

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA****October 10, 2007****DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007, in the Dawes County Commissioner room pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Fisher. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Megan Failla and Walt Winston. 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. 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 Blausey, amending the Agenda to include a timely decision regarding phone service for Dawes County Offices due to current contract expiring on October 24, 2007. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving minutes of the September 25, 2007 Commissioner Meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Claim #07100034 in the amount of \$519.60 payable to Kearney Holiday Inn will be correctly coded to the Dawes County Assessor, not the Dawes County Clerk. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey, approving all claims as submitted with the aforementioned correction. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee reports of the various county offices; acknowledged receipt of a letter received from the Board of Public Roads/Classifications& Standards accepting Resolution No. 16-2007 and acknowledged receipt of three letters from area citizens regarding a recent EEOC case which will be turned over to the Attorney handling the case.

At 9:10 A.M. Tony Serbousek, Communications Director and Chief of Police Lordino approached the Board. Mr. Serbousek presented a revised contract with Qwest in the amount of \$9,741.48 to install ten phones, access licensing and cabling in the communications center. The E-911 budget will cover the expense. Mr. Serbousek reported phase 1 of the E-911 project will cost the County approximately \$20,000.00 with the State paying the majority of the expenses involved in implementing the project. The E-911 budget has sufficient money to cover the County's cost. In addition, a five year maintenance agreement will be provided on the phones with the City of Chadron assuming maintenance responsibilities thereafter. Chief Lordino added the existing AT&T PBX Merlin phone system is outdated and finding individuals qualified to work on the old system creates concern in the event the system would go down. The Board approved the revised contract change.

At 9:36 A.M. A motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing impending litigation by telephone conference with Richard Boucher, Attorney, was made by Commissioner Blausey and seconded by Commissioner Wess. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, to reconvene to regular session at 10:33 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken. George Ledbetter joined the meeting in progress.

At 10:40 A.M. Brenda Johnson, Northwest Development Corporation, met with the Board and presented an updated memorandum of agreement between Dawes County and NE.

Northwest Development Corporation relevant to the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the updated memorandum of agreement. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed an application from Crow Butte Resources to install 4-18" culverts in Section 12, Township 31, Range 52. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, to approve the application and direct the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. The following equipment was declared surplus by the Board to wit: 2000 GMC 3500 VIN#1GTHK34J7YR138425 and a 186 IHC Tractor VIN#2690012U009039, Equipment #209. The equipment will be removed from inventory lists and insurance.

At 11:03 A.M. Thorpe Thompson approached the Board requesting approval to expand his existing Feedlot from 1000 head of cattle to 4000 head of cattle. He reported the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) approved the expansion and the Zoning/Planning Board reviewed and approved his application at the August 20, 2007 meeting. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey, granting approval to expand the current operation. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Maximus Cost Allocation Plan was reviewed by the Board. Also reviewed at this time were indirect/direct cost reimbursement requests which will be forwarded to the Nebraska HHSS Finance & Support Office in Lincoln. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the Cost Allocation Plan and requests for indirect/direct cost reimbursements. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. An agreement received from Stock Auction Company was reviewed by the Board. Discussion ensued concerning several items that need to be declared surplus. No action was taken on the agreement, however; the County Clerk was instructed to compile a surplus report by office to be presented to the Board declaring the equipment surplus.

At 11:33 A.M. Jada Thompson, Contryman Associates, P.C. met with the Board. She reported she has a call into Barry Waid to inquire what the Attorney General's Office wants audited in the Roads Department and what type of audit they are requesting. She reported the County audit ending fiscal year 2007 will be conducted sometime in January of 2008. Ms. Thompson was informed a fuels audit was conducted in 2005 covering April 2002-March 2005. The report received back on that audit in November of 2005 showed the County underpaid fuel tax in the amount of approximately 1300.00 with no other discrepancies reported. A copy of the report was shared with Ms. Thompson.

At 12:00 P.M. Phone proposals received from Qwest, Great Plains Communications, Mobius/Allo and NT& T were presented to the Board. Lynelle Meyerring joined the meeting in progress and discussed the various options with the Board and County Clerk as she had previous experience in telecommunication sales. Each proposal was compared as to line charges and long distance rates. It was determined Qwest Communications would be the best phone service option as the county can participate in State negotiated prices. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess approving Qwest's proposal. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. The County Clerk will notify Qwest immediately due to the current contract with NT&T expiring on October 24, 2007. The Board thanked Ms. Meyerring for her time in studying the proposals and presenting the information to the Board.

At 12: 20 P.M. Resolution No. 27-2007 appointing Megan Failla as Deputy County Attorney was adopted by the Board. Ms. Failla informed the Board she will be available for all Commissioner Meetings for legal counsel, civil matters relevant to the county and eventually plans to represent Dawes County in TERC (Tax Equalization Review Commission) cases. The Board used this time to also discuss the Highway Superintendent job description. The position will be advertised with both area newspapers, listed on Nebraska Workforce Development website and posted by NACO (National Association of County Officials) via e-mail to all ninety-six counties. Applications and a job description can be obtained during normal business hours of the Dawes County Clerk's Office.

At 12:50 P.M. there being no further business to address Commissioner Blausey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wess. Roll call vote: Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board will be October 23, 2007 beginning at 8:00 A.M. in the County Courtroom. 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 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

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October 10, 2007 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$422.10
100	ALAMAR	\$609.79
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4,874.14
100	AT&T	\$42.24
100	AXIS CAPITAL INC	\$475.52
100	BRENDA BEESON	\$62.08
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$13,098.50
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$87.78
100	CHADRON EXPRESS LUBE	\$34.50
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$70.09
100	CHADRON STATE COLLEGE	\$100.00
100	CHADRON WHOLESALE	\$142.22
100	LOIS J CHIZEK	\$10.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$813.89
100	MARY HELEN COGDILL	\$6.79
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$386.42
100	JEFF CRANE	\$19.40
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$179.25
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$57.79
100	KARL DAILEY	\$292.57
100	KARL J DAILEY, SHERIFF	\$1,974.00
100	DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	\$11.46

100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$854.00
100	DRURY BROTHERS ROOFING	\$200.00
100	CHERYL DUNN	\$9.38
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	MEGAN FAILLA, FAILLA LAW OFFICE	\$175.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$55.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$7,892.10
100	FLEET SERVICES/SHERIFF	\$436.49
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS INC.	\$62.78
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$184.85
100	RUSSELL W HARFORD	\$7.00
100	HOLIDAY INN	\$519.60
100	IS COMMUNICATIONS & OPERATIONS	\$17.13
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON, DDS	\$107.00
100	DONNA LEMBKE	\$58.20
100	LOUP VALLEY LIGHTING, INC	\$199.20
100	MATTHEW BENDER & CO, INC	\$65.43
100	MILLENNIUM COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$500.00
100	MIPS INC	\$2,531.35
100	MURD'S PIT STOP	\$330.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$791.99
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$2,000.27
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$1,187.53
100	KEITH OETKEN	\$122.22
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS, INC	\$22.99
100	PESTS GO	\$30.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$249.94
100	QWEST	\$111.31
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$181.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$154.81
100	RED WILLOW COUNTY SHERIFF	\$36.63
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC.	\$102.20
100	ADAM SELLMAN	\$72.75
100	SETON NAME PLATE COMPANY	\$56.59
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$619.38
100	ABBEY SLAGLE	\$13.50
100	SOURCEGAS	\$45.60
100	MICHAEL T VARN, ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$1,022.83
100	JARVIS WALLAGE	\$56.58
100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$17.72
100	XEROX CORPORATION	\$123.49

200	AFLAC	\$131.00
200	AG-REPAIR	\$42.00
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$546.40
200	B & R TRUCK REPAIR	\$2,054.22
200	GARY BACON	\$3.00
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$40.18
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,066.54
200	CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	\$4,963.67
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$105.47
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$110.00
200	FARM PLAN	\$183.53
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,717.68
200	WILLIAM GARTNER	\$55.00
200	GMC OF CHADRON	\$94.50
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$412.42
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$9.48
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$92.46
200	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$34.95
200	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	\$8.30
200	J & J PARTS & SUPPLY	\$156.85
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT	\$3,338.03
200	ROBERT J JOHNSON	\$2,957.36
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$117.08
200	LINWELD	\$38.40
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$283.13
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$307.82
200	NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO	\$5,109.42
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$37.55
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$86.32
200	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$244.91
200	OUTLAW PRINTERS, INC	\$7.00
200	PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER, INC	\$15,684.75
200	POWERPLAN	\$191.21
200	QWEST	\$37.92
200	SHEEHAN MACK SALES & EQUIP, INC	\$346.09
200	SOURCEGAS	\$32.35
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$1,786.00
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$87.88
200	WEST 2ND WESTERN AUTO	\$31.99
200	WESTCO	\$388.69

200	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$49.00
2525	DAWES COUNTY REGION ECON DEVEL FUND	\$1,726.83
5400	AFLAC	\$34.85
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$46.74
5400	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$81.75
5400	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$136.92
5400	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$46.51
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$249.63
5400	GEMPLERS INC	\$114.25
5400	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$14.69
5400	HERITAGE SEED COMPANY, INC.	\$230.20
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$29.94
5400	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$85.66
5400	WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO.	\$84.00
5907	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$447.24
5907	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$721.00

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