

CHADRON, NEBRASKA**September 12, 2007****DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in regular session was commenced at the hour of 8:25 A.M. on the 12th day of September, 2007, in the Dawes County Commissioner room pursuant to public notice as required by law. 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. 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 wasn't recited as it had been previously recited at the Board of Equalization meeting.

Commissioner Wess asked his phone number be published so individuals having questions concerning Road District 2 or Commissioner District 2 could contact him. That phone number is (308) 430-3953. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving minutes of the August 22, 2007 Commissioner Meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey, approving minutes of the August 27, 2007 Budget Meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey, approving minutes of the August 21, 2007 Budget Meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving all claims as submitted. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board acknowledged receipt of a certificate of appreciation received from the Forest Service thanking the Dawes County Roads Department for their efforts in fighting the Soldier Creek Fire.

At 9:08 A.M. Cliff Bergfield joined the meeting in progress to discuss the County Attorney position going full-time and the hiring of a Deputy County Attorney. He expressed concern with services provided by this office. Among those concerns expressed were salaries of the County Attorney relevant to other Elected Officials and the fact the Nebraska Constitution prohibits salary increases of Elected Officials during their term of office, prosecution of felony cases by the County Attorney and suggested the Board study the number of caseloads being prosecuted in the Court Systems. The Board responded to Mr. Bergfield's concerns by explaining Mr. Haug's responsibilities have increased to the point that some of those responsibilities aren't being met due to insufficient time. In addition, several local citizens have requested a full-time County Attorney and the Board needs legal counsel present at their Board Meetings. George Ledbetter joined the meeting in progress at 9:12 A.M. County Attorney, Vance Haug, returned later in the meeting and presented caseload figures obtained from the County Court System to wit: 2000-55 Juvenile Cases; 2006-105 Juvenile Cases; 2000-621 Criminal Cases; 2001-614 Criminal Cases; 2002-787 Criminal Cases; 2003-873 Criminal Cases; 2004-681 Criminal Cases; 2005-795 Criminal Cases; 2006-620 Criminal Cases and 2007-454 Criminal Cases to date. In addition to prosecuting these cases the County Attorney is responsible for coroner services, prosecuting child support cases and serves on the Mental Health Board. Several cases have been referred to outside counsel due to lack of time on part of the County Attorney which results in costs to the County. Also discussed when Mr. Haug returned was adoption of Resolution No. 26-2007 changing the County Attorney's salary reflecting full-time status as opposed to $\frac{3}{4}$ time status. The Board asked Mr. Haug about obtaining a written opinion from the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Haug responded by saying the Attorney General's Office has suggested colorful arguments could be supported surrounding both sides of the issue at hand, however; doesn't know if a written opinion can be obtained but will request one. The adoption of Resolution No. 26-2007 was tabled until such time more information is obtained.

At 9:30 A.M. Karl Dailey joined the meeting in progress at the request of Commissioner Wess. Discussion ensued re: purchase of a cruiser. Commissioner Wess reported in speaking to local dealerships the best time to trade in a vehicle is at 60-70,000 miles for warranty/trade-in value purposes. Commissioner Blausey responded by saying he still doesn't support the purchase of a new cruiser at this time. Mr. Dailey indicated VIN money could be used to purchase the cruiser. Commissioner Wess asked about establishing a county fleet program and will check into it. A motion was made by Commissioner Wess approving the purchase of a cruiser but died for lack of a second to the motion. The matter was tabled.

At 9:55 A.M. Jeff Fankhauser, VSO and Christi Marsh, VSO/Roads Secretary joined the meeting in progress to discuss Ms. Marsh's wages. A motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, approving a gross salary of 958.34 semi-monthly as opposed to hourly beginning with six months of the salary to be paid out of the Roads budget and the remaining six months of the salary to be paid out of the VSO budget. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ms. Marsh is aware she will not receive an increase in wages when other county employees receive their cost of living increase. The Board reiterated the intent of splitting Ms. Marsh's job responsibilities is not and was not in anyway done to take away from the area Veteran's needs and Ms. Marsh's VSO responsibilities.

At 10:10 A.M. A motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, to open public hearing surrounding the 2007-2008 budget adoption as advertised. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, increasing restricted funds by one (1) percent for fiscal year 2007-2008. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 21-2007 authorizing the County Treasurer to make transfers from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund to meet expenditures incurred between tax collection times was adopted by the Board. Resolution No. 22-2007 authorizing the County Treasurer to execute budgeted transfers not exceeding the budgeted amounts as listed in the Resolution was adopted by the Board. George Ledbetter asked several questions of the Board surrounding the budget. There being no further comments, questions or suggestions surrounding the budget Commissioner Wess made a motion to close the advertised public hearing at 11:03 A.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blausey. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-2007 approving expenditures of the various county offices for fiscal year 2007-2008 were adopted by the Board. Commissioner Blausey made a motion, seconded by Wess, setting the county levy at .413778 for fiscal year 2007-2008. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:10 A.M. Alan Curd, County Surveyor, met with the Board to discuss Lots 4, 5 & 6 located in Block 23 of Paddock's Addition to Crawford. Also present was Lindy Coleman, Assessor. Mr. Curd recommended a replat survey be done to allow the county the opportunity to relinquish ownership. The Board asked what the approximate cost would be to the County. Mr. Curd responded approximately \$700.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, directing the County Surveyor to replat lots 4, 5 & 6 Block 23 of Paddock's Addition to Crawford. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:25 A.M. Tony Serbousek, E-911 Coordinator and Chief of Police, Tim Lordino met with the Board. Mr. Lordino introduced himself to the Board members. Mr. Serbousek updated the Board concerning the 911 phone system. October 2007 is the new projected completion date with some changes being made due to an oversight on Qwest's behalf during the initial site survey. The oversight will result in additional charges and Qwest has informed Mr. Serbousek they take full responsibility for the oversight. Mr. Serbousek indicated phase two (2) funding is in place. Phase two (2) follows completion of the current project. Mr. Serbousek asked the Board to consider giving him storage space at 250 Main Street but Mr. Lordino indicated he has been doing some office rearranging and may have space available at the Police Department.

In other business the Board reviewed and approved monthly fee reports of the various county offices and acknowledged receipt of letters received from Rollin Curd re: resurvey conducted in 2006 of T31R49 and Richard Boucher re: EEOC claim. Mr. Ledbetter presented a written request to obtain a copy of the report filed by Barbara Keegan surrounding the allegations against the Dawes County Roads Department. A copy of the letter was given to

County Attorney, Vance Haug, who will respond to Mr. Ledbetter's request within the four days outlined by State Statute. Discussion ensued surrounding the requested audit by the Attorney General's Office for fiscal years 2002-2003 relevant to two bridge projects projected at a cost of \$36,000.00. Commissioner Blausey reported the Board feels a clerical error was made on the form eleven (11) submitted by the Highway Superintendent and LaMoyne Schultz will be contacted to see if a corrected form eleven (11) can be submitted for fiscal years 2002-2003. A motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, directing the County Clerk to seek written proposals to conduct an audit in the Roads Department re: fiscal year 2002-2004 Roads Department expenditures. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. The County Clerk informed the Board the current contract with Tonniges and Associates is due for renewal and she has been informed by the firm they will not be bidding future audits. The Board directed the County Clerk to obtain separate proposals surrounding the Roads audit and the auditing services for the County. Resolution No. 20-2005 was adopted proclaiming the week of September 25, 2007 as RC&D week. Resolution No. 24-2007 was adopted re: Dawes County Roads Department participation in a signage program resulting in savings to the County. Resolution No. 25-2007 was adopted acknowledging the Boards support of two interpretive signs being installed by the Dawes County Historical Society at a cost of \$5600.00 of which \$4,480.00 will be obtained through a federal grant and the match of \$1,120.00 being paid by the Historical Society.

John Axtel joined the meeting in progress at 12:48 P.M. A motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey tabling the Forest Service/Roads Agreement No. 07-RO-11020700-039 until such time the Board has the opportunity to review the agreement. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Two positions vacated by Tammi Littrel and Loren Young on the Zoning Board will be replaced at the September 25, 2007 Commissioner Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, creating a full-time Roads Superintendent position. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. The County Clerk was instructed to obtain a job description for the position so it can be advertised. A motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, establishing a part-time Zoning/National Flood Insurance Administrator. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 1:45 P.M. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, met with the Board. She presented the revised edition of the personnel policies for adoption. Some minor changes were made to the policy. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving the revised personnel policies with the minor changes. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board thanked the Assessor for time spent on updating the policies. The handbook will be printed and distributed to all county employees. The Assessor suggested the Board consider establishing a fund to set aside funding for future appraisal expenditures. The Board will address establishment of such a fund during fiscal year 2008-2009 budget cycle.

At 3:38 P.M. there being no further business to address Commissioner Wess made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Blausey. Roll call vote: Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board will be September 25, 2007 beginning at 8:00 A.M. in the Dawes County Commissioner's room. 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 on Tuesday. 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
 Cheryl Feist

DAWES COUNTY

Dawes County Clerk

September 12, 2007 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
	100ACCESS ELEVATOR INC	\$650.00
	100AFLAC	\$467.10
	100ALAMAR	\$84.39
	100ALLTEL	\$488.71
	100AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION	\$349.25
	100AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$4,949.99
	100AT&T	\$6.27
	100AXIS CAPITAL INC	\$475.52
	100MATTHEW BENDER & CO,INC	\$158.36
	100BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$13,098.50
	100C.H. BROWN CO	\$93.00
	100CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$421.00
	100CHADRON WHOLESALE	\$77.21
	100CITY OF CHADRON	\$212.64
	100COMMSOURCE,INC	\$422.50
	100CAROL R CONNELL	\$43.00
	100SCOTT COTTON	\$665.43
	100CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$409.88
	100CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY,WATSON,HARF	\$79.00
	100CURTISS,MORAVEK,CURTISS,MARGHEIM&MI	\$1,259.60
	100KARL DAILEY	\$40.64
	100KARL J DAILEY, SHERIFF	\$2,065.00
	100DAS CENTRAL FINANCE	\$43.10
	100DAWES COUNTY COURT	\$999.50
	100DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$904.00
	100DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	\$2,070.60
	100MELISSA DODGE,ATTORNEY-AT-LAW	\$794.87
	100DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
	100MEGAN FAILLA, FAILLA LAW OFFICE	\$356.25
	100ARNIE FANKHAUSER	\$59.50
	100FIRST BANKCARD	\$32.00
	100FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$8,151.20
	100GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$209.85
	100HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS, INC.	\$164.10
	100HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$60.69
	100IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$238.32
	100IS COMMUNICATIONS & OPERATIONS	\$15.23
	100JACOB NORTH COMPANIES	\$91.72
	100STACEY A MCCARTNEY	\$400.00
	100JOHN A MELTON	\$122.00
	100MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC	\$2,127.35
	100MILLENNIUM COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$63.95
	100JOHN MISKIMINS MOTOR CO,INC	\$53.88
	100LEIF NAR	\$20.00
	100NCSEA	\$190.00
	100NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$25.00

100NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	\$50.00
100NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$800.93
100NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$287.77
100NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC	\$237.50
100NEBRASKA TECH & TELECOMM, INC.	\$316.45
100NEVE'S	\$58.89
100NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$28.80
100OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$525.00
100PESTS GO	\$30.00
100PETERSEN DRUG	\$351.55
100QUILL CORPORATION	\$16.99
100QWEST	\$185.37
100RAMADA INN	\$120.00
100RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$413.35
100SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC.	\$38.00
100SERVICEMASTER OF CHADRON	\$264.60
100SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$199.92
100SHELL-EXTENSION OFFICE	\$30.64
100SKAVDAHL & EDMUND	\$704.38
100SMITH HAYES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	\$1,540.96
100SOURCEGAS	\$32.10
100SPAN PUBLISHING, INC	\$125.10
100TRI-STATE LIVESTOCK NEWS	\$49.00
100U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	\$5,000.00
100MICHAEL T VARN,ATTORNEY AT LAW	\$1,855.48
100WALMART COMMUNITY	\$127.56
100WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS INC	\$820.00
100JESSICA WHETHAM	\$30.00
100MICHELLE WHETHAM	\$30.19
100XEROX CORPORATION	\$106.49
10021ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT	\$150.00
200AFLAC	\$86.00
200ALLTEL	\$135.59
200AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$515.18
200BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$63.98
200BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$1,066.54
200THE BUSINESS CONNECTION	\$30.85
200CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	\$4,963.67
200CITY OF CHADRON	\$171.46
200DAKOTA BATTERY & ELECTRIC	\$57.58
200DALE'S TIRE AND RETREADING,INC	\$410.00
200DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$60.00
200EDDIE'S TRUCK CENTER	\$24.24
200FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$1,648.87
200GMC OF CHADRON	\$119.07
200GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE & SUPPLY, INC	\$89.73
200HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$143.90
200HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY	\$860.00
200J & J PARTS & SUPPLY	\$104.86
200JOHN DEERE CREDIT	\$6,872.38
200LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	\$119.54

200LINWELD	\$39.50
200MICHAEL TODD AND COMPANY, INC.	\$448.76
200NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$283.13
200NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$291.51
200NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$40.06
200NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$52.20
200NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$1,056.97
200PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER, INC	\$17,794.86
200POWERPLAN	\$851.94
200QUALITY TIRE	\$752.20
200QWEST	\$37.70
200RANCO	\$1,145.00
200RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$255.23
200SOURCEGAS	\$33.98
200STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$11.98
200WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$187.89
200WESTCO	\$14,920.01
990ALPHAGRAPHICS	\$1,123.29
990CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,750.00
990LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	\$1,320.00
990NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	\$75.00
990RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$356.16
990WESTERN NE TOURISM COALITION	\$1,662.56
1500PETERSEN DRUG	\$92.37
2500BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NE PANHANDLE	\$4,087.00
2500PPHHS	\$4,000.00
2525 DAWES COUNTY REGION ECON DEVEL FUND	\$2,326.83
5400AFLAC	\$34.85
5400ALLTEL	\$69.42
5400AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$45.37
5400BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$136.92
5400CITY OF CHADRON	\$78.84
5400FARM PLAN	\$352.05
5400FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$307.43
5400GEMPLERS INC	\$208.75
5400HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$80.20
5400HERITAGE SEED COMPANY, INC.	\$1,859.00
5400IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$18.86
5400MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$18.99
5400NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$42.95
5400NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$74.99
5400NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$56.99
5400QUALITY TIRE	\$157.00
5400RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	\$37.26
5400SOURCEGAS	\$10.00
5400STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$32.86
5400WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO.	\$122.70
5400WHITE RIVER FEED & TRAILER SALES	\$796.00
5907HOLIDAY INN DENVER CENTRAL	\$195.40
5907HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$386.55
5907WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$1,874.80

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