

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

July 16, 2009

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:01 A.M. on the 16th day of July, 2009 in the Commissioners Room and published pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Blausey. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk. 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 Johnson, seconded by Wess, approving the Agenda and adding discussion of Viaero Wireless invitation to Dawes County to participate in a grant for broadband services in Dawes County. Dawes County has until July 24, 2009 to respond. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the July 01, 2009. Minutes of the July 01, 2009 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wess, approving the minutes with the following correction to wit: The Board recessed to District 1 Shop for a demonstration on a new John Deere road grader, not to the Police Department as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Claim #09070136 in the amount of \$1500.00 to Norbert Liebig for expert witness fees was discussed at length. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, approving all claims with the exception of claim #09070136. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no one from the general public appearing for public comment, Commissioner Wess reported on a workshop he attended. The workshop was presented by Joslyn Institute re: community sustainability through technological, socio-cultural, economic, public policy and environmental life factors. The Clerk will place the information on file. Commissioner Wess also presented an offer by Viaero Wireless for the county to participate in a grant offering broadband services to the Citizens of Dawes County. He indicated tethering would be an option with broadband services. The deadline for the County to reply is July 24, 2009. Discussion ensued. A phone call was made by the Board to Micah Schwalb, Viaero Wireless. It was learned there would be no costs involved for the county, any equipment acquired through the grant would be maintenance by Viaero Wireless and the grant would not be run through the county. Kerri Rempp joined the meeting in progress. There was concern expressed by those present the county would be required to use Viaero Wireless if they agreed to participate. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, to provide support of Viaero's efforts in obtaining a grant request for broadband services and include a letter indicating there are current contracts in place at the county level which will be honored. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess and Johnson with Blausey voting Nay. Motion carried. Commissioner Wess also reported he visited with the City of Chadron re: web links surrounding the county website. The city indicated the web links provide a means for individuals to be linked to area Vendors which in turn stimulates the local economy. Discussion ensued. Motion by Wess to support web links connected to the county website. The motion died for lack of a second.

At 9:10 A.M. Lindy Coleman approached the Board to ask if there are any plans in place to replace existing courthouse windows as she has some that need repaired but won't spend money to repair them if the Board has plans to replace the windows in the near future. Commissioner Blausey indicated all windows in the courthouse need replaced but it will depend upon costs associated with the project.

At 9:15 A.M. Harvey Keim, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Mr. Keim presented the study he conducted on Barber Road and recommended the Board close that portion requested by the Honerkamps'. Dawes County Abstract and Title Co. will be contacted to perform the necessary title work. Once this has been completed a date will be set for public hearing and adjacent land owners notified of such by certified mail. He reported roads are open again and one culvert was reset on Squaw Mound Road. The crusher is temporarily down and blading continues on several roads. A fleet management plan is being worked on. John Axtell joined the meeting in progress. It was noted a complaint was received because a county road is too smooth and people are driving too fast on it. Stockade and Golf Course Roads were discussed.

At 9:41 A.M. Paul Wess, Public Defender and Vance Haug, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss office moves. Several options were discussed at length. Mr. Wess asked about 250 Main Street. Mr. Haug expressed concern with victims running into defendants if both offices were located in the basement of the courthouse. Commissioner Wess will measure square footage of areas being considered prior to any moves being made. A goal of moving by year-end was set.

At 10:14 A.M. Sheriff Karl Dailey met with the Board to discuss the 2009/2010 Sheriff and Jail operating budgets. Overtime in the Sheriff's budget was cut and the Board directed the Sheriff to start compensating employees with time off for any over-time acquired. Sheriff Dailey responded by saying over-time pay can't be cut because compensation can't be accomplished with two people. He went on to say he has fewer employees now than he did in 1987 and with today's requirements of Law Enforcement personnel he doesn't have enough employees to meet the demands. More discussion ensued. Fiscal responsibility was also discussed. The Sheriff indicated he would be using VIN (Vehicle Inspection Money) to purchase a cruiser. He explained by Statute the VIN money received is to be used to supplement the Sheriff's budget. Lease options were discussed. The Jail operating budget was reviewed. Over-time was again addressed. Sheriff Dailey told the Board he would watch jail over-times closely this fiscal year. A Jail Administrator position was discussed. Sheriff Dailey indicated he doesn't feel this would be a cost effective approach for the county and closure of the jail facility would cost the county more in the long run. Sheriff Dailey offered to move his offices to the basement of the Courthouse and offered his office to the County Attorney's Office. No action was taken.

At 11:15 A.M. Vicki Lawton, Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska, met with the Board. She presented information on the Host Home program which started in March of 2009. Information was also available on other programs offered through the Partnership. Funding for the Host Home program was discussed. The Board suggested Ms. Lawton visit with Sandy Roes to see if part of the funding received for the Boys and Girls Club could supplement existing funding for the Host Home program. Ms. Lawton indicated she was hesitant to do this because of the perception it creates. The Board told her to check back with them next year.

At 12:00 P.M. Becky Paulsen, Weed Superintendent, Zoning and Flood Plain Administrator, met with the Board. Also present was Cris Burke, Nebraska Department of

Agriculture. Ms. Paulsen presented the following updates to wit: **Zoning**-Job Corp has applied for a wind tower permit. Ms. Paulsen gave them a conditional use permit to fill out as wind tower regulations are still be implemented. Work continues with the Applegarth's on their trailer park and the trailer located south of town. **Floodplain Management**-Two applications were received. One for repairs to Cottonwood Creek Bridge and the other for repairs to the Whitney Spur Bridge. As Floodplain Manager it is Ms. Paulsen's responsibility to check floodplain maps, insure all remitted paperwork is in order, document the information and return to the Petitioner. **Weed Management**-County Roads are being sprayed. There are two pickups down so commercial work is on hold until such time they are up and running. Bids will be received through August 04, 2009 for a new pickup. Weed free forage fees were discussed at length but no action taken. Cris Burke introduced herself to the Board Members. She informed the Board that Becky is doing a good job with weed control, was glad to hear the Board approved a pickup purchase for the Weed Department as its needed and indicated spraying equipment currently being used is in bad shape. She reported other bio control measures are being looked at for weed control.

At 12:22 P.M. Lois Chizek, Treasurer, met with the Board. She presented the semi-annual report. This report gives information relevant to cash on hand, fund balances, etc. as of June 30, 2009. She reported Fifty-Seven point Ten Percent (57.10%) of taxes have been collected as of June 30, 2009. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court and the June Sheriff mileage report. Other correspondences reviewed at this time included the annual Jail inspection report and quarterly loss report for the quarter ending June 30, 2009. The loss report will be shared with the Safety Committee. Three resolutions were adopted by the Board to wit: Resolution No. 18-2009 introduced by Commissioner Wess and seconded by Johnson, closing the Handicapped Accessibility Fund. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 19-2009 introduced by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Wess, closing Institutions Fund and reestablishing it as a function in the General Fund. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 20-2009 introduced by Commissioner Wess and seconded by Johnson, closing the Relief Fund and reestablishing it as a function in the General Fund. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. All resolutions adopted by the Board are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Clerk's Office. The Board approved the appointment of Stacy Swinney to the Veterans Service Committee with the following motion: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Wess, appointing Stacy Swinney to the Veterans Service Committee for a term of five years. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. A surplus request from the Assessor's Office was reviewed. Motion by Wess, seconded by Johnson, approving the surplus request as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. A copy of the surplus items is attached to the request and will be placed on file.

At 1:00 P.M. There being no further business to address Commissioner Wess made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wess, Johnson and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board will be August 05, 2009 beginning at approximately 8:20 A.M. following the BOE meeting. The meeting(s) will be held in the Commissioner Room at the Courthouse. A current Agenda to both meetings 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 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

July 16, 2009 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective

Accounts:

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$411.02
100	ALLTEL	\$72.37
100	ALLTEL	\$201.64
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,449.63
100	ARNER AUCTION SERVICE	\$114.00
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$83.91
100	AT&T	\$50.79
100	BOX BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF	\$40.04
100	CHADRON WHOLESALE	\$184.10
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$406.96
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$186.66

100	CRITES, SHAFFER, CONNEALY, WATSON, HARF	\$150.00
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$15.25
100	CVSOAN TREASURER	\$75.00
100	KARL DAILEY	\$8.49
100	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$14,797.55
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$554.50
100	FLEET SERVICES/EXXONMOBIL	\$23.01
100	FARM PLAN/BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$117.42
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$29.66
100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$72.58
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$8,455.86
100	GI LOAN SHOP, INC	\$419.99
100	GLOBALSTAR	\$20.27
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$186.78
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS, INC.	\$35.50
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$12.00
100	MAXINE W HOLMES	\$150.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	\$225.97
100	JAY JENKINS	\$126.50
100	KOVARIK, ELLISON & MATHIS, P.C.	\$587.91

100	NORBERT LIEBIG	\$39.00
100	MANSFIELD ENTERPRISES	\$72.23
100	CJ MCCABE	\$94.43
100	JOHN A MELTON	\$136.00
100	MIDTOWN HOLIDAY INN	\$327.11
100	LORRAINE A MILES	\$150.00
100	MIPS INC	\$2,701.47
100	LORI MISKIMINS-CO CT CLERK MAGISTRA	\$19.23
100	NACO	\$180.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$331.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$84.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$838.03
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$1,875.59
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$377.03
100	NOTARY PUBLIC UNDERWRITERS	\$87.50
100	PANHANDLE PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTH	\$50.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$60.76
100	CHARLES PLANTZ	\$32.09
100	POSTMASTER	\$70.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$93.21

100	QWEST	\$486.59
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$473.50
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$159.61
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$40.58
100	SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF	\$110.64
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$179.99
100	SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$471.00
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$124.23
100	MICHELLE WHETHAM	\$25.55
100	JON WORTHMAN LAW OFFICE	\$252.53
100	XEROX CORPORATION	\$94.70
200	ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS	\$243.38
200	AFLAC	\$186.20
200	ALLTEL	\$110.14
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$683.42
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$10.48
200	CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLIES,INC	\$119.80
200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$720.00
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$100.34
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$112.65

200	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$1,363.31
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$92.50
200	FARM PLAN	\$654.44
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,795.44
200	FLOYD'S SALES & SERVICE, INC	\$305.26
200	GMC OF CHADRON	\$121.15
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HAUGEN REPAIR	\$240.25
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$60.81
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$46.86
200	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	\$350.00
200	HOURT'S BODY SHOP	\$118.64
200	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	\$128.00
200	J & J PARTS & SUPPLY	\$45.51
200	F HARVEY KEIM	\$78.91
200	LINWELD	\$44.45
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$163.75
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$368.94
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$261.30
200	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$329.00

200	PANHANDLE BOLT CO	\$35.32
200	POWERPLAN	\$379.77
200	QWEST	\$168.26
200	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$72.00
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$735.00
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$55.38
200	SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF NW NEBRASKA	\$29.10
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$628.89
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$13.42
200	WEST RIVER INTERNATIONAL INC	\$327.87
200	WESTCO	\$11,056.57
2910	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$22.13
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$186.95
2910	OFFICE DEPOT	\$69.65
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$64.00
5400	AFLAC	\$15.25
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$53.63
5400	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$172.87
5400	CITY OF CHADRON	\$33.63
5400	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$60.68

5400	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$13.00
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$525.95
5400	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$21.72
5400	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$35.00
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$101.59
5400	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$74.15
5400	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$124.95
5400	QUALITY TIRE	\$63.00
5400	QWEST	\$16.55

Disclaimer: A complete list of all employees & claims are available at the Dawes Co Clerk's Office.