

CHADRON, NEBRASKA**October 15, 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 8:05 A.M. on the 15th day of October, 2008, which was held in the Commissioner's room at the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Blausey. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Megan Failla, Deputy County Attorney and Bill Cebula. 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 noting change in time to 8:00 A.M. instead of 8:20 A.M. and Pledge of Allegiance not being on Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the October 01, 2008 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, approving minutes as presented noting that the 2007/2008 highway expenditure/budget reports were accepted by motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the October 03, 2008 Special Meeting to interview candidates for the Custodial position were reviewed. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving the minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving all claims as submitted with the Board noting \$44,659.44 had to be drawn off the Inheritance Fund to cover claim costs remitted by Regional Care, Inc. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board instructed the County Clerk to invite Regional Care, Inc. to the next Board meeting to discuss concerns they have with RCI's Health Insurance Plan.

At 8:34 A.M. A conference call ensued with Pam Bourne, HR Choice re: Chief Deputy raises. It was learned per NE. State Statute 23-916 and 23-1704 the Board has the authority to fix the time frame and compensation of Chief Deputies. Karl Dailey, Sheriff, asked Ms. Bourne to research and report back if the Board has the authority to do this per FLSA regulations without notification to the employee. Ms. Bourne will research this and report back to the County Clerk. James Wilburn joined the meeting in progress. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Dave Coe, Eric Fuller, Roland Sayer and Kerri Rempp joined the meeting in progress. The Public Forum portion of the meeting ensued. Dave Coe presented photo's depicting work done on the elevator project and expressed concern with the window header heights. Three options were presented to fix the problem: 1. do nothing and let the wiring show through the top portion of the windows; 2. adjust the window height at no cost or 3. build a soffit at a cost to the County. A change order will be drafted to adjust the window height at no additional cost. Mr. Coe also reported the elevator was planned to house a 100 amp circuit breaker, however; it has been recommended the County go with a 110 amp to avoid fuses going out. It would be more cost effective to address the potential problem now instead of later. A cost estimate will be obtained before any decision is made. Eric Fuller expressed concern with completing the project on time if the construction crew can't work in the area above the Judges chambers more than one day a week. The work involved above the Judges chamber will create noise that can't possibly be avoided. In addition holes need to be punched through walls which will create noise. He indicated they are willing to work with us and hopefully a compromise can be made. Commissioner Blausey will visit with the Judge to see if Court schedules can be changed or possibly move County Court back downstairs. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, amending the dollar amount

re: change order presented at the October 01, 2008 Commissioner meeting relevant to gas line move. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Chairman signed the amendment. Elevator discussions will be added to the Agenda until the project has been completed.

At 9:44 A.M. Harvey Keim met with the Board and reported gravel hauling continues. Bridge repairs were discussed. There are enough girders available to fix one bridge, however; there would be additional costs involved. Pickup purchases were discussed. One pickup will be advertised for and purchased. Mr. Keim announced the promotion of Larry Hankin as rock crusher. A letter received from the Nebraska Department of Roads indicating effective immediately they will provide oversight for all LPA (city and county) projects was reviewed by the Board and Mr. Keim. Also presented to the Board was a copy of a letter received from NW Rural Public Power addressed to Commissioner Gary Fickel. Mr. Fickel had contacted NW Rural Public Power District to inquire as to costs associated with relocating existing line due to a wider Right of Way that may be required on Slim Buttes Road. Cost estimates were included in the letter.

At 10:08 A.M. Lois Chizek, Treasurer, met with the Board re: two mature tax sale certificates. Megan Failla, Deputy County Attorney, indicated the properties in question would require cleanup for the County to consider selling them. Ms. Chizek reported SWANN wants the assessments due against the properties in question. The Treasurer requested direction in the matter. Discussion ensued. The Board directed the Treasurer to proceed with a Sheriff's sale. At 10:20 A.M. the Board recessed. At 10:25 A.M. the Board reconvened to regular session.

At 10:26 A.M. Bill Cebula met with the Board and offered the following suggestions re: county spending:

1. Doing things that don't make sense to doing things that make sense;
2. Can't continue doing things like they've been done the past 50 years;
3. Board needs to commit to change, develop a plan for change and go to the public for support;
4. Keep the public informed and get their support to seek changes at the State level and recommended the Board read the book entitled "Art of Possibility".

The Board asked Mr. Cebula to pinpoint ideas for change and present them to the Board for consideration.

At 10:45 A.M. Brenda Johnson, NNDC, met with the Board. Also present was Tim Erickson. Brenda

Johnson reviewed a MOU between Dawes County and NNDC relevant to the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund. The County Clerk's office will turn over all bank statements, deposit materials, ledgers, etc. used in processing loans, receiving loan payments, etc. NNDC in turn will receive all payments, deposit payments and remit claims to the County for administrative fees and loans until such time they are able to move the remaining funds housed by the County. Once this is done the County will no longer be involved with the processing of CDBG loan payments and new loans. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with NNDC for one more cycle. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Loan updates were presented to the Board. Tim Erickson introduced himself and indicated he is the Business Development Director for a non-profit organization originally formed to research IT in the Omaha, Nebraska area. This research led to grants for educational services and the creation of careerlink.com where jobs can be posted at no charge beginning October 01, 2008. NNDC provided the necessary funding to this organization to give area employers the opportunity to access the website. Mr. Erickson indicated the website is a great marketing tool to get people, businesses into our area. The organization also acts as a liaison between small businesses, schools, communities, etc. and is expanding their services to Western Nebraska.

At 11:29 A.M. James Wilburn met with the Board. Mr. Wilburn conducted an experiment with the Board members. Each Board member was asked to remove a sheet of paper from an envelope and re-insert it into the envelope. Each Commissioner completed the task with two noticing writing on the paper. The Board was again asked to do the same thing with another sheet of paper and envelope. This time no Board member noticed any writing on the sheet of paper. Mr. Wilburn stressed the importance of ballot secrecy and asked the Board to supply a third envelope in which ballots can be inserted. The County Clerk indicated all proper procedures are followed as set out by Nebraska State Statute relevant to early voting ballot requests. Mr. Wilburn was also provided with statutes outlining the procedure to be followed when issuing and receiving back early voted ballots. It was also suggested Mr. Wilburn contact the Secretary of State's Office regarding his concerns. In other business the Board reviewed and approved the August 08/September 08 VIN Inspection and September 08 Sheriff's mileage reports, Treasurer's September 08 monthly report, Clerk of District Court's September 08 report and the Clerk's September 08 report. Correspondences received were SWANN re: September 08 Board of Director's Meeting minutes and notice there will be no October meeting; an invitation to the 2008 Dawes County 4-H achievement banquet; NIRMA re: quarterly loss report ending September 30, 2008. County Attorney updates included information relevant to a request by the Weed Superintendent to draft a contract addressing weed spraying jobs and payment thereof. The Board will visit with the Weed Superintendent concerning this matter. Resolution No. 2008-19 was introduced by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Fisher adopting the 2008-2009 levies for Dawes County. Roll was called and the following Commissioner's voted Aye: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wess introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-19

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION of the County of Dawes, State of Nebraska,

WHEREAS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF DAWES COUNTY has the authority to levy necessary taxes for county purposes and,

WHEREAS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF DAWES COUNTY finds pursuant to NE. State Statute 77-1601 and NE. State Statute 77-1603.4 the levy shall include all township, city, school districts, villages, and fire districts within their jurisdiction and,

WHEREAS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF DAWES COUNTY finds that is in the best interests of these aforementioned political subdivisions that the 2008-2009 levies be set accordingly:

Cities:

City of Chadron 0.370000

City of Crawford 0.469376

Other Political Subdivisions:

Ag Society 0.004725

WNCC 0.098497(Composite)

Village of Whitney	0.171681	NRD	0.021458
		ESU 13	0.016947(Composite)

Schools: **Chadron**
Fire

Chadron Public School District 2		District	0.04155(Composite)
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General Fund	0.953813	Crawford Fire	
Special Bldg Fund	0.090206	District	0.02296(Composite)
K-8 Bond	0.124603		
9-12 Bond	0.053290		
ESU 13	0.016947		
Composite Levy	1.238859		

Crawford Public School District 71

General Fund	0.959500
Special Bldg Fund	0.025976
K-8 Bond	0.033641
9-12 Bond	0.045152
ESU 13	0.016947
Composite Levy	1.081216

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION THAT the aforementioned levies be adopted for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion for passage of said Resolution, and after consideration the roll was called on the passage of said Resolution with the following Board members voting Aye: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Voting Nay, None.

The Chairman of the Board declared the resolution passed and adopted this 15th day of October 2008.

ATTEST: _____

DAWES COUNTY BOARD

CHERYL FEIST
COUNTY CLERK

OF EQUALIZATION

Don Blausey

Gary D. Fisher

Roger Wess

Lois Chizek, Treasurer, returned to the meeting in progress to seek written direction relevant to a distress warrant presented at the September 15, 2008 Commissioner meeting. The distress warrant in question was 2006-01 and the Board had verbally told her to strike it from the tax rolls, however; she has since learned this directive needs to be in writing. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess directing the County Treasurer to strike distress warrant No. 2006-01 from the tax rolls as presented in the distress warrant report on September 15, 2008. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A certification statement re: indirect/direct cost reimbursement relative to the County Attorney, Clerk of District Court and HHS offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 was presented to the Board for the Chairman's signature. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the certification submitted by Maximus, Inc. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 12:20 P.M. There being no further business to address Commissioner Wess made a motion to adjourn, 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 November 12, 2008 beginning at 8:00 A.M. with a Board of Equalization meeting followed by the regular Commissioner Meeting commencing at approximately 8:20 A.M. Both meetings will be conducted in the Commissioner's room at the Courthouse. A Current Agenda to the meeting(s) 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 meeting on Wednesday. The Agenda may be modified to include items of emergency nature. All 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

October 15, 2008 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$399.34
100	ALLTEL	\$153.81
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,559.76
100	AT&T	\$48.47
100	CHADRON EXPRESS LUBE	\$55.65
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$118.00
100	CHADRON WHOLESALE	\$210.26
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$318.08
100	VELVET CLARK	\$110.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$298.35
100	KARL DAILEY	\$28.50
100	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$11,906.19
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$336.50
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$898.33
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$2,158.71
100	FLEET SERVICES/EXXONMOBIL	\$426.27
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$131.63
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$9,069.45
100	GMC OF CHADRON	\$39.99
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$39.95
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$684.00
100	GARY HOFFMAN	\$324.99
100	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$38.27
100	JIM'S HOME HEALTH SUPPLIES	\$647.50
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$52.50
100	STACEY A MCCARTNEY	\$257.80
100	MIDWEST TRANSPORTATION SPECIALISTS	\$1,555.90
100	MIPS INC	\$2,700.62
100		\$25.00

	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$864.50
100	NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	\$27.29
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$352.29
100	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$5.07
100	PANHANDLE HEALTH SERVICE CBO	\$2,265.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$55.53
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$63.62
100	QWEST	\$135.56
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$504.38
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$21.70
100	SECRETARY OF STATE,NOTARY DIVISION	\$30.00
100	SERVICEMASTER CLEAN OF CHADRON	\$75.00
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$199.84
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$1,281.61
100	SOURCEGAS	\$22.21
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$45.10
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$925.00
100	EILEEN WRAGE	\$91.58
100	XEROX CORPORATION	\$35.24
100	XEROX CORPORATION	\$85.41
200	AFLAC	\$174.20
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$683.64
200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$250.00
200	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$1,204.87
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$95.55
200	CONTRACTORS MATERIALS	\$244.00
200	DALE'S TIRE AND RETREADING,INC	\$1,966.00
200	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$1,129.81
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$83.50
200	DIESEL MACHINERY	\$1,723.91
200	DIESEL POWER EQUIPMENT CO.	\$1,418.21
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,181.53
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$199.75
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HAUGEN REPAIR	\$50.00

200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$515.75
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$13.99
200	J & J PARTS & SUPPLY	\$124.96
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT/770CH MOTORGRADER	\$926.35
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT/850C CRAWLERDOZER	\$2,683.70
200	LINWELD	\$137.66
200	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$70.00
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$283.13
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$373.85
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$69.84
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$155.09
200	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$904.02
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$53.81
200	PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER,INC	\$234.10
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$589.68
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$43.20
200	SUMMIT SIGNS & SUPPLY,INC	\$300.00
200	SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF NW NEBRASKA	\$29.10
200	WEST RIVER INTERNATIONAL INC	\$1,082.97
2700	REGIONAL CARE,INC	\$44,659.44
2910	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$271.93
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$1,884.50
2910	XEROX CORPORATION	\$52.13
2910	XEROX CORPORATION	\$417.59
5400	AFLAC	\$15.25
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$51.56
5400	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$113.05
5400	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$47.92
5400	CITY OF CHADRON	\$32.93
5400	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$49.03
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$184.47
5400	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$139.99
5400	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$39.99
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$29.41
5400	VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	\$128.23

5400 WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$46.72
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