

CHADRON, NEBRASKA**January 16, 2008****DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:04 A.M. on the 16th day of January, 2008, 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, Fisher and Wess. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Megan Failla, Dawes County Deputy 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 located in the Commissioner Room. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. Kerri Rempp, Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress. Commissioner Wess asked his phone number be published so individuals having questions concerning Road District 2 or Commissioner District 2 could contact him. That phone number is (308) 430-3953. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the January 02, 2008 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving the minutes with the following correction to wit: Commissioner Wess updated the Board on an insurance study being conducted **relevant to health insurance coverage for county employees**. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed by the Board. Court appointed counsel was discussed at length with the Deputy County Attorney; Uniform allowance and snow removal services were also discussed by the Board. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, approving all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Megan Failla, Deputy County Attorney, reported taxes and interest due aren't dischargeable in bankruptcy cases.

At 8:32 A.M. Harvey Keim, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board with updates. Also present was Christi Marsh, Roads Secretary. Mr. Keim presented a draft interlocal agreement between Dawes County and Box Butte County for maintenance of West River Road. Also discussed was leaving the Rock Crusher job title the same due to the amount of paperwork involved to change the job title relevant to mining reports submitted. Kasey Kummer will be invited to the next Commissioner meeting to discuss the paperwork involved. The one year road plan re: Bridge#C002303805P was discussed. The Board was informed letters had been received by the NDOR (Nebraska Department of Roads) requesting information. Mr. Keim also reported once hydraulic studies are completed a one/six year road plan will be drafted. The Roads Department transition to one department was discussed. Christi Marsh asked about obtaining records from Clint Schaff. Arrangements will be made to secure the records.

At 8:55 A.M. the Board recessed to conduct a quarterly jail inspection. At 9:15 A.M. the Board reconvened. Jail renovations are in progress and future policing services were briefly discussed with Sheriff Karl Dailey.

At 9:37 A.M. Nan Thornton, Region 23 Emergency Manager, met with Board to discuss implementing a regional hazard mitigation plan to access approximately (25) twenty-five million dollars in grant money for the purpose of establishing hazard mitigation projects. FEMA will match (75) seventy-five percent with a (25) twenty-five percent match by requesting entity. Application deadline is April 07, 2008. JEO Consulting Group, Inc. will host an informational meeting on February 07, 2008.

At 9:41 A.M. David Coe met with the Board and presented updates relevant to the elevator project. RFP's (Request for Proposals) will be advertised. Project specifications/plans will be available at the Dawes County Clerk's Office with a cost of \$100.00 to be paid to the County Treasurer prior to obtaining the plans. A pre-bid meeting will be held on March 18, 2008 in the Courthouse with bids set to be opened March 26, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Room.

At 10:10 A.M. Galen Niehues, Weed Superintendent, presented his annual weed report for the Boards review and approval. Mr. Niehues indicated he plans to start making guest appearances on Sound-Off the second Monday of each month as part of educating the public in weed control matters, zoning and flood-plain management. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the annual report. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Niehues also reported he will be submitting a grant proposal to the Department of Agriculture requesting \$11,000.00 to assist area landowners in weed control measures after the 2006 fires.

At 10:32 A.M. Janice German, DCAT, met with Board. Also present were Dale Steinke and Lloyd Thompson. Discussion ensued re: Horseshoe Road. Kevin Hikkala and Charlie Marsh, NE. National Forest Service joined the discussion in progress. Research was conducted by Dawes County Abstract and Title and the Forest Service as to status of Horseshoe Road. In research conducted by both entities nothing was found indicating Horseshoe Road is closed. In light of this information Commissioner Blausey informed Mr. Steinke any locked gates need to be removed allowing access to Forest Service lands. South Wayside Road closing was discussed. Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Wess to close the road from the NE corner of Section 28, Township 35, Range 51 to the SE1/4 of Section 28, Township 35, Range 51. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. A public hearing will be advertised for February 20, 2008 commencing at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's room at the Courthouse. All adjacent landowners will be notified by certified mail of the public hearing. In other business, Commissioner Blausey reported a task force is currently being formed to study past attempts to pave Slim Buttes Road and plans to pave the Road in the near future.

At 11:24 A.M. Sandy Roes, Panhandle Partnership, informed the Board the 2008 grant application per LB193 in the amount of \$8,222.00 is due February 25, 2008. She presented a printout of priorities listed for this grant. Discussion ensued. The Boys and Girls Club will be priority for the 2008 funding. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, directing the Board Chairman to sign the grant application for LB 193 funds. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The County Clerk presented the 2007 grant award notice per LB193 in the amount of \$8, 2222.00. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, directing the Board Chairman to sign the 2007 grant award. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:33 A.M. Bill Jorgensen, Blue Cross/Blue Shield met with the Board. Also present was Lindy Coleman, Assessor. Mr. Jorgensen presented information to the Board relevant to Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage's. He informed the Board he had received a letter from the Deputy County Attorney requesting claims information, however; because NACO owns the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan this information can't be released to Dawes County for insurance study purposes. In other business the Board indicated comments will be submitted to the National Forest re: Nebraska National Forest travel management plan. County Officials will be invited to the February 05, 2008 Commissioner meeting to discuss implementing a time for Officials to meet with the Board to air concerns, make suggestions, etc. The County Website was tabled until the February 05, 2008 meeting. Correspondences received from Region 23 re: Hazard Mitigation Information Meeting Notice; Gary Hoffman re: merger of Districts 1 and 10 Regional Probation Offices/Services and SWANN re: Board of Director's Meeting were reviewed and discussed. Gary

Hoffman will be invited to a Commissioner Meeting to fill the Board in on what will be expected of Dawes County when the merger takes place. The Board reviewed and approved the County Treasurer's semi-annual report, County Sheriff's December 07 mileage report, County Clerk fee report for December 2007 and Clerk of District Court fees for December 2007.

At 12:55 P.M. the Board recessed for lunch. At 1:30 P.M the Board reconvened to conduct interviews for Road Foreman. Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of conducting interviews was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Wess. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion to reconvene to regular session at 3:08 P.M. made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Blausey. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey, to hire Jacob Stewart as Road Foreman. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Crew Chiefs will be selected by the Highway Superintendent and the Road Foreman.

At 3:15 P.M. there being no further business to address Commissioner Wess made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Roll call vote: Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board will be February 05, 2008 beginning at 8:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization Meeting followed by the Commissioner Meeting commencing at approximately 8:15 A.M. in the Commissioners Room. A current Agenda to the 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 Tuesday. 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: _____
COMMISSIONERS

DAWES COUNTY

Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk

January 16, 2008 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$468.75
100	ALLTEL	\$245.32
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,512.55
100	AT&T	\$44.43
100	BAMFORD,INC	\$150.00
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$14,469.88
100	ROBERT HARDY	\$450.00
100	C.H. BROWN CO	\$93.00
100	JESSICA CERVANTES	\$70.00

100	CHADRON EXPRESS LUBE	\$50.76
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$138.18
100	CHADRON WHOLESALE	\$18.40
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$329.76
100	CLEO'S FLOWER BOX	\$35.00
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$13.62
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$282.26
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$444.50
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$20.70
100	CURTISS,MORAVEK,CURTISS,MARGHEIM&MI	\$70.00
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$306.50
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$854.00
100	DODGE COUNTY	\$25.60
100	DOUGLAS COUNTY PURCHASING	\$8.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$10.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$8,543.21
100	GORDON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$455.15
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$189.85
100	SHARON HARRISON	\$10.24
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS, INC.	\$181.70
100	MAXINE W HOLMES	\$100.00
100	HOLT	\$27.60
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$250.56
100	LOUP VALLEY LIGHTING INC	\$206.09
100	MONIQUE A MCALLISTER	\$204.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	\$658.35
100	LORRAINE A MILES	\$100.00
100	MIPS INC	\$2,802.67
100	NACO	\$360.00
100	NAT'L ASSOC OF CO VET SVCS OFFICERS	\$30.00
100	NE ASSOC CO CLERKS,REG DEEDS,ELEC C	\$45.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$50.00
100	NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	\$989.86
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$787.99
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,028.87
100	NEBRASKA TECH & TELECOMM, INC.	\$153.32
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$504.83
100	NEVE'S UNIFORMS INC	\$85.86
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$73.50
100	PANHANDLE ASSOCIATION OF CO CLERKS	\$25.00
100	PESTS GO	\$30.00
100	WILLIAM PETERS-ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$1,118.15
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$12.70
100	HERB L PETERSEN	\$165.00
100	QWEST	\$113.23
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$94.73

100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$78.24
100	SECRETARY OF STATE	\$50.00
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$2,243.33
100	SMITH HAYES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	\$1,540.96
100	HARRIS W SNYDER	\$120.25
100	SOURCEGAS	\$882.54
100	STAYBRIDGE SUITES	\$210.00
100	TRIPP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$25.00
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$3,748.09
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$1,290.00
100	WESTERN PLAINS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$56.70
100	XEROX CORPORATION	\$33.57
200	AFLAC	\$172.25
200	ALLTEL	\$120.21
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$654.01
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,073.24
200	CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	\$6,463.67
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$91.91
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$104.15
200	DALE'S TIRE AND RETREADING,INC	\$1,220.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$110.00
200	DRAGON ESP,LTD/RANCO	\$960.25
200	EDDIE'S TRUCK CENTER	\$69.45
200	FARM PLAN	\$102.63
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,993.82
200	GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE & SUPPLY, INC	\$1,055.57
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$139.76
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$10.00
200	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	\$359.57
200	J & J PARTS & SUPPLY	\$33.92
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT	\$6,872.38
200	LINWELD	\$42.05
200	GERALD LUX	\$5,370.00
200	JOHN MISKIMINS MOTOR CO,INC	\$2,157.16
200	WALT MONTAGUE	\$3,970.00
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$283.13
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$335.78
200	NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO	\$686.08
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$113.61
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$639.15
200	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$465.41
200	PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER,INC	\$17,562.91
200	QWEST	\$75.84
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$933.00
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$301.34

200	SUMMIT SIGNS & SUPPLY,INC	\$160.50
200	SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF NW NEBRASKA	\$25.95
200	WESTCO	\$595.08
200	WHISLER BEARING CO	\$116.88
1500	JUDY DRINKWALTER	\$250.00
2525	DAWES COUNTY REGION ECON DEVEL FUND	\$1,709.10
2525	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$40,000.00
5400	AFLAC	\$34.85
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$56.12
5400	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$63.95
5400	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$136.92
5400	CITY OF CHADRON	\$28.34
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$116.70
5400	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$37.72
5400	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$221.96
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$14.63
5400	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$168.35
5400	SOURCEGAS	\$10.00
5907	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$20.32
5907	APPLE TIME INC	\$246.18
5907	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$191.95
5907	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$125.00
5907	SETON NAME PLATE COMPANY	\$604.70
5907	XEROX CORPORATION	\$665.34

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