	\$439.69
100	CRAWFORD HANDI BUS	\$850.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$750.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$900.00
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$27.25
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$1,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$30.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$358.00
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$2,615.34

100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/BARBARA J SEBESTA	\$30.54
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$11,645.96
100	JAMIE GOFFENA	\$223.50
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$90.81
100	GREATAMERICA LEASING CORPORATION	\$2,172.72
100	HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$7.19
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$27.25
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$79.93
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$23.98
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED	\$52.66
100	LINCOLN RADIOLOGY GROUP,PC	\$375.00
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$346.50
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$538.50
100	MIPS INC	\$294.34
100	NACO	\$120.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,108.35
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$3,750.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$107.15
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$34.36
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/DISTRICT CT	\$29.66

100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$391.91
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$112.50
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$4.29
100	NOTARY PUBLIC UNDERWRITERS	\$94.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$12.99
100	VENITA QUAMME	\$10.00
100	MARTHA QUAY	\$6.97
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ASSESSOR	\$39.85
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$123.51
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/TREASURER	\$65.75
100	REG I MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE	\$6,635.00
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$1,642.50
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$3,616.75
100	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$80.00
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$10.76
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$750.00
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$1,363.99
100	HARRIS W SNYDER	\$100.00
100	SOURCEGAS	\$363.07
100	UROLOGY,PC	\$134.00
100	USDA,APHIS,WILDLIFE SERVICES	\$4,826.50
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$178.92

100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$174.50
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$310.00
100	XEROX CORPORATION	\$502.50
200	AFLAC	\$282.10
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$769.41
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,047.22
200	CENTURYLINK	\$194.08
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #1 ROADS	\$12.20
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #2 ROADS	\$3.01
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #3 ROADS	\$3.22
200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$95.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,109.06
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$1,159.24
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	\$31.00
200	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP	\$486.50
200	NACO	\$120.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$319.22
200	SOURCEGAS	\$518.35
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$94.58
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$1.97
990	LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$1,465.00

990	NEBRASKA LIFE PUBLISHING, INC	\$522.75
990	NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	\$200.00
1900	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$922.64
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$98.40
2910	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$150.00
2910	SLEUTH SOFTWARE	\$2,877.46
2913	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$170.54