

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

September 05, 2012

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 September, 2012 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. 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, Lindy Coleman, Assessor, Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney, Chris Fankhauser, KCSR, Rob Harvey and Tim Anderson. 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 Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the August 01, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Correspondence received from Tim Anderson and Rob Harvey re: tools used to set value on a recent purchase of several parcels. The letter was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Anderson asked why the value can't be corrected now. Mr. Harvey reported the parcel next to theirs is valued at \$44,000.00 which is much lower than theirs. The Assessor reported she used previous comparable sales in determining the value. At this time she is unable to make any corrections regarding 2012 values. The Assessor plans to review similar sales without city utilities and make adjustments if necessary in 2013. In the meantime, the Assessor has been asked to combine those parcels purchased by Mr. Anderson and Mr. Harvey. Adam Edmund took the correspondence and upon review will get back to Mr. Anderson and Mr. Harvey. Tax correction #'s 4641-4644 were presented for the Boards review and approval. Upon review of the tax corrections a motion was made by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, directing the Chairman to sign the tax corrections as presented by the Assessor. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:15 A.M. Gary Fisher met with the Board. Also present was Wayne Fisher and James O'Rourke. Mr. Fisher questioned why there isn't wasteland in Market Area 3. The Assessor indicated there is wasteland in Market Area 3 per Reports and Opinions, soil type and levels. She also reported the State sets the classification tables, not the County. Mr. Fisher expressed concern with landowners losing ground due to road requirements and suggested a survey be done. He also feels the current GIS system utilized by the Assessor isn't accurate.

At 9:30 A.M. Barbara Sebesta, Dawes County Treasurer, presented one (1) vehicle exemption renewal on NW Community Action for the Boards review and approval. Upon review a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the vehicle exemption renewal. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Scott Cotton, Extension Office joined the meeting in progress.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:37 A.M. The next Dawes County Board of Equalization will be October 03, 2012 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 3:00 P.M. on Friday, September 28, 2012. 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.

ATTEST: _____

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Cheryl Feist

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CHADRON, NEBRASKA

September 05, 2012

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:38 A.M. on the 5th day of September, 2012 in the Commissioner 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, Chris Fankhauser, KCSR and Scott Cotton, Extension Office. 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 Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the August 16, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the minutes with the following correction to wit: add the word "that" to district issue \$590,000.00 in Series 2012 refunding bonds. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kerri Rempp, the Chadron Record joined the meeting in progress. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving all claims as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board recessed at 9:58 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:08 A.M. Public comment ensued with Commissioner Stewart reporting he has been in contact with Dawn Bilby who told him there are several citizens concerned with the condition of Slim Buttes and Beaver Valley Roads. The Board is aware that county roads are in rough shape but until such time there is sufficient moisture the Roads Department is unable to improve current conditions. Commissioner Swinney reported efforts are being made to combine forces with Sioux and Sheridan counties to develop a long term recovery plan from recent fires. Commissioner Swinney added the Governor is willing to sit down with the committee to discuss recovery issues.

At 10:15 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. For NEMA purposes, a motion was made by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, appointing Larry Hankin as the authorized representative for Dawes County for any declared disaster. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Hankin reported preliminary figures show his crews put in 777.5 man hours, and 481 equipment hours during the Region 23 Complex Fires. Deadhorse and West Ash Creek roads are closed due to road damage. He hopes to have crews working on these roads sometime next week. Mr. Hankin presented Board Members with a job description for Sign Technician. Commissioner Stewart reported the Roads Department needs to invest in backup generator with a welder attachment to use when electricity goes out so crews can access fuel supplies during fires.

At 10:30 A.M. Pat Deaver, Interim Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. Although no applications were received for the temporary/seasonal weed technician position, it will remain open until filled. In other business the Board reviewed a request from the Veterans Service Committee to appoint Darrell Marshall to the committee. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Stewart, appointing Darrell Marshall to the Veterans Service Committee. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Marshall will replace outgoing Board Member Don Huls. Correspondences included a letter from the Dawes County Fairboard thanking the Roads Department for watering the Fairgrounds; Department of Economic Development re: Departments plan to revise policy surrounding ED Loan Funds. A revised policy is due out the end of October 2012; Scottsbluff County Detention Center re: notice of fee increase to \$190.00

per day and NIRMA re: quarterly loss report for the period ending August 31, 2012. The report will be forwarded onto the Safety Committee for review. The Board also reviewed the July 2012 VIN Inspection report submitted by the Sheriff's Department.

At 10:43 A.M. Lindy Coleman, Zoning and Floodplain Administrator, met with the Board. Two conditional use permit applications were presented for the Boards review and approval to wit: Marc Stevens-install a residential wind turbine at 6117 Highway 20 and a Viearo Tower installation at 15938 Highway 385. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Swinney, approving the conditional use permit application of Marc Stevens. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, approving the conditional use permit application of Viearo. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Coleman informed the Board that 398 parcels were affected by the Region 23 Complex Fires according to her GIS program. These parcels will be addressed when 2013 valuations are determined. The Board recessed at 11:00 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 11:29 A.M.

At 11:30 A.M. The Chairman of the Board declared the Public Hearing open re: 2012/2013 County budget. Also present was Bruce Dye, Sheriff Karl Dailey, Kerri Rempp, Scott Cotton, Myron Riggs, Alan Soester, Gary D. Fisher, Assessor Lindy Coleman and Thorpe Thompson. The Chairman reported the tax dollar asking is the same as fiscal year 2011/2012 and the levy will be up slightly due to loss of eleven million dollars in value. Additionally, due to possible reimbursement of County costs relevant to Region 23 Complex Fires a revenue/expenditure line item will be added in the Roads Department. Alan Soester informed the Board that with the recent fires land values will be down so they need to keep this in mind next year. Bruce Dye agreed with Mr. Soester and posed several questions to the Board regarding the proposed 2012/2013 budget. He wanted an explanation for the huge increase in the General Fund. Commissioner Johnson explained the process involved in budget preparation and how each line item from the various budgets presented are reviewed by the Board and the Official of that department. He also explained that transfers have an effect on the budget. Mr. Dye feels there is faulty accounting in the budget process. He also expressed concern with health insurance increases and indicated the County needs to look at doing something different. He also expressed concern with the Board awarding bids to companies that do not pay personal property taxes in Dawes County. Commissioner Swinney shared with Mr. Dye that figures from the prior budget year indicate the County actually only spent 69% of what had been budgeted. The Board explained the need to have additional funding available in the budget to offset any unexpected expenditures. Kerri Rempp indicated a good example of this was the unexpected costs associated with the Hotz trial three years ago. Deputy County Attorney, Adam Edmund, explained that the State requires every dollar to be accounted for in the budget, both coming in and going out, even if the Commissioners aren't sure they will need the money. Gary Fisher and Thorpe Thompson expressed concern with costs associated in keeping the Weed Department. Both feel the County could save a lot of money by doing away with the department and hiring a private sprayer. Mr. Thompson indicated that weeds in the County have been neglected for years anyway. Other suggestions included buying surplus from other states. The Chairman declared the hearing closed at 12:56 P.M. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to increase the restricted fund revenues by 1%. Commissioner Swinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to setting the county levy at .382204 for 2012/2013 which is different than the 2011-2012 levy of .376193. Commissioner Swinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2012-15 was introduced by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart, authorizing the various departments to expend amounts appropriated to them for fiscal year 2012/2013. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Swinney and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2012-16 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Swinney, authorizing the Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Roads Department as needed not to exceed \$600,000.00 for the fiscal year 2012/2013. Roll call vote, Ayes: Swinney, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2012-17 was introduced by Commissioner Swinney, seconded by Stewart authorizing the Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Road Construction Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00; General Fund to the Reappraisal Fund in the amount of \$17,500.00 and General Fund to the Veteran's Aid Fund in the amount of \$3,000.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Swinney. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board took no action on the Bardon reinsurance policy due to incorrect figures in the policy.

There being no further business before the Dawes County Board of Commissioners the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M. The next meeting will be September 19, 2012 beginning at 9:00 A. M. The meeting will be held

in the Commissioners room at the Courthouse. A current agenda for the meeting 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, September 14, 2012. 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 _____

September 05, 2012 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.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	ABSALON FOOD CENTER	\$2,081.60
100	AFLAC	\$490.12
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$6,879.46
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$37.97
100	AS CENTRAL SERVICES	\$210.50
100	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$259.23
100	MARK BETSON	\$22.96
100	BIG BAT'S SHELL	\$358.07
100	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO	\$127.34
100	CENTURYLINK	\$1,071.38
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-ASSESSOR	\$16.84
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CLERK	\$13.19
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CO ATTORNEY	\$14.18

100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COMMISSIONERS	\$5.82
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-COUNTY COURT	\$17.68
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-CUSTODIAN	\$5.98
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DISTRICT CT	\$18.99
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-E 911	\$3.10
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-PUBLIC DEFEND	\$25.66
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-SHERIFF	\$31.69
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-TREASURER	\$17.53
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-VETERANS	\$24.10
100	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-WEED	\$2.89
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$89.58
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$40.00
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$90.00
100	CHADRON LUMBER COMPANY INC	\$33.98
100	CHEAPER THAN DIRT	\$162.07
100	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$236.27
100	CLERK OF SUPREME COURT	\$125.00
100	COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL	\$579.90
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	\$259.00
100	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$21,808.52
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$52.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$449.00
100	DELL MARKETING LP	\$257.98

100	FIRST BANKCARD	\$16.06
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$10,865.14
100	FIRST WIRELESS,INC	\$89.00
100	GALLS	\$321.78
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS,INC	\$87.50
100	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$36.74
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$56.85
100	HORNADY ATTN KATHY MCHALE LAW ENF	\$1,189.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$174.26
100	JOHN CRILE-24 HOUR LOCKSMITHING	\$142.50
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-BUILDING	\$127.71
100	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-WEED	\$41.47
100	JAY KING	\$16.00
100	DON MANDELKO	\$11.37
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$446.25
100	MANSFIELD ENTERPRISES	\$110.00
100	MELTON,JEANIE	\$150.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$90.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,232.67
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE/LEVY	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$124.02
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ASSESSOR	\$182.01
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CLERK	\$922.14

100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/PUBLIC DEFEND	\$185.34
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/SHERIFF	\$104.95
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/TREASURER	\$7.11
100	NORM'S NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$66.53
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$54.75
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$82.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$23.59
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$144.67
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$3,148.20
100	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$61.05
100	SHARON RICKENBACH	\$8.86
100	RUSS SEGER	\$90.00
100	SMITH,KING AND SIMMONS,PC	\$50.00
100	HARRIS W SNYDER	\$100.00
100	SOURCEGAS	\$239.80
100	STANARD APPRAISAL SERVICES INC	\$690.00
100	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$6.27
100	SCOTT M SWICKARD	\$84.01
100	TDH HOUSING/MARIA WHEELER GROVES	\$150.00
100	THORPE THOMPSON	\$19.21
100	ROSALENE B TOLLMAN	\$52.09
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$94.85
100	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$79.41

100	VIAERO WIRELESS-SHERIFF	\$204.13
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$167.94
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$274.88
100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$90.00
100	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	\$872.50
100	WESTERN NEBRASKA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$375.00
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$3,010.00
100	KENNETH S WINNER JR	\$24.28
100	WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC/SHERIFF/BOSELMA	\$3,242.52
100	WRIGHT EXPRESS FSC/SHERIFF/EXXON	\$417.96
200	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$107.50
200	AFLAC	\$197.33
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$739.03
200	ATCO INTERNATIONAL	\$126.25
200	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$1,232.68
200	BIGHORN AUTO SUPPLY	\$141.14
200	BLUE GAVEL PRESS	\$128.85
200	CENTURYLINK	\$205.00
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #2 ROADS	\$2.89
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST #3 ROADS	\$3.08
200	CENTURYLINK LONG DIST-DIST 1 ROADS	\$11.98
200	NATHAN DAVIS	\$235.00
200	DAWES CO TREASURER/FUND 1275	\$2,014.67

200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	DELUXE RADIATOR	\$361.88
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,931.98
200	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS,INC	\$58.75
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$10,202.21
200	HUGHBANKS FARMS, INC.	\$472.50
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$143.53
200	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES,INC	\$98.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$380.31
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$873.04
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$61.91
200	SOURCEGAS	\$518.35
200	STATE OF NE DEPT OF NATRL RESOURCES	\$50.00
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$74.82
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$1,813.19
200	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$19.93
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$4,407.61
990	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$2,250.00
990	LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$2,430.00
990	NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	\$200.00
990	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/VISITOR PROMO	\$525.30
990	ROBERT SHARP & ASSOCIATES	\$942.52
990	WESTERN NE TOURISM COALITION	\$2,057.71

1275	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$34,632.00
2910	CENTURYLINK	\$416.19
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$114.87
2910	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$134.98
2910	OFFICE DEPOT	\$81.43
2910	XEROX CORPORATION	\$701.02
2913	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$93.98