

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**November 12, 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 8:00 A.M. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 and Lindy Coleman, Assessor. 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the October 01, 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 8:03 A.M. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction #'s 4354-4357 for the Boards review and approval. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the corrections as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization a motion to adjourn at 8:07 A.M. was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Fisher. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. 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.

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**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF**

**Cheryl Feist**

**EQUALIZATION**

**Dawes County Clerk**

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**CHADRON, NEBRASKA**

**November 12, 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 8:10 A.M. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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, Webb Johnson, Commissioner Elect, Lois Chizek, Treasurer 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 as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the October 15, 2008 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, approving minutes as presented noting that Larry Hankins was hired as Rock Crusher Mngr. not Rock Crusher. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving all claims as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. John Axtell, KQSK radio; Brenda Johnson and Jo Penny, NNWDC joined the meeting in progress at 8:30 A.M. Credit card usage was addressed by the Board. The Board reiterated the credit card issued to Elected Officials and Deputies shall be used for fuel and emergency county vehicle repairs only. The card is not to be used to pay for meals, rooms, supplies or reservations. Tracy Long joined the meeting in progress at 8:40 A.M. A report was received from the Treasurer re: funds transfer per Resolution No. 2008-16. The County Clerk informed the Board the Treasurer will prepare a report each time funds are transferred per Resolution No. 2008-16. These reports will be kept on file. Scott Cotton joined the meeting in progress at 8:43 A.M. There were no County Attorney updates.

At 8:45 A.M. the public forum ensued. Dave Coe, Eric Fuller and Roland Sayer were also present. Bill Cebula presented a report on the book entitled "The Fourth Turning". The book addressed solutions to real problems and suggested thinking differently in solving problems and everything should be on the table. Mr. Cebula suggested not spending more than the public can afford as this affects taxes. The Board responded by indicating the county levy never went up but assessments governed by the State will continue to increase because individuals purchase real estate at inflated prices. In addition, the county lost revenue because 75% of the Board members didn't vote to increase restricted funds by 1% for fiscal year 2008-2009. Kerri Rempp, Chadron Record, joined the meeting in progress at 9:00 A.M. Dave Coe presented six change orders for the Boards review and approval. **Change order #2:**

A control joint is necessary to tie the new masonry work into courthouse at a cost of \$2,244.00; **Change order #3:** replacement of face brick for stucco finish as masonry costs were more than anticipated at a proposed cost of \$3,630.00; **Change order#4:** replacement of door and hardware in Clerk's office at a proposed cost of \$1,422.00; **Change order#5:** the elevator shaft ended up being wider requiring rail brackets to extend 18" beyond North wall at a proposed cost of \$920.00; **Change order#6:** add carpet just South of hallway access to elevator for court system storage at a proposed cost of \$675.00 and **Change order#7:** add a circuit breaker of 110 amp to meet needs of new elevator at a proposed cost of \$2,821.90. Total cost of change orders requested is \$11,712.90. Commissioner Blausey expressed concern with the fact the county previously spent \$875,000.00 on upgrading electrical and HVAC to eventually install an elevator. It was the Board's understanding all electrical was current and could house the elevator. Commissioner Fisher expressed concern with the steel costs in change order #5. Eric Fuller informed the Board the steel work re: change order #5 will be installed at no additional charge. The Board approved by general consensus change order # 2; #3 with Fisher saying No; #4; #5 with Fisher saying No and #7. Change order #6 was denied. Formal approval will be made at the November 25, 2008 Commissioner meeting. Eric Fuller reported the project is on schedule. Dave Coe will notify the Clerk in advance when change orders need to be addressed so they can be placed on the Agenda and officially acted on.

At 9:41 A.M. Harvey Keim, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He presented the Highway Certification for 2008/2009. Mr. Keim presented two petition requests from Karl Wilkins to run a water line across Hollibaugh Road and Charlie Littrel to run cabling across Snus Road. A request will also be coming from NWRPPD to run an electrical line across Eleson Road. Because these items weren't specifically mentioned on the Agenda a decision will be made at the November 25, 2008 Commissioner Meeting. The Board reiterated the Roads Department Personnel need to follow chain of command and go through Mr. Keim before approaching a Board Member.

At 10:00 A.M. Brenda Johnson, NNWDC, met with the Board. She had to leave earlier due to an appointment but returned to present the loan application request of Crawford Pharmacy in the amount of \$14,750.00. The Pharmacy will hire two part-time positions. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the loan approval. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Also presented was a CDBG funds update. Ms. Johnson also reported she has contacted the individual responsible for assisting in the transition of the CDBG fund from the County to NNWDC. It was agreed that no paperwork would be transferred to NNWDC until such time NNWDC has established a new account to receive the remaining CDBG funds from the County.

At 10:06 A.M. Tracy Long met with the Board. He indicated he owns a private drive and desires to name it Timber Ridge Road. The Board informed him as long as the drive isn't a county road he can name it anything he wants. The Board advised him to contact Tony Serbousek and the Post Office re: addressing.

At 10:10 A.M. Lois Chizek, Treasurer, presented the Distress Warrant report for 2007-prior. She reported a total of eighty-six (86) Distress Warrants were issued as 10-31-2008. There is still \$10,596.97 due from 2005; \$9,846.88 due from 2006 and \$20,981.81 due from 2007 for a grand total of \$41,425.97.

At 10:17 A.M. Sharon Harrison, Clerk District Court, met with the Board. She indicated an error had been made in her salary line item. The Board advised her to calculate the difference due her since July 01, 2008 and remit the amount on her payroll requisition to the Clerk's Office. The Clerk's Office will make sure the Elected Officials salaries of the Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor and Clerk of District Court are correct for raises in January 2009. The Board recessed at 10:35 A.M. At 10:40 A.M. the Board reconvened to regular session. The Board acknowledged a phone call received by the Clerk from Roy Leibbrandt who expressed concern with the concrete for the elevator job not being contracted locally. The Board's response indicated the entire project was awarded to Fuller Construction and they are responsible for sub-contracting the elevator project. Monthly fee reports of the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court and Treasurer were reviewed and approved. Correspondences received were a letter from Kevin Crabtree re: Halloween; NACO re: financial statement; Quality Tire re: bid on LT245/70R17-10 ply tires; Julie Butler, HR re: Kasey Kummer final pay; Canadian Pacific Railroad re: purchase of DM&E Railroad and NIRMA re: 2008/2009 dividends. In other business Commissioner Wess reported on the Legislative Conference he attended. He indicated the Board will need to watch LR349 as it will have an effect on revenues to the County. He also noted term limits will start affecting legislation. Resolution No. 2008-20 transferring \$510.00 from Inheritance to Grants with payback was introduced by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Fisher. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fishers. Nays: None. Motion carried. The County will transfer funds as needed with payback until the sign project is completed. All transfers will be done by Resolution. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, appointing Roger Sanford to fill the vacated position by Jeff Crane on the Extension Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, appointing Mike Ferrel to the Board of Adjustments replacing Don King. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher to surplus one (1) homemade bookcase from the Court Reporter Inventory. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:53 A.M. Jane Schaneman, RCI Health Insurance met with the Board at their request. Also present were Larry Hankins, Jake Stewart, Vance Haug and Rhonda McGannon. Several employee concerns were addressed. The following information was shared with the Board and will be communicated to employees through a memo to wit: **RCI Wellness Benefit:** \$500.00 available to all employees with no deductible required, however; it is the employee's responsibility to inform their physician to code the visit to RCI Wellness Benefit or it won't be paid under the wellness benefit. **Deductibles:** RCI will honor all money paid by employees towards their deductible when they were covered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield but it is the employee's responsibility to acquire the information from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and remit it to RCI. **Prescription Drugs:** If an employee can't take a generic version of a drug prescribed they must inform the physician to include "dispense as written" on the prescription or the employee will have to pay the higher co-pay. RCI will return in January 2009 to update the Board and address any concerns. Dawes County will be appointed a personal representative through RCI and employee concerns can be addressed through that individual. The County Clerk asked that RCI notify her office if employees call in and make changes to their existing benefits as this affects their pay. Ms. Schaneman indicated all employees should be going through the Clerks Office for any changes they make in their benefits. The Clerks Office in turn will notify RCI with the changes made. Toni Wickard will make contact with the County Clerk re: College Students no longer eligible for coverage and how this will be handled.

At 12:02 P.M. There being no further business to address Commissioner Wess made a motion to adjourn, 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 November 25, 2008 at 8:00 A.M. The meeting 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 Tuesday. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk

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**November 12, 2008 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.**

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$399.35
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$690.50
100	ALLTEL	\$100.00
100	ALLTELL	\$61.27
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,489.11
100	AXIS CAPITAL INC	\$475.52
100	SHERRY BEAR ROBE	\$30.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$179.57
100	C.H. BROWN CO	\$93.00
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$81.26
100	CHADRON EXPRESS LUBE	\$37.75
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$45.00
100	CHADRON RSVP	\$750.00
100	CHADRON WHOLESale	\$108.06

100	CMRS-FP	\$500.00
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$149.38
100	COMMSOURCE, INC	\$92.50
100	SCOTT COTTON	\$283.92
100	CRAWFORD HANDI BUS	\$850.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$750.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$900.00
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$10.00
100	KARL DAILEY	\$59.22
100	KARL J DAILEY, SHERIFF	\$2,590.00
100	DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	\$41.85
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$1,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$11,335.46
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$898.33
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$4,073.47
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$3,736.61
100	FLEET SERVICES/EXXONMOBIL	\$355.99
100	FARM PLAN/BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$14.99
100	CHERYL FEIST	\$28.09
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$295.80
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$9,105.08
100		\$40.00

	FIRST NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	
100	FLEET SERVICES/SHERIFF	\$281.28
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$110.85
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS INC.	\$112.74
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$144.90
100	SHARON HARRISON	\$42.36
100	HEALING PLAINS MENTAL HEALTH	\$300.00
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS, INC.	\$86.00
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$25.95
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	\$498.42
100	INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE CENTER	\$12.75
100	IS COMMUNICATIONS & OPERATIONS	\$25.90
100	JAVORONOK & NEILAN	\$928.97
100	JEFFREY JOHNS	\$42.54
100	LA SIGN & SCREEN PRINTING	\$30.00
100	DEB LESMEISTER	\$2.29
100	MATTHEW BENDER & CO, INC	\$260.60
100	MAXIMUS, INC	\$2,537.50
100	MIDTOWN HOLIDAY INN	\$283.97
100	MIDWEST TRANSPORTATION SPECIALISTS	\$595.90
100	MIPS INC	\$8.00
100	NACO	\$120.00

100	NACVSO TREASURER	\$30.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$25.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$78.00
100	NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOC	\$50.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$813.35
100	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$3,125.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,806.87
100	NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT	\$57.00
100	NEBRASKA TECH & TELECOMM, INC.	\$147.30
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$1,566.25
100	NEBRASKA U C FUND	\$3,216.40
100	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$15.73
100	OPTIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY,LLC	\$900.00
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$15.50
100	PESTS GO	\$30.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$554.06
100	HAROLD PETERSON	\$1,863.87
100	LYNNE PFORTMILLER	\$92.00
100	PIZZA HUT	\$56.24
100	QWEST	\$2,128.10
100	QWEST	\$129.42
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$130.00

100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$148.05
100	REG I MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE	\$5,146.00
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$1,642.50
100	REGENCY LODGE	\$252.00
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$4,680.00
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$421.75
100	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$73.61
100	SANDI SCHIAFFO	\$596.94
100	DANA SEMROSKA	\$32.50
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-VETERANS	\$414.91
100	SHELL-EXTENSION OFFICE	\$253.11
100	SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES	\$48.48
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$9,517.71
100	SMITH,KING AND FREUDENBERG,PC	\$501.42
100	SOURCEGAS	\$38.14
100	ALYCIA TESCH	\$122.50
100	USDA,APHIS,WILDLIFE SERVICES	\$4,690.70
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$2,052.57
100	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$3,397.58
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$22.93
100	BOBBI WELLNTIZ	\$112.18
100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$49.60



100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$788.00
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$790.00
100	MICHELLE WHETHAM	\$11.58
200	AFLAC	\$174.20
200	ALLTEL	\$114.97
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$687.62
200	CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLIES, INC	\$119.80
200	CAT FINANCIAL SERVICES/12H GRADER	\$1,500.00
200	CAT FINANCIAL SERVICES/160H GRADER	\$2,170.18
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$103.34
200	COE ENGINEERING	\$1,456.00
200	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$992.07
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$83.50
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,261.93
200	WILLIAM GARTNER	\$250.00
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$404.03
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$24.00
200	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	\$8.40
200	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	\$277.85
200	J & J PARTS & SUPPLY	\$190.28
200		\$2,411.68

	JOHN DEERE CREDIT/772 MOTOR GRADER	
200	NACO	\$120.00
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$283.13
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$390.46
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$68.16
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$6,230.71
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$1,031.05
200	POWERPLAN	\$96.36
200	QWEST	\$91.95
200	QWEST	\$15.93
200	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$17.95
200	SHEEHAN MACK SALES & EQUIP, INC	\$344.62
200	SOURCEGAS	\$64.85
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$1,483.00
200	SWINNEY BRIDGE CONST	\$2,200.00
200	TOOF'S DIESEL REPAIR	\$2,676.13
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$71.65
200	WESTCO	\$22,798.78
200	WPCI	\$51.00
990	LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$324.00
990	NEBRASKA LIFE PUBLISHING, INC	\$2,600.00
990		\$600.00

	OUTDOORSMAN PRODUCTIONS LLC	
990	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$147.20
1500	BUNK HOUSE MOTEL	\$41.00
1700	LINCOLN REGIONAL CENTER	\$162.00
2500	STEVE RYAN	\$510.00
2525	DAWES COUNTY REGION ECON DEVEL FUND	\$4,639.15
2525	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$14,750.00
2910	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$22.14
2910	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$12.99
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$186.95
2910	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$674.92
2910	MILLENNIUM COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$2,769.80
2910	QWEST	\$1,001.60
2910	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$125.00
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$1,102.00
4010	FULLER CONSTRUCTION	\$100,900.80
5400	AFLAC	\$15.25
5400	ALLTEL	\$11.84
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$51.56
5400	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$49.04
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$273.22
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$42.26

5400	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$236.00
5400	QWEST	\$32.90
5400	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$198.45