

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
January 05, 2016
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 9:00 A.M. on the 5th day of January, 2017 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stewart. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Also present were Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Lindy Coleman, Assessor; Chet Ansley and Gary Meredith. 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. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:04 A.M. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, reported permissive exemptions for 2015 and 2016 regarding Open Door Church didn't get approved. The Assessor indicated for the record the church should've been exempt. Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the 2015 and 2016 permissive exemption for Open Door Church. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. She also presented a permissive exemption application for Arch Cullars Post 138 (American Legion). She reported this is an empty lot and doesn't meet criteria for exemption. No action was taken by the Board until such time additional information is provided. Ms. Coleman presented tax correction #'s 5008-5009 for the Boards review and approval. Upon review thereof Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve tax correction #'s 5008-5009 and directed the Chairman to sign said corrections. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:10 A.M. Barbara Sebesta, Treasurer, approached the Board and presented a vehicle exemption application for NCAP on a 2017 Chevrolet Equinox. Upon review of the board, Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the application of NCAP on a 2017 Chevrolet Equinox. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:13 A.M. The next meeting will be held on February 14, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. A current Agenda to the Board of Equalization proceedings is kept on file in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours for inspection, but the Agenda will close by 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 09, 2017. 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.

Disclaimer: A complete text of all resolutions passed by the Board of Equalization is available upon request in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours.

ATTEST: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION**

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE
CHADRON, NEBRASKA
January 05, 2017**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:14 A.M. on the 5th day of January 2017, in the Dawes County Commissioner's room pursuant to public notice as required by law. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Also present were County Clerk, Cheryl Feist and Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the Agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The December 22, 2016 minutes were reviewed. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rivera, approving the minutes with the following correction to wit: delete wording also known as Old Highway 20. Roll call vote: Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion approving all claims as submitted by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Public Comment ensued with Mike Knuettel. Also present was Terri Foppe. Mr. Knuettel discussed the Deadhorse bridge replacement to take place in Section 16, Township 31, Range 49. Mr. Knuettel encouraged the Board to take measures to preserve the natural spring that flows under the bridge. He also pointed out the current bridge is crooked with the existing road and suggested the height of the bridge be raised to avoid washouts from the creek. He also informed the Board he is willing to work with them to get trees, etc. removed to allow more sun so the road dries out better. Commissioner Johnson reported NACo and Heartland Express have approached him for membership. Commissioner Stewart reported the City of Chadron has been in contact with him regarding a new sewer system going in on East Niobrara Avenue this spring and the city would like a letter of support from the Board. Commissioner Stewart will draft the letter of support. 2017 Board appointments commenced to wit: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rivera, nominating Jake Stewart as Chairman of Board for 2017 per Resolution No. 01-2017. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson and Rivera with Stewart abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Rivera, seconded by Stewart, nominating Webb Johnson as Vice Chairman of Board for 2017 per Resolution No. 02-2017. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart and Rivera with Johnson abstaining from the vote. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 04-2017 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, designating the legal publications for 2017. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Rivera introduced Resolution No. 05-2017 appointing Larry Hankin as the Highway Superintendent for 2017. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 06-2017 establishing the 911 surcharge rate at \$1.00 per line per month was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 9:49 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 9:55 A.M. Barbara Sebesta, Treasurer, joined the meeting in progress and shared investment information and letters of credit with the Board. Resolution No. 2017-03 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, designating depositories for the year 2017. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Copies of all Resolutions adopted are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Clerk.

At 10:00 A.M. Kristina Harter, Tourism Director, met with the Board. There aren't any new grants to be approved. Outstanding grants need W-9's before they can be paid. Lodging tax receipts are back to normal. The Farmer's Market was briefly discussed and it was suggested it be branched off an existing 501C. Insurance coverage for the Farmer's Market was also discussed.

At 10:15 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Road updates reported all districts are plowing snow and doing equipment maintenance. The crusher is still at Stumph's pit. The Deadhorse bridge project was discussed. Mr. Hankin reported True North Steel will be doing the superstructure/abutment designs. Soil tests also need done according to Hankin. A heavy equipment cost report was shared with the Board. Discussion ensued.

At 10:48 A.M. Dan Wordekemper, Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. Updates in the Weed Department included the following to wit: Fall training was attended; inspections are finished; paperwork for the Forest Service Grant is done; working on annual report; Mr. Wordekemper was appointed to a weed free forage committee that assists the State in establishing guidelines for weed control; Pride/NRD are hosting a cheat grass workshop at Chadron State College. Also discussed was the Weed Superintendent managing the mowing so weeds can be addressed earlier in the year making mowing easier. Mr. Wordekemper suggested the Board look at renting a mower to save money on maintenance costs, etc. He reported commercial mowing isn't available in our area. The Board directed him to proceed looking into mower rentals.

At 11:00 A.M. the interim VSO (Veteran Service Officer) was discussed. Also present was Alan Connell, former VSO, Gene Von Forell, and Darrell Marshall. Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund, indicated for the record the county needs to check with NPERS (Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System) regarding re-employment statutes before the Board can make any formal decisions on hiring Alan Connell back on a temporary

part-time basis until the position is filled. The County Clerk will contact NPERS. Darrell Marshall informed those present the medical claims process is complicated and Mr. Connell is the only person accredited to process these claims. Commissioner Stewart asked Mr. Connell about volunteering time on a short term basis, however; Mr. Connell indicated he would need compensated for his time. The Board will call a special meeting after the County Clerk has contacted NPERS regarding re-employment. The next order of business was the Highway 20 Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement. Upon review, Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Highway 20 Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement and directed the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Rivera seconded the motion. Roll was called, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Monthly fee/Mileage reports of the various departments were reviewed and approved by general consent of the Board. The 2016 Board appointments were reviewed by Board Members. Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Johnson, moved to retain the existing board appointments for 2017. Roll call vote, Ayes; Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reviewed the 2017 Holiday schedule. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Rivera, moved to grant ½ day on April 14, 2017 for Good Friday and ½ day on December 22, 2017 for Christmas Eve. All other Holidays will remain the same. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. A Holiday Schedule showing the dates they will be observed by the County will be shared with all departments.

At 11:45 A.M. There being no further business to come before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board will be January 24, 2017 in the former county courtroom. An Agenda to the Commissioners proceedings will be kept on file in the County Clerks office for inspection, but the Agenda will close on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at noon. The Agenda may be modified to include items of emergency nature. **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: _____
 Cheryl Feist
 Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 05, 2017 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	CAROL ABOLD	\$72.00
100	AFLAC	\$543.19
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	\$1,968.00
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$8,624.91
100	JUDY BERGFELD	\$132.00
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$27,465.09
100	CANDLEWOOD SUITES	\$279.90
100	CENTURYLINK	\$465.76
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$14.34
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$4.89
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$120.00
100	CHAMBERLAIN CHAPEL INC	\$2,595.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$31.13
100	CLERK OF DIST COURT ASSOCIATION	\$50.00
100	CLERK OF SUPREME COURT	\$250.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$159.75
100	CRAWFORD HANDI BUS	\$1,600.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	\$1,500.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	\$1,800.00
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$960.00
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$1,274.57
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$160.50
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$3,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$502.00
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00

100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$158.44
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14,478.56
100	LEAH GREMM	\$39.18
100	RUSSELL HACK	\$60.00
100	ARNOLD JOHNSON	\$60.00
100	DEB LESMEISTER	\$32.38
100	MAIL FINANCE	\$1,650.00
100	GERALD D MCCOY	\$24.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$637.50
100	FLORENCE MIKESELL	\$144.00
100	TIMOTHY MILNER	\$33.75
100	NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,491.99
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$8,250.00
100	XENILE NIXON	\$12.00
100	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$12.72
100	JAMES T O'ROURKE	\$6.66
100	HERB L PETERSEN	\$665.00
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$2.02
100	REG I MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE	\$17,203.00
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$3,600.00
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$11,196.50
100	PAULA RIGGS	\$24.00
100	SCOTTS BLUFF CO DETENTION CENTER	\$562.67
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY	\$6,388.29
100	DUIANE E SEEGRIST	\$36.00
100	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES	\$1,500.00
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$368.60
100	WALTER SPEIRS	\$84.00
100	JERRY STERLING	\$36.00
100	JUSTIN TOLLMAN	\$39.20
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$125.82
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$228.85
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$235.11
200	AFLAC	\$246.59
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,164.30
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,117.39
200	CANDLEWOOD SUITES	\$359.85
200	CENTURYLINK	\$189.55
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$105.65
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$3,708.89
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$53.50
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$656.48
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$50.00
200	RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$105.64
200	SELECT PARTS,INC	\$154.67

200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$1,385.00
200	STERN OIL CO,INC	\$820.42
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$97.87
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$36.24
990	AFLAC	\$15.47
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$58.04
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$96.53
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$173.63
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$29.44

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