

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**December 05, 2012**

**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 8:59 A.M. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Johnson. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Lindy Coleman, Assessor 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 Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the November 07, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving minutes with the following correction to wit: add the word "meeting" to the next Dawes County Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:05 A.M. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction #'s 4653-4657 for the Boards review and approval. Upon review of the corrections a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving tax correction #'s 4653-4657. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Chris Fankhauser, KCSR, joined the meeting in progress.

At 9:10 A.M. Barbara Sebesta, Treasurer, approached the Board. She presented vehicle exemption renewals for three different entities. The Board reviewed a vehicle exemption renewal for Medicine Wheel Healing Community. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the renewal and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney and Johnson, Nays: Stewart. Motion carried. She then presented a vehicle exemption renewal for Camp Norwesca. Upon review of the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart approving the vehicle exemption renewal and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Three vehicle exemption renewals for Northwest Community Action were presented for review and approval. Upon review and approval of the Board a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the three vehicle exemption renewals and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Chairman then declared the hearing open on the application of Northwest Community Action to add a 2012 Ford Fusion to the vehicle exemption listing. There being no public comment, the hearing closed at 9:20 A.M. A motion was made by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the vehicle exemption application of Northwest Community Action and directing the Chairman of the Board to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. 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 9:23 A.M. The next Dawes County Board of Equalization will be January 04, 2013 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, December 28, 2012. 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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**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**December 05, 2012**

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:24 A.M. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Johnson. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Also present was Cheryl Feist, 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 Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the agenda and noting that Martha Quay, not Alan Connell, will be present for the 11:30 A.M. scheduled appointment. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the November 21, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the minutes with the following corrections to wit: the word basis instead of basic; a instead of an; add there will be a meeting to the sentence on Tuesday, December 18, 2012; as instead of at and a notation for the record that the autogate on Marchant Road was discussed two years ago. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Karl Dailey, Sheriff, approached the Board regarding an addendum listed under items for consideration. He reported the addendum addresses operating costs under the Crawford Law Enforcement contract. Due to initial costs being met the monthly contract amount is being lowered to \$17,975.83. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, adopting addendum No. 1 to the Crawford Law Enforcement contract. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Chairman of the Board and Sheriff Dailey signed the addendum. Commissioner Swinney will get with Sheriff Dailey to acquire transportation costs prior to going to Lincoln. In Public Comment Chris Fankhauser informed the Board that she won't be present at meetings on a regular basis due to family commitments. The Board recessed at 9:56 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:05 A.M.

At 10:15 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates included the following: District 1-blading and equipment maintenance; District 2-blading and two scrapers are working on West River Road; District 3-blading in Whitney area and equipment maintenance; Crushing Crew-working on closing Furman's pit. He also reported Pat Deaver, Interim Weed Superintendent, is organizing the shop and will be attending the NACO conference in Kearney to obtain continuing education hours. It was reported that Commissioner Johnson and Larry Hankin met with Larry McCaslin regarding tube installations on Bethel Loop Road. Mr. Hankin informed the Board he solicited three informal bids for a pickup and received one back from Tommy's Car Lot for a 2006 Dodge 2500 pickup with 72,250 miles at a cost of \$15,700.00. The pickup will be used by the sign technician. The Board approved the purchase from Tommy's Car Lot by general consensus. Mr. Hankin reported the autogate on Marchant Road is installed but the fence hasn't been installed to the autogate as of today's date. Mr. Hankin will follow-up on the fence matter. The Board was given a copy of the annual Roads Foreman performance appraisal and asked for input prior to meeting with the Roads Foreman. Bridge inspections are in progress by Blaine Yardley. In other business the Board reviewed a letter from Scott Cotton, UNL Extension Agent, concerning the

appointment of two new Board Members to the Extension Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, appointing Laura Anderson Beguin and Bruce Troester to the Extension Board with Whitney Tewahade as an alternate. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reviewed and approved the various office monthly fee & mileage reports. A letter received from the Valley Board of Supervisors regarding loss of Inheritance Tax and its implications on County Government was also reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Stewart made a motion, seconded by Swinney, approving closure of the Courthouse and County Offices on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2012. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Courthouse and County Offices will be open on New Year's Eve. The Board selected Commissioner Johnson as a voting member to NACO and Barbara Sebesta, Treasurer, as alternate.

At 10:30 A.M. Sue Warner and Kent Trelford-Thompson of BlueCross BlueShield met with the Board. Also present was Linie Humpal, The Benefit Group, Brian Peterson, Nebraska State Patrol, Lindy Coleman, Assessor, Deb Lesmeister, Deputy County Clerk and Lacy Peterson, HR Director. Sue Warner reported the County could join the BlueCross BlueShield plan at a standard rate which also offers a \$15,000,00 Life Insurance benefit and Long-Term Disability Insurance at no additional cost to the employee. She also reported the self-funded plan could be transferred without any issues. She informed the Board that prior employees currently covered under the RCI plan wouldn't transfer to the BlueCross BlueShield plan as this is no longer offered. Any out-standing claims could be paid from self-funded reserves. The County Clerk reported there aren't any reserves available, other than what was budgeted to cover claims. Linie Humpal, The Benefit Group, expressed concern with dropping coverage in the middle of a contract year and suggested they wait until contract renewal time. He reported he could offer a 24/12 self-funded contract at a \$50,000.00 specific deductible and a maximum claim liability of \$318,809.16. He indicated the current plan wasn't properly set up. He assured the Board there wouldn't be any problems associated with assisting in administration of the plan. The Board posed several questions to both entities represented. Due to issues associated in administering the current plan the County Clerk indicated for the record that she won't be comfortable administering another self-funded plan. The Board asked Lacy Peterson, HR Director, to conduct a survey of all county employees to find out if they are happy with the current plan or do they want to consider another option. Once the survey is completed the Board will take official action on the health insurance.

At 11:20 A.M. Mia Knotts, Region 1 Behavioral Health, met with the Board. She was invited by Commissioner Swinney who serves on the Board. She reported the \$27,708.00 received from Dawes County on an annual basis is determined by population, county assessment and admissions. Region 1 offers a crisis support team, school-based wraparound program, EPC costs the first seven days are paid by Region 1 and several other programs. She reported if the County Jail was contracted with Region 1 Behavioral Health, counseling services would be an income based fee. Commissioner Swinney indicated that the Jail facility currently contracts with an individual for these services and asked if this individual could be contracted with Region 1 Behavioral Health. Ms. Knotts indicated if the individual could meet and agree to their contract conditions it was a possibility. She will check into this. She suggested the County look into the following services offered by Region 1 for the jail facility. Those services being substance abuse counseling on an outpatient basis, community support services and mental health services. She also recommended the Board look into the school based wraparound program.

At 11:45 A.M. Martha Quay, Veterans Service Secretary, met with the Board concerning vacation and sick pay. She has 10.17 hours of vacation that she will take before the end of the calendar year. Once the position goes to part-time upon the hire of a new Veterans Service Officer, it will be decided what to do with vacation and compensation pay.

At 12:03 P.M. John Blake, Senator Adrian Smith's Office, met with the Board to provide updates on the Senator's agenda. It's apparent that the tax code needs overhauled to assist the economy. Senator Smith feels everyone needs to work together to avoid the fiscal cliff. It was learned that Senator Smith is a member of the Trade Sub-Committee which recently met with the European Parliament to update trade agreements. He is hopeful that updated trade agreements will include the agriculture and beef industries. He also reported that Governor Heineman wants to remain involved with the fire recovery efforts in our area. Commissioner Swinney expressed concern with the Hot Springs V.A. facility losing qualified individuals and the affect it's going to have on Veteran's care at the facility. Mr. Blake will forward this concern onto

Senator Smith. Final agenda items discussed was health insurance premium costs due to the County by an employee and timely transfers to the Imprest Account by the Treasurer. A letter will be sent to the employee in question regarding the health insurance premiums and Commissioner Johnson reported he visited with the Treasurer about the importance of ensuring all transfers to the Imprest Account are made in a timely manner to avoid future overdrafts.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. The next meeting will be December 19, 2012 beginning at 9:00 A. M. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner’s 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 14, 2012. 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**

**December 05, 2012 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; 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.

<b>FUND</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTCLAIMS</b>
100	ABSALON FOOD CENTER	\$1,378.69
100	AFLAC	\$467.38
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$787.25
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$6,966.06
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$11.58
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL	\$93.01
100	BOB BARKER COMPANY INC	\$50.50

100	CENTURYLINK	\$902.54
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-EXTENSION	\$16.10
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$10.04
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-VETERANS	\$18.17
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$2.93
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$458.00
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$4.49
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD/CRAWFORD PD	\$137.80
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$109.26
100	COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL	\$239.10
100	ALAN P CONNELL	\$568.50
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	\$183.75
100	CRAWFORD HANDI BUS	\$850.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$750.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$900.00
100	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$21,105.15
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$1,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$146.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$449.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	FCW,LLC	\$1,277.92
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$119.14
100	FIRST BANKCARD/SCOTT COTTON	\$245.67

100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$10,769.85
100	FRED A LOCKWOOD & CO	\$50.00
100	SARA GRANT-WELLNITZ	\$30.00
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$28.95
100	HOLIDAY INN	\$179.90
100	IS COMMUNICATIONS & OPERATIONS	\$12.95
100	JAY KING	\$16.00
100	LANE CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$36.00
100	MAIL MARKETING	\$3,164.53
100	MANSFIELD ENTERPRISES	\$220.00
100	MATTHEW BENDER & CO,INC	\$265.81
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$852.45
100	MORRILL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$6.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,386.96
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$3,750.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$88.71
100	NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION	\$335.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE-VETERANS	\$16.33
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ASSESSOR	\$42.50
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/PUBLIC DEFEND	\$137.26
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$124.94

100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$68.07
100	OREGON TRAIL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	\$906.00
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$162.00
100	PHONE HOME	\$75.00
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$658.80
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$250.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ASSESSOR	\$36.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$270.65
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/EXTENSION	\$16.35
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/TREASURER	\$57.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/VETERANS	\$188.22
100	REG I MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE	\$6,927.00
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$1,642.50
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$3,671.76
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$228.48
100	RUSS SEGER	\$180.00
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$750.00
100	SERVICEMASTER CLEAN OF CHADRON	\$162.25
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$94.54
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-VETERANS	\$601.51
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$1,074.43
100	SOURCEGAS	\$264.14
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$310.09

100	USDA,APHIS,WILDLIFE SERVICES	\$4,758.00
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$692.08
100	VETERANS INFORMATION SERVICES	\$23.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS-SHERIFF	\$265.67
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$158.98
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$307.30
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$278.18
100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$90.00
200	AFLAC	\$197.33
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$775.13
200	CENTURYLINK	\$110.82
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$111.81
200	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$2,019.05
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,818.08
200	HILLTOP ELECTRIC INC	\$2,378.35
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$48.96
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$355.31
200	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$108.90
200	SOURCEGAS	\$518.35
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$89.08
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$24.46
2910	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$150.00

