

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

April 02, 2008

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 8:01 A.M. on the 2nd day of April 2008, in the Dawes County Commissioner's Room pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. 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, Megan Failla, Deputy County Attorney, Lindy Coleman, Assessor and Chris Fankhauser, KCSR Radio. 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 Commissioners room. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. 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 March 05, 2008 BOE meeting were reviewed. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving the minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 8:11 A.M. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction #'s 4307-4308 for the Boards review and approval. Upon review a motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Wess, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the corrections. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization a motion to adjourn at 8:08 A.M. was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Wess. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. A current Agenda to the Board of Equalization 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 on Wednesday. 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

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

April 02, 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 8:22 A.M. on the 2nd day of April, 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, Megan Failla, Deputy County Attorney, Webb Johnson and Chris Fankhauser, KCSR Radio. 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. Commissioner Wess asked his phone number be published so individuals having questions concerning Commissioner District 2 could contact him. That phone number is (308) 430-3953. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving the Agenda as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the March 19, 2008 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving the minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the bid opening meeting held on March 26, 2008 were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, approving minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Scott Cotton joined the meeting in progress. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving all claims as submitted noting future bankcard payments list only the last four digits of the account number. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Megan Failla, Deputy County Attorney, reported a letter has been drafted to Sagir, Inc. re: personal property taxes on behalf of the County Treasurer and research continues re: funding of projects.

At 9:00 A.M. Harvey Keim, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He indicated he has studied Horseshoe Road as directed and finds that vacating that portion of Horseshoe Road from the NW corner of the SW1/4 of Section 6; Township 30; Range 51, to the center of the SE1/4 of Section 6; Township 30; Range 51 will not affect mail or school bus service, nor will it isolate any landowner. He recommended the Board proceed with vacation of this portion of County Road No. 152, also known as Horseshoe Road. The County Clerk was instructed to contact a local title agent to research Road No. 152 to identify adjacent landowners. Once the research has been completed, letters will be sent by certified mail to all adjacent landowners notifying them of public hearing on said road. Mr. Keim also presented information as to costs associated with building an alternate route on S. Wayside road or leave S. Wayside as is and make improvements to the road. It would cost the county approximately \$ 24,604.77 to build and move 1.25 miles of S. Wayside or \$8,018.22 to repair and improve the first 1.1 mile of S. Wayside. Discussion ensued. Due to the difference in cost estimates a motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Fisher, to proceed with improvements to S. Wayside Road instead of building an alternate route. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. The County Clerk was instructed to draft a letter to Loyd Thompsen notifying him of this change in plans. Kerri Rempp, Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress. Mr. Keim reported the Rural Safety Initiative grant he looked into is for safety upgrades such as road rumble bars, etc. and would not benefit Dawes County. No action was taken. He also reported the Forest Service would like a maintenance agreement drawn between Dawes County and Forest Service re: Kings Canyon Road. The Board will inspect the road before entering into any agreements.

At 9:32 A.M. Bruce Scheopner met with the Board and shared suggestions re: courthouse elevator project, etc. He suggested a possible addition to the west of the courthouse to bring all county offices to one location. Commissioner Blausey indicated this has been considered in the past. All present agreed housing all offices together under one roof would be best. Mr. Scheopner asked if

Board members have ever considered set office hours for themselves. The Board responded by saying with all the Boards they serve on, it would be difficult to establish set office hours. The Board thanked Mr. Scheopner for his suggestions.

At 9:44 A.M. Jada Thompson, Contryman Associates, P.C., met with the Board to present results of the 2007 audit conducted by her firm. She reported she found Dawes County fiscal records to be in order and the only recommendation she had was more cross-training be conducted whereby Staff could share more office duties to avoid possible fraud. This is a standard recommendation made to all counties. She reported she has documented several attempts to the State Department of Roads and Attorney General's Office in seeking direction as to what in the Roads Department they want audited. Those attempts have been unsuccessful. In visiting with Fred Knight, Office Auditor, Attorney General's Office, it has been recommended she put this information into letter format and forward to the Attorney General's Office. They in turn will either drop the case or give specific direction as to what they want audited.

At 10:15 A.M. Kim Engel, Panhandle Public Health, cancelled her scheduled appointment. The Board used this time to conduct other business. LB 371 was discussed. This bill essentially would be an unfunded mandate re: law enforcement retirement and create an additional financial burden to counties. The Board will draft a letter to all State Senators asking them to oppose the bill as amended. A letter was received by Commissioner Blausey announcing a \$.10 cent per pound rebate re: recyclables through the Department of Environmental Quality. In order to participate in the program the county would need to adopt a policy and prepare a detailed year-end report. No action was taken. Commissioner Fisher presented a letter responding to the Forest Service's request for comments re: EIS on rangeland management in the Oglala and Buffalo Gap National Grasslands. This letter was signed by all Commissioners and will be forwarded the Forest Service. Weed Superintendent interviews were discussed and it was decided interviews will be conducted immediately following the Commissioner Meeting scheduled for April 16, 2008 commencing at 1:00 P.M. Applicants selected for interviews will be notified by the County Clerk. In other business a motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Fisher, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign modification No. 6 to the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement # 04-LE-11020700-005 between the Dawes County Sheriff's Department and Forest Service. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. The modification will add additional funding to the FY 2008 annual operating plan for a total of \$4100.00 contingent upon availability of appropriated funds. Monthly fee reports of the County Clerk, County Treasurer, and the Sheriff's Board of Prisoner report were reviewed and approved by the Board. Elevator project bids received were discussed by the Board. Masonry work costs accounted for 1/3 of the total project costs resulting in higher bids than anticipated by the project engineer. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Wess, rejecting all bids received for the elevator project. Alternatives will be discussed when David Coe, Project Engineer and Jerry Moss meet with the Board later in the morning.

At 10:46 A.M. Clint Schaff, M.C. Schaff & Associates, met with the Board to discuss hydraulic studies conducted on five bridges. He reported all hydraulic studies were made with the intention of replacing bridges with culverts. State Statute indicates drainage structures must be able to pass a minimum two year storm. He recommended it be recorded why a particular drainage structure was used in lieu of bridge replacement, whether it be budgetary or water flow problems documented by landowners. In addition, FEMA guidelines relevant to 100 year flood elevations and those guidelines adopted by Dawes County through the Flood Plain Management Program must be met. Federal/State guidelines also require that structures pass a 50 year flood elevation.

At 11:10 A.M. Royce Ammon, Kathy Shirley and Charles Karpf, WNCC Outreach Education, met with the Board. The program has a mission to provide lifelong learning opportunities in anticipation of regional economic needs. This is being addressed through the various programs being

offered. The Board was informed should they desire to access any of the services available through the program it can be accomplished by simply making a phone call to the Community Coordinator. The Board found the presentation to be very informative.

At 11:58 A.M. David Coe, Project Engineer and Jerry Moss met with the Board. Bids received indicated 1/3 of the total project costs re: elevator project accounted for masonry work. Different options were discussed at length. It was suggested the Board consider just an elevator shaft without any additional upgrades. The Board directed Mr. Coe to redraw plans accordingly. RFP's (Request for proposals) will be re-advertised once plans are approved by the Board.

At 12:27 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: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board will be April 16, 2008 beginning at 8:00 A.M to be held in the Commissioner's Room at the Courthouse. A Current Agenda to the meeting is kept on file in the County Clerks office during normal business hours for inspection, but the Agenda's will close by 4:00 P.M. on the Friday preceding the Board meeting on Wednesday. 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

April 02, 2008 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$408.30
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,562.51
100	BOB BARKER COMPANY INC	\$1,820.13
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$13,856.78
100	C.H. BROWN CO	\$93.00
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$411.00
100	LOIS J CHIZEK	\$10.00
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$22.38
100	CURTISS, MORAVEK, CURTISS, MARGHEIM & MI	\$87.50
100	KARL DAILEY	\$732.16
100	KARL J DAILEY, SHERIFF	\$3,234.00
100	DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	\$43.89
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$130.00

100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$541.00
100	DELL MARKETING L.P.	\$89.99
100	DELUXE BUSINESS CHECKS & SOLUTIONS	\$208.73
100	ARNIE FANKHAUSER	\$45.40
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$113.63
100	FIRST BANKCARD/SCOTT COTTON	\$6.68
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$17.02
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTH PLATTE	\$25.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$8,843.27
100	FLEET SERVICES/SHERIFF	\$201.67
100	GALLS	\$318.98
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS INC.	\$332.41
100	JAMES HANSEN	\$289.13
100	SHARON HARRISON	\$16.25
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS, INC.	\$40.00
100	MILLENNIUM COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$69.95
100	LORI MISKIMINS-CO CT CLERK MAGISTRA	\$67.69
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$816.38
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$247.63
100	NEVE'S UNIFORMS INC	\$645.14
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$51.74
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$10.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$133.33
100	HERB L PETERSEN	\$117.00
100	QWEST	\$532.79
100	QWEST	\$178.97
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$191.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$212.85
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$1,214.20
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$18.21
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$2,128.22
100	SOURCEGAS	\$764.52
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$954.82
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$160.40
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$820.00
100	MICHELLE WHETHAM	\$80.00
200	AFLAC	\$135.13
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$659.84
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,255.92
200	CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	\$6,463.67
200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$15.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$35.00
200	EDDIE'S TRUCK CENTER	\$29.54
200	FARM PLAN	\$9.99
200	FIRST BANKCARD	\$32.00

200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,001.70
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$15.86
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$20.00
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT	\$6,872.38
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$243.39
200	MICHAEL TODD AND COMPANY, INC	\$303.84
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$283.13
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$339.60
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$72.21
200	QWEST	\$124.43
200	QWEST	\$25.13
200	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$22.20
200	SHEEHAN MACK SALES & EQUIP, INC	\$1,967.15
200	SOURCEGAS	\$489.73
200	STOLL DORF ELECTRIC	\$161.07
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$50.23
2500	CHADRON NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER	\$4,126.38
2525	DAWES COUNTY REGION ECON DEVEL FUND	\$1,660.71
2700	PANHANDLE HEALTH SERVICE CBO	\$60.00
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$88.83
5400	FARM PLAN	\$194.13
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$299.63
5400	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$50.44
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$54.69
5400	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$175.06
5400	QWEST	\$16.35
5400	SOURCEGAS	\$10.21
5907	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$424.53
5907	MILLENNIUM COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$1,565.75
5907	OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	\$994.98
5907	QWEST	\$521.82
5907	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$1,352.00

Disclaimer: A complete list of all employees & claims are available at the Dawes Co Clerk's Office.