

CHADRON, NEBRASKA**March 05, 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 8:07 A.M. on the 5th day of March 2008, in the Dawes County Commissioner's Room pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Blausey. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Lindy Coleman, Assessor. 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 located in the Commissioners room. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the February 05, 2008 BOE meeting were reviewed. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, approving the minutes as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 8:11 A.M. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction #'s 4284-4306 for the Boards review and approval. Upon review a motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Fisher, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign the corrections. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization a motion to adjourn at 8:20 A.M. was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Wess. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. 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 Friday 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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DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF

Cheryl Feist
EQUALIZATION

Dawes County Clerk

CHADRON, NEBRASKA

March 05, 2008

DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:23 A.M. on the 5th day of March, 2008, in the Dawes County Commissioners Room 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, Fisher and Wess. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Chris Fankhauser, KCSR Radio. 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 Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving the Agenda as submitted noting that the appointment of Clint Schaff, M.C. Schaff & Associates, at 11:00 A.M. was cancelled. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the February 20, 2008 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving the minutes with the following correction(s) to wit: Resolution No. 05-2008 programming the paving project of Slim Butte Road was adopted by the Board. **(insert period, delete word and)** The armor coating project on Airport Road will be contracted to include chips being hauled. At 10:03 A.M. the Chairman of the Board declared the public hearing **open. (add word open)** Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, directing future Institutions Fund claims to be paid out of the Inheritance Fund with tracking of expenditures for budgeting purposes. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving all claims as submitted noting which fund(s) payment would be made from re: claim #08030101. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. There was no County Attorney updates as Megan Failla was absent from the meeting. Tony Johnson joined the meeting in progress.

At 8:30 A.M. Harvey Keim, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Updates included information re: fuel contracts; notice Dawes County was awarded the Safe Mine Achievement Award in 2006 by MSHA; the current BISON bridge program is changing to a nationwide bridge inspection program called PONTIS. Bridge caps were discussed; January 31, 2008 a sign audit was conducted with a new program being implemented which will track repairs, replacements, new signs installed etc. It was noted road signs continue to be damaged, stolen, etc. The Board discussed the possibility of changing road names to numbers in the future to save the county money. A 2006 county road accident report was shared with the Board and information was shared re: a rural safety initiative program grant. Mr. Keim will obtain additional information on the grant and report back. Mr. Keim reported five hydraulic studies have been completed re: two bridges on Egan Road; one bridge on Bethel Road; one bridge on Lemmon Road and one bridge on Country Club Road. He is still waiting on a study to be completed re: Deadhorse Road bridge. In all studies completed to date, culverts have been recommended instead of bridge replacements to save the county money. Commissioner Wess asked how the transition from three roads departments to one department is going. Mr. Keim indicated everyone is working together and it's coming together. Kerri Rempp joined the meeting in progress 9:12 A.M.

At 9:14 A.M. Steve Cleveland, First National Bank of Chadron, met with the Board to discuss financial options available to the County re: elevator project. He reported the maximum bond payment amount municipalities can make per fiscal year is \$150,000.00. Currently the County is paying approximately \$70,000.00 per fiscal year on the HVAC project completed in 2003. Mr. Cleveland suggested bonding the elevator project and indicated First National Bank of Chadron would be interested in covering any gaps if the County can borrow short-term through

credit. In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee reports of the County Clerk, County Treasurer, Clerk of District Court and Sheriff's Department. A claim has been remitted to the State for Board of Prisoner reimbursement. Correspondences received and noted by the Board included: letter from Lois McCoy re: Master Gardener program, NIRMA re: grant information which has been shared with the Sheriff's Department and Safety Committee, elevator project addendum, and SWANN Board of Directors meeting minutes. The Dawes County website was discussed. It was learned a Panhandle website grant will possibly be looked into. Commissioner Wess reported the current website needs updated. He suggested paying an Intern to redesign the website who would work approximately ten hours per week at a rate of pay to be established. He also recommended the Intern remain on-site until such time all offices learn to properly navigate the new website and make updates to the site on their own. The website redesign will be considered during budgeting for fiscal year 2008-2009.

At 10:01 A.M. the Chairman of the Board declared the public hearing open re: S. Wayside Road. Present were: Loyd Thompsen, Kevin & Lori Lotton, Eugene & Carolyn Stewart, Calvin Dodd, Bart Stewart, Mike & Celeste Schuhmacher, Jason Stewart, Rick Stewart, John Perrine and Howard Felz. A letter was received from Clifford Bergfield opposing closure of said road and Carl H. Buerger, Jr. in favor of closing said road. The following public comments were recorded to record: Gene Stewart: opposed closure as access to his land would be compromised and later indicated water isn't an issue. In addition, the Fire Department has better access to land fires with the road open and reported Mr. Thompsen took out fences. Rick Stewart: opposes closure and indicated road needs improvements. Mike Schuhmacher: opposes closure. John Perrine: opposes closure and noted road needs improvements. Kevin Lotton: opposes closure and road needs maintenance. Bart Stewart: opposes closure and noted road needs improvements. Tuffy Snook: opposes closure and indicated the road needs improvements. Kalvin Dodd: leases ground in the area, opposes closure. Howard Felz: uses the road, opposes closure. It was general consensus of individuals present that closure of road would make it necessary to use an alternative route to Crawford. Loyd Thompsen replied by saying the alternate route individuals are referring too has the same amount of miles. He went on to say the road needs culverts, there are no ditches, no waterway, auto gates are falling in and individuals are using his pasture when they get stuck. Mr. Thompsen presented pictures of the road in question. Commissioner Blausey indicated a common concern he was hearing is maintenance of S. Wayside Road. Mr. Lotton asked what the chances are in getting the road maintained. Commissioner Blausey indicated this issue would need to be addressed with the Highway Superintendent should the road remain open. Carolyn Stewart reported she travels the road a lot. A gate was put across the Road and caused an accident. Celeste Schuhmacher asked if landowners have the right to take down fences. Commissioner Blausey indicated taking fences down is a chance landowners take by doing so but the County won't install auto gates when fences are removed. Mrs. Schuhmacher reported by using an alternate route brand inspection factors into the picture. In addition, if N. Wayside were closed by South Dakota another problem arises. Mr. Thompsen indicated graveling N. Wayside would be beneficial and Fall River County would be willing to work with Dawes County to accomplish the project. There being no further comment from the public the Chairman of the Board declared the public hearing closed at 10:40 A.M. Commissioner Blausey informed those present a final decision regarding S. Wayside Road would be made at the March 19, 2008 Commissioner meeting. Commissioner Blausey thanked everyone attending the public hearing for their comments. Harvey Keim rejoined the meeting in progress. Discussion ensued amongst the Board and Mr. Keim re: S. Wayside Road. No decisions were made. Chris Fankhauser left the meeting at 10:45 A.M. Kerri Rempp left the meeting at 10:51 A.M.

At 11:10 A.M. there being no further business to address Commissioner Wess made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Roll call vote: Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board will be March 19, 2008 beginning at 8:00 A.M. A current Agenda to the Commissioners 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 Friday preceding the Board meeting(s) 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.**

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COMMISSIONERS

DAWES COUNTY

Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk

March 05, 2008 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$469.90
100	ALLTEL	\$244.07
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,585.45
100	AXIS CAPITAL INC	\$475.52
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$14,267.54
100	THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$46.81
100	BUSINESS OFFICE SYSTEMS/SUPPLIES	\$195.00
100	C.H. BROWN CO	\$93.00
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS, INC	\$254.00
100	CHADRON WHOLESALE	\$163.63
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$99.73
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$234.35
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$26.32
100	KARL DAILEY	\$62.08
100	KARL J DAILEY, SHERIFF	\$2,548.00
100	DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	\$40.60
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$824.00
100	DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$205.13
100	CHERYL DUNN	\$37.88
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	ARNIE FANKHAUSER	\$29.75
100	FIRST BANKCARD/SCOTT COTTON	\$29.65
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$8,809.58
100	FLEET SERVICES/SHERIFF	\$294.61
100		\$231.72

	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS INC.	
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$59.95
100	HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$14.95
100	DIANNE JOHNSON	\$57.57
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$140.00
100	MIDWEST TRANSPORTATION SPECIALISTS	\$430.60
100	MILLENNIUM COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$30.00
100	MIPS INC	\$40.87
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$25.00
100	NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/SHERIFF	\$40.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$787.49
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$135.29
100	NEBRASKA TECH & TELECOMM, INC.	\$14.72
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$310.24
100	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$139.90
100	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$25.87
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$37.90
100	PANHANDLE ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION	\$25.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$74.36
100	PHONE HOME	\$50.00
100	QWEST	\$429.01
100	QWEST	\$261.00
100	AMY RAGSDALE	\$8,778.50
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$97.80
100	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$662.55
100	RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$127.78
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$356.98
100	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$65.65
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-VETERANS	\$245.85
100	SOURCEGAS	\$1,217.03
100	U.S. GOVT PRINTING OFFICE	\$16.00
100	MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$376.44
100	JARVIS WALLAGE	\$67.05
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	\$113.67

100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$21.11
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
100	WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$265.00
100	MICHELLE WHETHAM	\$35.00
100	WINGATE INN	\$213.00
200	AFLAC	\$127.25
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$661.90
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,255.92
200	BUD'S RADIATOR,INC	\$198.00
200	CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	\$6,463.67
200	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$80.99
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$60.00
200	DRAGON ESP,LTD/RANCO	\$125.68
200	FARM PLAN	\$48.39
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,000.81
200	GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE & SUPPLY, INC	\$1,040.64
200	LAWRENCE HANKIN	\$3.00
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$84.20
200	JOHN DEERE CREDIT	\$6,872.38
200	LARRY JOHNSON TRUCKING,INC	\$6.50
200	JOHN MISKIMINS MOTOR CO,INC	\$1,860.24
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$283.13
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$339.54
200	NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO	\$34,002.80
200	NEBRASKA TECH & TELECOMM, INC.	\$95.51
200	NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$145.43
200	QWEST	\$194.40
200	QWEST	\$18.04
200	RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$12.99
200	RON'S REPAIR SHOP	\$144.20
200	SLAFTER OIL CO	\$98.10
200	SOURCEGAS	\$725.16
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$253.07
200	SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPLY COMPANY	\$171.47
200	MARK S TYLER	\$3.00

200	WEST RIVER INTERNATIONAL INC	\$195.47
200	WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	\$40.00
990	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$4,585.00
990	CHADRON COMMUNITY RECREATION	\$100.00
990	LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$529.00
1700	LINCOLN REGIONAL CENTER	\$5,470.48
1700	REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$40.00
2525	DAWES COUNTY REGION ECON DEVEL FUND	\$642.80
2700	LINCOLN REGIONAL CENTER	\$829.52
4000	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS, INC.	\$1,055.45
4000	MORFORD'S DECORATING CENTER	\$570.00
5400	AFLAC	\$34.85
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$56.12
5400	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$136.92
5400	FARM PLAN	\$64.34
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$116.70
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$14.63
5400	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$243.94
5400	QWEST	\$16.35
5400	RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$24.96
5400	SOURCEGAS	\$10.21
5907	GALLS	\$65.98
5907	QWEST	\$503.47
5907	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$231.05
5907	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$890.00

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