

CHADRON, NEBRASKA**January 02, 2008****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 8:08 A.M. on the 2nd day of January 2008, in the Dawes County Commissioner room pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. 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. 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 Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the December 05, 2007 BOE meeting were reviewed. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey, approving the minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Megan Failla, Deputy Co. Attorney and Cheryl Dunn, Deputy Assessor, joined the meeting in progress. Lois Chizek, Treasurer, approached the Board re: waiver of bankruptcy interest and learned it is still being studied by the Deputy County Attorney. Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Blausey, tabling any decision until such time the Deputy County Attorney can study the issue and report back. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Partial payment contracts were discussed but no action taken. At 8:25 A.M. Cheryl Dunn presented the following tax corrections to wit: #4273 re: accelerated mobile home taxes; #4274 re: accelerated mobile home taxes; #4275 re: parcel correction to proper taxing district (listed incorrectly since 2005); #4276 re: parcel correction to proper taxing district (listed incorrectly since 2006); #4277 & #4278 re: parcels incorrectly listed as exempt from taxes; #4279 re: homestead application approval and #4280 re: homestead application denied by State. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the corrections. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization a motion to adjourn at 8:33 A.M. was made by Commissioner Blausey, seconded by Wess. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. A current Agenda to the Board of Equalization 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 Board of Equalization are open to the public.

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Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION**

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

January 02, 2008

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:35 A.M. on the 2nd day of January 2008, 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' Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Also present were County Clerk, Cheryl Feist and Megan Failla, Deputy County Attorney. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving the Agenda but deleting the Pledge of Allegiance as it was recited by those present during the Board of Equalization Meeting held earlier. Roll call vote: Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. Carol Connell, Custodian, joined the meeting in progress and asked to meet with the Board earlier than her scheduled 11:15 A.M. appointment to discuss the Highway Superintendent's Office. Discussion ensued. The Highway Superintendent Office will be located at 250 Main Street with some office furniture coming from the existing Superintendent of Rural Schools office. Ms. Connell will visit with Eunice Mandelko concerning the furniture. The December 19, 2007 minutes were reviewed. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving the minutes as published. Roll call vote: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion approving all claims as submitted by Commissioner Blausey, seconded by Wess. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. 2008 Board appointments commenced to wit: Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, nominating Don Blausey as Chairman of Board for 2008 per Resolution No. 01-2008. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Fisher, nominating Roger Wess as Vice Chairman of Board for 2008. Motion by Wess nominating Fisher as Vice Chairman of Board for 2008 but died for a lack of a second. Roger Wess was elected per Resolution No. 02-2008 as Vice Chairman. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 03-2008 was adopted declaring banking institutions for 2008 and Resolution No. 04-2008 was adopted declaring legal publications for 2008. Copies of all Resolutions adopted are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Clerk. The following Board appointments were made for 2008. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Blausey, retaining Roger Wess on the on Airport Zoning Board. Roll call vote: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Fisher, retaining Roger Wess on Panhandle Mental Health Board. Roll call vote: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey, retaining Gary Fisher on the Area Aging Board. Roll call vote: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Blausey, appointing Roger Wess to the R.S.V.P. Board. Roll call vote: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, retaining Gary Fisher on Crawford Sr. Center Board. Roll call vote: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, appointing Don Blausey to the NW Community Action Board. Roll call vote: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, retaining Gary Fisher on Dawes County Tourism Board. Roll call vote: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Blausey, retaining Roger Wess on the OHD Board. Roll call vote: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, retaining Gary Fisher on RC&D Board. Roll call vote: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, retaining Don Blausey on Region 23 Board. Roll call vote: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, retaining Don

Blausey on NE. NW Development Board. Roll call vote: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, retaining Don Blausey on SWANN Board. Roll call vote: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Fisher, retaining Roger Wess on the ADA Board. Roll call vote: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, retaining Don Blausey on the Juvenile Hold Over Regional Board. Roll call vote: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Fisher, retaining Roger Wess on the NE. Community Health Board. Roll call vote: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey, retaining Gary Fisher on the PADD Board. Roll call vote: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. The County Clerk will notify all individuals concerned of 2008 Board appointments. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee reports of the County Treasurer and Sheriff's Department. The 2007 Highway Superintendent Certification was reviewed. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, directing the Chairman to sign the certification. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Deb Lesmeister, Deputy Clerk, joined the meeting in progress. Two Commissioner meeting dates in 2008 were changed due to other commitments of the Board. The Media and County Offices will be notified. Correspondences received from the NE. Natl. Forest re: public comment on the proposed travel management rule implementation on Natl. Forest Service land and notice of intended completion of the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) re: black-tailed prairie dogs on Natl. Forest lands were reviewed. No action was taken on either correspondence. Expenditure reports re: County Offices were distributed to the Board Members for review at their convenience. The County Clerk reported the energy audit to date indicated the only savings available at this time would be to disconnect the electricity running to the electrical pole used by Fur Trade Days, however; there would be a reconnect fee later. No action was taken. Walt Winston joined meeting in progress.

At 9:30 A.M. Steve Crile, Chief Deputy Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss claims relevant to Jail Repairs. He informed the Board a portion of the claim totals will be paid by an inmate as part of restitution, with the remainder to be paid out of the Sheriff's budget. The Board thanked Mr. Crile for the information presented.

At 9:45 A.M. Discussion ensued re: County Roads Policy surrounding private citizen's driveways. Present were Harvey Keim, Highway Superintendent, Russ Finneman, Foreman, and Christi Marsh, Roads Secretary. The Board indicated County Roads will take precedence over private citizen's driveways. The County currently does some private driveways but prior arrangements have been agreed upon between both parties. A policy addressing the issue will be developed and implemented at a later date. Motion to enter executive session at 9:55 A.M. to discuss personnel matters was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Fisher. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion to reconvene to regular session at 10:50 A.M. by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Fisher. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken. Discussion ensued re: salaries of a Road Foreman and Crew Chiefs. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, setting salary of the Road Foreman to be hired at \$2197.16 per month and Crew Chiefs when selected from amongst Road Department Personnel, at \$2046.88 per month. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Road Foreman salary will become effective February 01, 2008 with Crew Chief salaries becoming effective upon appointment. The Road Foreman position will be advertised with applications being accepted until January 15, 2008 at 4:30 P.M. Interviews will be conducted following the Commissioner Meeting scheduled on January 16, 2008. Harvey Keim will attend all meetings of the Board of Commissioners and present updates to the Board as to the activities of the Roads Department. George Ledbetter joined meeting in progress.

At 11:10 A.M. Janice German, DCAT, met with the Board to discuss research conducted on Horseshoe Road #152. It was learned the Road in question re: open/vacated status which runs through Steinke's place with access to Forest Service Land was Horseshoe Road and not Sawlog Road as originally discussed. No action was taken. More research will be conducted. The Bulk Plant will be relinquished by a Quit Claim Deed to the successful bidder.

At 11:47 A.M. Nan Thornton, Region 23 Emergency Management, met with the Board requesting the Board sign a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) relevant to new procedures required in disbursement of Homeland Security Grant money. She indicated regions, not individual counties, will receive future funding. Committee's must be formed in each region to decide how the money will be dispersed. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the MOU. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 12:00 P.M. The Board discussed an appointment to fulfill the term of Alan Curd, County Surveyor, who resigned his office effective December 31, 2007. A notice of intent to appoint someone to this office was run in the Chadron Record and Crawford Clipper. The only response received was from Philip Curd who presented a letter of interest and proof of a Surveyors certificate. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Fisher, appointing Philip R. Curd as Dawes County Surveyor to fulfill the unexpired term of Alan M. Curd. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business conducted by the Board discussion ensued re: reproduction cost coverage vs. replacement cost coverage being offered by NIRMA. The county currently has replacement cost coverage. Due to cost and time involved in pursuing reproduction cost coverage the Board declined coverage at this time. Commissioner Wess updated the Board on an insurance study being conducted. A meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's room at the Courthouse. At this time several agencies have been invited to present insurance proposals to the committee for consideration. The County Clerk reported the Extension Office is requesting a credit card for fuel purchases. The Board discussed the matter and informed the County Clerk to assist Scott Cotton from the Extension Office in acquiring a card. No one else from the office will be issued a card.

At 12:50 P.M. There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Fisher. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board will be January 16, 2008 in the Commissioners room. An Agenda to the Commissioners proceedings will be kept on file in the County Clerks office for inspection, but the Agenda will close on the Monday before the Board meeting on Wednesday. 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: _____

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk

January 02, 2008 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$468.76
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,378.34
100	AXIS CAPITAL INC	\$475.52
100	BEAR GRAPHICS, INC	\$466.91
100	BEST WESTERN WEST HILLS INN	\$62.65
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$14,469.89
100	LOIS J CHIZEK	\$5.50

100	COMMSOURCE, INC	\$23.18
100	SCOTT COTTON	\$216.26
100	KARL DAILEY	\$63.50
100	KARL J DAILEY, SHERIFF	\$2,289.00
100	DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	\$45.83
100	DAWES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	\$271.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$854.00
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$3,145.39
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	ETS DEVELOPMENT GROUP	\$914.81
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$8,246.63
100	FLEET SERVICES/SHERIFF	\$317.11
100	RUSSELL HACK	\$60.00
100	ARNOLD JOHNSON	\$60.00
100	DANIEL R JOHNSON, DDS	\$155.00
100	EUNICE MANDELKO	\$420.00
100	MATTHEW BENDER & CO, INC	\$89.85
100	GERALD D MCCOY	\$24.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	\$223.88
100	FLORENCE MIKESELL	\$144.00
100	MELVIN C MILLER	\$48.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$50.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$728.53
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$21.52
100	NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION	\$320.00
100	NEBRASKA TECH & TELECOMM, INC.	\$277.99
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$331.16
100	XENILE NIXON	\$12.00
100	QWEST	\$15.79
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$469.00
100	PAULA RIGGS	\$24.00
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-VETERANS	\$145.95
100	WALTER SPEIRS	\$84.00
100	TEE JAY'S CAMERA & PHOTO	\$5.85
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$363.28
100	EILEEN WRAGE	\$18.36
100	CHARLES YOUNG	\$24.00
200	AFLAC	\$172.25
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$654.01
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,073.24

200	DALE'S TIRE AND RETREADING, INC	\$1,620.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$110.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,993.82
200	WILLIAM GARTNER	\$2.50
200	GMC OF CHADRON	\$529.82
200	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	\$91.16
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$88.62
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$76.58
200	METAL PRODUCTS COMPANY	\$83.00
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$283.13
200	NE DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$33.00
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$335.78
200	NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO	\$5,771.65
200	ROBERT PICKERING	\$53.00
200	SOURCEGAS	\$359.09
200	WEST 2ND WESTERN AUTO	\$140.01
5400	AFLAC	\$34.85
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$56.12
5400	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$136.92
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$116.70
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$14.63
5400	NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	\$171.00
5907	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$399.99
5907	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$148.00

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