CHADRON, NEBRASKA

January 19, 2011

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:04 A.M. on the 19th day of January 2011 in the Commissioner’s room and published pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Johnson. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk, Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney and Chris Fankhauser. 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the January 07, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the minutes with the following corrections to wit: Hankin, not Hankins and Dreuyer, not Dreyer. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving all claims as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondences received included: NIRMA-4th quarter loss report and Nebraska Total Office-estimate for a conference table. The Board reviewed both documents. It was noted for the record that Insurance premiums paid by the County are affected by the number of worksite injuries. The Board instructed the County Clerk to purchase an 8’ table instead of a conference table. Monthly fee reports were reviewed and approved by general consent of the Board.

At 9:30 A.M. Jay King, Custodian, met with the Board. He reported the District Courtroom is in need of maintenance and presented two estimates to restore the oak wood to its original state. The estimates received were: Jack Honerkamp-$14,150.00 and Regier Custom Design-$12,950.00. Discussion ensued. No action taken at this time. Mr. King reported several areas of the jail floor carpet are deteriorating and creating a safety hazard. Discussion ensued. Plastic floor mats will be purchased and the issue will be addressed again at budget time.

At 9:40 A.M. Public Comment ensued with Dave Coe. He reported two change orders will be forthcoming to address modifications to the existing window frames as the SHPO (State Historical Preservation Officer) wouldn’t accept transom installations and Quaker Windows doesn’t carry a larger sized window. The window trim on jam side hasn’t been stained or painted in years so this will also need to be addressed through a change order. Mr. Coe scheduled a time to meet with the Board to address the change orders. In other business the Board reviewed two petition requests by Crow Butte Resources to wit: Installation of water/electrical lines in Section 31, Township 29, Range 51 and installation of water/oxygen lines in Section 19, Township 31, Range 51. Jim Stokey joined the meeting and discussion ensued. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving both application permits, however; Crow Butte must wait until conditions are favorable, give notice before work begins and build a bypass road for public access during the project. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:55 A.M. Gary Fisher and Mark Haynes met with the Board. Mr. Fisher informed the Board that two sales show no irrigation, however; they are irrigated thus affecting grassland prices. Discussion ensued. Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund reported unless pivots are up and running it isn’t considered irrigated. Mr. Fisher also feels the Form 521 that’s submitted with all deeds isn’t comprehensive enough regarding sales information. The Board recessed at 10:13 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:18 A.M. At this time the Board met with all Roads Department Personnel to discuss recent survey results regarding the Roads Department. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Stewart, to reconvene to regular session at 10:20 A.M. to discuss personnel matters. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, to reconvene to regular session at 11:15 A.M. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken during executive session. Crew Chiefs were given a copy of the 2009 annual report and asked to review what’s been done and what hasn’t been done. Information received from Crew Chiefs and Crew Members will be
used in preparing the One and Six Year Road Plan. Several personnel policy changes will need to be addressed in the future as well. The County Clerk was instructed to run a request for proposals (RFP) to assist in preparing the One and Six Year Road Plan. All proposals will be due back in the Clerk’s Office by February 01, 2011 so the Board can review them at the February 02, 2011 Commissioner Meeting.

At 11:17 A.M. Joe Simmons, Chadron Native American Center Director, met with the Board. He asked the Board to sponsor a $5,500.00 grant authorized by the Legislature as LB 1002. The purpose of the grant is to identify concerns, priorities and culturally relevant practices in areas such as health promotion, justice, education and youth resources. Discussion ensued. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Stewart, to sponsor the grant in the amount of $5,500.00. The grant will be awarded in the 2011-2012 budget cycle.

At 11:30 A.M. Becky Paulsen, Weed Superintendent, Zoning and Floodplain Manager, met with the Board. She presented all Board Members with a copy of the amended Zoning Regulations, Comprehensive Plan, Board Member listing and Meeting dates. She asked the Board to review the Comprehensive Plan as it needs updated and the Zoning Board will be working on the updates. Ms. Paulsen reported she has received in money from grants and Dawes County. Commissioner Swinney went on record indicating he doesn’t agree with the Weed Department competing with commercial spraying jobs. It was noted for the record that the Weed Department was at one time a separate fund and grants supplemented the weed budget, however; the Weed Department is now a fund within the General Fund. This issue will be addressed during budget time. Ms. Paulsen asked the Board if it would be possible to budget the money paid to her by Dawes County for spraying weeds in her budget instead of the Roads budget. The Board will look into this during budget time. Ms. Paulsen presented the annual weed report for the Board’s approval. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the report and directing the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business Ms. Paulsen reported there are floodplain management amendments that need to be adopted by resolution. This will be addressed at the next Commissioner Meeting. In other business a motion was made by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the 2011 Juvenile Justice Grant in the amount of $8,222.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Grant money received will be used by the Boys and Girls Club to implement/support programs sponsored by the club.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners a motion to adjourn at 12:43 P.M. was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be February 02, 2011 beginning at 9:00 A.M with a Board of Equalization Meeting followed by the Commissioner Meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. Both meetings will be held in the Commissioners room at the Courthouse. A current agenda for both meetings is kept on file in the County Clerk’s office during normal business hours for inspection, but will close by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, January 28, 2011. The Agenda(s) 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: __________________________ DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk __________________________

January 19, 2011 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective Accounts: Key for Claims: 100=General Fund; 200=Roads Fund; 990=Visitors Fund; 1100=Reappraisal Fund; 1900=Veterans Aid Fund; 2360=Drug Fund; 2500=Grants Fund; 2700=Inheritance Fund; 1275=Health Claims Fund; 2910-911=Emergency (Communications); 2913=Wireless Communications; 4000=Courthouse Bond Payment Fund.
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