

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

December 19, 2012

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:02 A.M. on the 19th 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; Scott Cotton, UNL Extension and Erin Smith, UNL Extension. 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 Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the December 05, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the minutes with the following corrections to wit: the word if instead of once and Congressman instead of Senator. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences received and reviewed by the Board included a thank you card from the City of Crawford and Schindler Elevator re: rate increase in inspection fees. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress. Commissioner Johnson reported inheritance taxes were a huge issue at the NACO Conference. Counties need to be contacting local and newly elected Senator's to express concern with the ramifications of losing these tax dollars. Several local Commissioners will travel on December 27, 2012 to meet with newly elected Senator's. Commissioner Swinney reported information will be forthcoming relevant to the amount of inheritance tax collected in Dawes County and offered the information to Commissioner Johnson to have available when meeting with the newly elected Senators. Another topic of concern addressed at the NACO Conference included the use of video devices in the court systems to save on transportation costs of prisoners. In other business the Board reviewed and discussed the 2013 Commissioner meeting dates. Commissioner Stewart indicated for the record that he would like to see the Board involved in setting Commissioner meeting dates. Commissioner meeting dates for 2014 will be decided in November of 2013. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, adopting the 2013 Commissioner meeting dates as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Clerk then presented a return to work release form created/endorsed by the Safety Committee. Upon review of the form a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next order of business was discussion of the health insurance. Commissioner Johnson reported he visited with BlueCross/BlueShield representatives at the NACO Conference and learned that any deductible met by an employee after January 2013 would not be honored if the County waits until the end of the current contract year with RCI to switch carriers. He also learned in talking to Linie Humpal, The Benefit Group, the county could pass a resolution eliminating the broker payment that RCI pays out each month. Lacy Peterson, HR Director, joined the meeting in progress. The Board asked where she was at with an employee survey on health insurance. She reported the survey was almost all set up and could go out today if necessary. The Board asked her to send the survey out today so employees would have an opportunity to offer input prior to any decision being made. Public Comment ensued with Scott Cotton, UNL Extension, introducing Erin Smith to the Board. Erin started working at the Extension Office on December 03, 2012. She previously worked as Deputy Clerk in Niobrara County, Wyoming. Jeremy Anderson, KCSR, joined the meeting in progress. Commissioner Swinney asked Scott Cotton if he would be willing to assist the Board in finding suitable hay resources. Mr. Cotton agreed to assist and presented the Board with information regarding hay prices, resources, etc. He reported hay is costing anywhere from \$240.00 to \$300.00 per ton depending upon protein content. He also informed the Board that prices change daily. Commissioner Swinney reported he recently attended a meeting hosted by the Game and Parks Commission. Todd Nordene is very anxious to work with the county on the hay project and is willing to distribute the hay once acquired. Discussion ensued. There are still some contract changes that need to be made prior to the Board committing to the project with the Game and Parks Commission. The Board recessed at 10:00 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:07 A.M.

At 10:08 A.M. Blaine Yardley and Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Mr. Yardley presented a bridge inspection report. Signage is still an issue and more follow-up is necessary on inspections, however; the bridges passed inspection. An issue surrounding the Belmont Bridge south of Crawford was discussed. Mr. Yardley reported water is going down the road to the bridge and settling around the abutments. This is an issue that can be addressed by the Roads Department. Mr. Yardley presented a bridge inspection summary and indicated consistency is key re: object markers on bridges. Mr. Hankin reported there may be a grant available in the future to assist with object markers. Mr. Hankin then presented road updates to wit: District 1-McHenry and Slim Buttes Roads have been bladed and equipment maintenance continues; District 2-blading and equipment maintenance continue; District 3-Squaw Creek and roads by the mine are being bladed and equipment maintenance continues; Crusher-crew members are working at Troester's with the screener. Mr. Hankin informed the Board that high traffic roads will be priority for blading before the soil freezes hard. He reported that Larry McCaslin is finishing up bridge inspections and will put together a proposal for the Bethel Loop project. Mr. Hankin presented the annual Highway Superintendent certification for the Boards approval. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the certification. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:40 A.M. Darrell Marshall and Alan Connell met with the Board. Mr. Marshall reported the Veterans Service Committee had several qualified individuals for the Veterans Service Officer position and recommended Alan Connell for the job. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, appointing Alan Connell as the Veterans Service Officer. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Alan Connell reported that bid specifications have gone out for a used van. Deadline for bids is December 28, 2012. Bids will be opened at the January 04, 2013 Commissioner meeting.

At 10:57 A.M. Mike Kesselring, High Plains Homestead, LLC (The Cook Shack) and Lacy Willey, Post Playhouse, met with the Board. Mr. Kesselring informed the Board he was present to seek approval for a special designated liquor license regarding a fundraiser to be held on March 16, 2013 at the Buffalo Soldier Barracks at Fort Robinson. Mr. Kesselring went over the details of the scheduled event. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the application request for a special designated liquor license for March 16, 2013. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved by general consent monthly fee/mileage reports of the various offices and the Treasurer's Distress Warrant report. Jay King, Custodian, joined the meeting in progress. Discussion ensued regarding the jail facility plumbing issues. Mr. King presented a proposal from Landreth Plumbing to install a stainless steel combo sink/toilet in the east cell. The Board approved the proposal as presented in the amount of \$7151.00.

A motion to enter executive session at 11:51 A.M. to discuss pending litigation issues was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion to reconvene to regular session at 12:04 P.M. was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session. The Board recessed at 12:05 P.M. to conduct a quarterly jail inspection and reconvened to regular session at 12:36 P.M.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 12:37 P.M. The next meeting will be January 04, 2013 beginning at 9:00 A. M. with a Board of Equalization meeting followed by the regular Commissioner meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. Both meeting(s) will be held in the Commissioner's Room at the Courthouse. A current agenda for the meeting(s) 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 28, 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 19, 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.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	ABSALON FOOD CENTER	\$984.26
100	AFLAC	\$467.28
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$7,083.94
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$55.36
100	AT&T	\$41.70
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL	\$286.54
100	BIGHORN AUTO SUPPLY	\$138.97
100	ROBERT HARDY	\$200.00
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$196.06
100	CENTURYLINK	\$470.72
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-E 911	\$8.66
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$447.90
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$300.00
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$227.95
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$283.00

100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$359.48
100	ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$34.48
100	COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL	\$151.00
100	COMPTECH COMPUTERS	\$18.69
100	ALAN P CONNELL	\$479.25
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$291.05
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELY,WATSON,HARF	\$870.00
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$29.75
100	DASH MEDICAL GLOVES INC	\$57.90
100	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$21,188.79
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$449.00
100	DELUXE BUSINESS CHECKS & SOLUTIONS	\$159.38
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$10,728.40
100	GMC OF CHADRON	\$42.14
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$340.39
100	GREATAMERICA LEASING CORPORATION	\$455.26
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$180.16
100	LANDRETH PLUMBING & HEATING,INC	\$1,279.41
100	ERICKA LANS	\$4.24
100	MAIL FINANCE	\$1,650.00
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$42.50
100	METAL PRODUCTS COMPANY	\$11.56
100	MIDWEST MAILING SOLUTIONS,INC	\$235.00

100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$275.40
100	TIMOTHY MILNER	\$34.69
100	MIPS INC	\$2,784.71
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$60.00
100	MARI BETH MOORE	\$9.40
100	MORFORD'S DECORATING CENTER	\$72.24
100	NACO	\$1,188.38
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$90.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$98.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,246.58
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,393.86
100	NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION	\$335.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$242.07
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$35.00
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/EXTENSION	\$69.98
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$112.50
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$177.38
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$87.07
100	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$439.31
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$184.75
100	PESTS GO	\$35.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$316.62

100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$128.31
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$1,028.95
100	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$478.16
100	ROGER W SANFORD	\$10.33
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$42.00
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY	\$5,481.49
100	SHELL-EXTENSION OFFICE	\$2.01
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$5,449.55
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-COMPUTER COSTS	\$1,931.69
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN CAR RENTAL	\$210.27
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$96.99
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$67.98
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$166.89
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$158.87
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$187.26
100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$46.93
100	WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC/SHERIFF/BOSELMA	\$1,424.14
100	XEROX CORPORATION/VETERANS OFFICE	\$76.53
200	AFLAC	\$197.31
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$775.13
200	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$1,002.68
200	BIGHORN AUTO SUPPLY	\$8.01
200	BRAD'S TRUCK SERVICE	\$1,775.24

200	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$125.00
200	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$32.83
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$102.16
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$112.00
200	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$2,019.02
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	EAGLE CHEVROLET BUICK & PONTIAC	\$1,232.76
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,818.08
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$125.89
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$263.51
200	HERITAGE SEED COMPANY, INC.	\$550.00
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$52.99
200	LARRY HIX	\$8.00
200	HOURT'S BODY SHOP	\$91.07
200	JACK'S REFRIGERATION	\$10,246.95
200	LEVI'S AUTO	\$75.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$20.50
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$355.31
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$122.86
200	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ROADS	\$120.76
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$610.23
200	NEWMAN SIGNS,INC	\$5,543.75
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$2,141.09

200	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$380.41
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$82.66
200	POWERPLAN	\$387.19
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$33.00
200	RED BARN SHOP,LLC	\$2,132.00
200	RIVER A HOLDING LLC	\$10,691.52
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$141.55
200	TOMMYS CAR LOT	\$15,700.00
200	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$286.91
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$89.05
200	WESTCO	\$6,065.60
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,692.46
990	CHEYENNE CO VISITORS CENTER	\$1,000.00
990	LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$1,245.00
1275	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$29,000.00
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$451.73
2910	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-E 911	\$441.30
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$88.62
2910	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$70.00
2910	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$20.50
2910	OFFICE DEPOT	\$32.88
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$1,501.50
2913	CENTURYLINK	\$369.60

2913	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$108.32
4000	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$14,531.02