

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA****November 14, 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 8:31 A.M. on the 14<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 and Megan Failla, Dawes County Deputy Attorney. 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 Blausey, seconded by Wess, amending the Agenda to include announcing a change in time for the November 28, 2007 Commissioner Meeting to 8:30 A.M. instead of 1:00 P.M. which will be advertised as such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the October 25, 2007 Commissioner meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess approving the minutes as published with no corrections. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey approving all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 8:50 A.M. Alan Curd, County Surveyor, met with the Board to discuss disposition of Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 23, Paddocks Addition in Crawford. Megan Failla informed the Board she had studied the statutes and reported the County can Quit Claim Deed the property in question to the City of Crawford. A motion was made by Commissioner Blausey, seconded by Wess directing Ms. Failla to draft a Quit Claim Deed transferring ownership to the City of Crawford. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. The County Surveyor will complete and file the replat of said lots. Janice German joined the meeting in progress and reported an incorrect legal surrounding the Bulk Plant had been published with the notice of public hearing. In doing title work she also discovered the Bulk Plant was acquired by two deeds. A corrected legal will be re-published with a notice of public hearing. Ms. Failla reported the deed can be set up selling all or part of the property in question. The County Surveyor will also replat the legal surrounding the Bulk Plant. Mr. Curd announced his resignation as County Surveyor effective January 01, 2008. Mr. Curd will submit his resignation in writing to the County Clerk and the Board will appoint a replacement to fulfill his term.

At 9:05 A.M. Lois Chizek, County Treasurer, met with the Board and presented the Distress Warrant Register totaling \$31,664.00 in taxes. To date \$2400.00 has been collected.

At 9:13 A.M. Galen Niehues met with the Board to discuss salary relevant to his new job responsibilities as Zoning/Floodplain Management Administrator. Also present were George Ledbetter and Stacy Swinney. This position pays \$5,000.00 per year. The \$5,000.00 will be divided by twelve months, divided again by two and that gross amount is what Mr. Niehues will be paid for the remaining seven months of this fiscal year which amounts to approximately \$2,916.69 total beginning December 01, 2007. Roads fuels were discussed. Mr. Niehues reported when he was hired he was told to get fuel for his weed vehicles at the Roads Shops and keep track of what he uses. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Blausey reported temperature affects measurements, and it was learned in the past when equipment was replaced, the new

equipment was assigned the same inventory/tag number the old equipment had thus affecting fuel usage/inventory. To rectify the problem all new equipment will be assigned a new inventory/tag number so fuel usage surrounding each piece of equipment can be accurately tracked. In addition, the only county departments authorized to obtain fuel at the road shops will be the Roads Department. A memo will be distributed to all county offices advising them of this change. Mr. Niehues will calculate what fuel he has obtained from the county shops to date and set up his own fuel account. Should it become necessary, a special budget hearing will be held to transfer funds to cover fuel costs. In other business a motion was made by Commissioner Blausey, seconded by Wess directing the Chairman to sign a Qwest request to replace damaged cable on Squaw Creek Road. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board then reviewed the 2006-2007 Highway Budget and Expenditure Report submitted by Clint Schaff. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey approving the report as presented and directing the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Stacy Swinney and George Ledbetter asked for copies of the report. Discussion ensued concerning the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Failla presented information relevant to the act itself. The Board asked Ms. Failla to draft a policy to be used by all county offices. Mr. Swinney asked about bridge inspections and indicated time was running out to get them done. A motion was made by Commissioner Blausey, seconded by Wess rejecting all bids received for bridge inspections. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Swinney asked if any disciplinary action has been taken relevant to roads personnel. Deputy County Attorney Megan Failla informed Mr. Swinney all personnel matters are handled in executive session and not public record. Mr. Swinney left the meeting in progress. Discussion ensued re: bridge inspections. Commissioner Blausey informed the Board Harvey Keim has volunteered to do the Bridge Inspections on county time with the use of a county vehicle. The Board asked Ms. Failla if this could be done and she indicated because this is a professional service it didn't need to be bid and if Mr. Keim was willing to provide this service free of charge at this time, it wasn't a problem. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess accepting Mr. Keim's offer to conduct the Bridge Inspections. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:50 A.M. Jarvis Wallage, Deputy Sheriff, informed the Board access to property located at 680 Saw Log Road will be denied to hunters thus leaving the only access available to the Forest Service land for hunting purposes through Railroad property. Kevin Hikkala, Nebraska Forest Service, informed the Board a letter dated 11-14-2006 was submitted by the Forest Service requesting this particular road remain open and access not denied as this is the only legal access to Forest Service land. Prescriptive use will need to be defined in order to determine if access can be denied. Megan Failla will study the issue and report back at the November 28, 2007 Board meeting. In other business Commissioner Wess informed the Board grants are available through Economic Development and USDA to assist in funding the elevator project. Discussion ensued. No decision was made. The Board received notice of a grant award for the Circle of Courage program. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey directing the Chairman to sign the grant award. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. A settlement re: 2000 Sierra GMC Weed Department Pickup was reviewed by the Board. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess accepting NIRMA's settlement proposal in the amount of \$11,623.38. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee reports of the County Clerk, County Treasurer, Clerk of District Court and Sheriff's Office. Correspondences received from NACo re: radon/energy grants will be discussed at a later meeting and a letter received from Region 23 Emergency Management re: Hazard Mitigation Plan was reviewed by the Board

At 12:40 P.M. there being no further business to address Commissioner Wess made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Blausey. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board will be November 28, 2007 beginning at 8:00 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 Monday 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

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November 14, 2007 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$468.76
100	ALLTEL	\$95.39
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,242.44
100	AT&T	\$52.64
100	AXIS CAPITAL INC	\$475.52
100	BEST WESTERN WEST HILLS INN	\$231.00
100	BLACK HILLS AMMUNITION	\$389.50
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$14,120.73
100	BOX BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF	\$420.00
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$310.77
100	C.H. BROWN CO	\$93.00
100	DICK CARSON	\$35.00
100	CENTRAL STATES TACTICAL	\$531.70
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$155.10
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$13.45
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$125.85
100	CHADRON PLUMBING	\$387.45
100	CHADRON WHOLESALE	\$94.99
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$380.48
100	CMRS-FP	\$500.00
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$18.19
100	SCOTT COTTON	\$219.49
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$331.00
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$20.70
100	CURTISS, MORAVEK, CURTISS, MARGHEIM&MI	\$192.50
100	KARL DAILEY	\$39.71
100	KARL J DAILEY, SHERIFF	\$2,975.00
100	DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	\$40.83

100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$854.00
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$4,284.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	MEGAN FAILLA, FAILLA LAW OFFICE	\$630.00
100	ARNIE FANKHAUSER	\$36.15
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$60.10
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$90.51
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$41.15
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$8,508.20
100	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$60.00
100	JAMIE GOFFENA	\$236.29
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$329.85
100	SHARON HARRISON	\$9.82
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$10.00
100	HOLIDAY INN	\$145.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	\$170.47
100	INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR	\$95.26
100	DIANNE JOHNSON	\$297.80
100	SUSAN LORE	\$166.90
100	MARRIOTT HOTELS & RESORTS	\$344.98
100	MIDTOWN HOLIDAY INN	\$516.44
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	\$1,434.85
100	MILLENNIUM COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$44.95
100	MIPS INC	\$1,646.49
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$50.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$848.07
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$976.05
100	NEBRASKA TECH & TELECOMM, INC.	\$202.74
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$811.65
100	NEVE'S UNIFORMS INC	\$25.95
100	NIRMA	\$7,000.00
100	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$8.56
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS, INC	\$371.20
100	PENGAD, INC	\$40.88
100	PESTS GO	\$30.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$186.17
100	HAROLD PETERSON	\$1,997.94
100	QUALITY TIRE	\$35.88
100	QWEST	\$50.60
100	RANGE BEEF COW SYMPOSIUM	\$105.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$223.66
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$521.20
100	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$49.85
100	RIXSTINE RECOGNITION	\$8.65
100	SANDI SCHIAFFO	\$156.98
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$38.00

100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$21.18
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$13.03
100	SHELL-EXTENSION OFFICE	\$598.95
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$1,352.16
100	SOURCEGAS	\$88.40
100	STANARD APPRAISAL SERVICES INC	\$10,750.00
100	TEE JAY'S CAMERA & PHOTO	\$21.98
100	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	\$5,000.00
100	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE	\$3,837.82
100	JARVIS WALLAGE	\$20.98
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$127.68
100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$10.21
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$162.00
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$1,085.00
100	MICHELLE WHETHAM	\$21.88
100	XEROX CORPORATION	\$106.49
200	AFLAC	\$172.25
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$608.18
200	ARMSTRONG EXTINGUISHER SERVICE INC	\$3.00
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$14.74
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,123.92
200	BUD'S RADIATOR, INC	\$93.00
200	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$60.74
200	CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	\$6,463.67
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$92.87
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$104.64
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$110.00
200	EXTEC USA, INC	\$8,510.45
200	FARM PLAN	\$277.31
200	RUSSELL FINNEMAN	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,968.47
200	FIRST NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$40.00
200	FRANK'S WELDING & REPAIR	\$70.00
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS, INC.	\$23.75
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$377.76
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$55.47
200	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	\$8.30
200	J & J PARTS & SUPPLY	\$23.65
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT	\$4,823.36
200	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$58.87
200	LINWELD	\$39.50
200	JOHN MISKIMINS MOTOR CO, INC	\$275.10
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$283.13
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$358.98
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$33.83

200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$69.16
200	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$633.93
200	PETERSEN DRUG	\$5.98
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$1,388.00
200	PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER, INC	\$12,505.53
200	POWERPLAN	\$1,753.99
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$28.00
200	QWEST	\$75.84
200	SECRETARY OF STATE, NOTARY DIVISION	\$30.00
200	SOURCEGAS	\$84.10
200	STERN OIL CO, INC	\$2,552.39
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$375.20
200	SUMMIT SIGNS & SUPPLY, INC	\$130.00
200	UNITECH	\$245.00
200	WESTCO	\$381.16
200	WHISLER BEARING CO	\$1,720.26
200	WPCI	\$73.00
1700	PANHANDLE HEALTH SERVICE CBO	\$160.00
1900	DAWES CO TREASURER/VETERANS AID	\$1,341.10
2525	DAWES COUNTY REGION ECON DEVEL FUND	\$4,209.64
2525	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$60,000.00
4000	REGIER CUSTOM DESIGN	\$1,231.00
4010	COE ENGINEERING	\$3,080.00
5400	AFLAC	\$34.85
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$46.74
5400	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$136.92
5400	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$64.27
5400	CITY OF CHADRON	\$37.94
5400	FARM PLAN	\$608.12
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$288.97
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$40.31
5400	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$80.91
5400	QUALITY TIRE	\$219.00
5400	SOURCEGAS	\$10.00
5400	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$397.92
5907	QWEST	\$497.32
5907	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$753.00

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