

CHADRON, NEBRASKA**September 15, 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 8:02 A.M. on the 15th day of September, 2008, which was moved to the Conference Room located at 250 Main Street due to construction and posted 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, Megan Failla, Deputy County Attorney 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. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the September 03, 2008 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving the minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the Pre-Construction meeting held on September 12, 2008 will be approved at the October 01, 2008 Commissioner Meeting. Claims were reviewed by the Board. Claim#0809211 will be changed to reflect corrected mileage allowance. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, approving all claims with a change being made to claim#0809211. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Bill Cebula joined the meeting in progress. There were no County Attorney updates. Jim Lees joined the meeting in progress. Correspondences received included a notice of meeting on October 4th& 5th, 2008 at Chadron State College re: Route designation workshop for land managers, OHV Enthusiasts and other stake holders. The Board reviewed a lease renewal on the postage machine. Several options were presented by the County Clerk. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, to renew lease at \$459.22 for three years with Business Office Solutions. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. The lease includes the following options at no additional charge: meter rental, rate maintenance, service and an upgraded postage machine. At 8:33 A.M. public forum ensued with Bill Cebula expressing concern with budget increases and its affect on property taxes. Mr. Cebula suggested the County get rid of the fluff as anything not sustainable won't work and the county will continue in a rut going nowhere. Mr. Cebula did commend the Board on the approach used in the elevator project and suggested they run the county and its programs the same way. The Board expressed concern with deleting financial aid to such entities as RSVP, Area Aging Office, Children's programs, Crawford Handibus, Historical Society, etc. These are the only area's left that could be cut. Commissioner Fisher expressed disappointment with the 4% salary increases, money transferred to the Road Construction Fund and Reserves. He also disapproved of the \$78,000.00 that was set aside per contract with NDOR to program Slim Buttes Road. Mr. Fisher went on to say he wouldn't be supporting the 2008/2009 Budget.

At 9:07 A.M. Harvey Keim, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He reported gravelling continues by Stumph's on Bethel Road. Squaw Creek gravelling will start in area of rebuild. River Road maintenance was discussed. It was learned the City of Crawford wants to shut the railroad crossing down on Mill Road. This would have an affect on the County. Jim Lees asked if a culvert on Bethel Loop is still planned and wanted to know the anticipated completion date. Mr. Keim informed Mr. Lees this project won't be completed this year but is still in the

works. Commissioner Wess asked what the county's responsibility is re: asphalt maintenance on Dunlap Road. Mr. Keim reported he would look into the Inter-Local agreements to see if a maintenance agreement has ever been made.

At 9:32 A.M. Lois Chizek, Treasurer, met with the Board. Also present was Sheriff Karl Dailey. She presented the Distress Warrant report re: uncollected 2006 personal property taxes/improvements. Kerri Rempp joined the meeting in progress at 9:36 A.M. Another report submitted contained information relevant to one parcel with a SWANN assessment not sold on tax sale. The Treasurer reported the Board has two options available to attempt collection. The Board can direct the Treasurer to put the assessment on a County tax certificate or direct the County Attorney to start foreclosure proceedings. Discussion ensued. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, directing the County Clerk to draft a Resolution directing the Treasurer to put the SWANN assessment on a County tax certificate. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. The resolution will be drafted and presented at the October 01, 2008 Commissioner Meeting. The following individuals joined the meeting in progress at 9:45 A.M. John Axtel, Lance and Gwen Scherbarth, Paul Shimek, Dale and Donna Steineke, GR and Trudy Fickel, Royce Ammon and Larry Johnson. At 9:58 A.M. the Board recessed. At 10:05 A.M. the Board reconvened to regular session. The Chairman called the public hearing to order at 10:07 to hear input, suggestions, concerns with the proposed 2008/2009 County budget. Gary Fickel questioned the \$78,000.00 set aside for programming Slim Buttes Road. Commissioner Blausey indicated the \$78,000.00 was part of contract requirements to program the road. Mr. Fickel presented information relevant to costs associated with paving the road. The information submitted will be filed with the September 15, 2008 minutes and is available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Clerk's Office. Another comment made indicated the county needs to concentrate on making repairs to the existing roads that will last. Pictures were also submitted of various county roads needing addressed. Trudy Fickel asked if a cost comparison study has been done to see if it would be more cost effective to gravel Slim Buttes Road instead of paving it. To date no studies have been done. Another citizen asked why we pay towards Region 23 Civil Defense. The Board responded Dawes County is in an Inter-Local Agreement for disaster preparedness with other counties. Another citizen suggested better trained personnel to maintain roads. The Board responded by saying all Roads Department Personnel have received training in grading procedures. Mr. Fickel indicated he wasn't happy with County Employees receiving a 4% cost of living raise. He indicated all employees knew what the pay was when they took the job. Discussion then ensued approaching Senator's to push legislature in re-directing tax dollars from the uranium mine in Crawford from the State of Nebraska to Dawes County. The Board indicated they have visited with various Senator's surrounding this issue and other issues. It was also suggested that possibly the County could hire a Lobbyist. A motion was then made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, increasing restricted funds by 1% and setting the 2008/2009 County Levy at 0.413779. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey and Wess with Fisher voting Nay. Motion carried. Royce Ammon, WNCC, asked to approach the Board to discuss WNCC's budget. He informed those present WNCC is looking at a 3.17% increase fiscal year 2008/2009 due to a 10% increase in enrollments, economic development, developmental education courses, residence hall upgrades, dining hall upgrades and virtual High School. Commissioner Wess asked if the College could track and document how many WNCC Students stay in this area and contribute back to the local economy after graduation. Mr. Fickel asked if foreign students are still coming to WNCC for sports. Mr. Ammon indicated they have foreign students attending WNCC but they are responsible for paying the majority of their education costs. Mr. Fickel asked how many students from Chadron attend WNCC. Mr. Ammon indicated he would need to research this as he didn't have a figure available. There being no further comment surrounding the budget hearing a motion to close the hearing at 11:18 A.M. was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Fisher. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2008-15 adopting the 2008/2009 County budget was introduced by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess and Blausey with Fisher voting No. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2008-16 granting authority to the Treasurer to transfer funds as necessary not to exceed budgeted amounts for fiscal year 2008/2009 was introduced by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Fisher.

Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Several individuals left the meeting in progress.

At 11:23 A.M. the Chairman called the public hearing to order surrounding vacation of Horseshoe Road. Dale Steineke requested the legal of the road reflect vacation as he originally requested in a letter submitted to the Board on March 06, 2008. Discussion ensued. It was learned that by changing the legal to read where it intersects the US Forest Service Land instead of where it intersects with the right of way of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad would be sufficient. Resolution No. 2008-17 was introduced by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Wess, vacating Horseshoe Road changing the legal to reflect where it intersects with the US Forest Service Land. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, closing the public hearing at 11:43 A.M. re: Horseshoe Road vacation. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business the Board discussed completion of the Hazard Mitigation Information relevant to Dawes County. It was decided Commissioner Blausey will visit with Nan Thornton, Region 23 and complete the information required.

At 11:45 A.M. Becky Paulsen, Dawes County Weed Superintendent, met with the Board. She reported the red spraying pickup is done and should be salvaged. It will be too costly for repairs, far more than what the pickup is worth. Ms. Paulsen reported she has received two bids to salvage the pickup. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, to salvage the 1991 Ford F-250 to the highest bidder. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. A new weed spraying pickup will be budgeted in 2009/2010. Any revenue received from the salvage will go back to the County. In other business the Board discussed Custodial Services. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, to advertise the position with a closing date of September 30, 2008. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Interviews will be conducted on October 03, 2008 at 8:30 A.M. The County Clerk was instructed to advertise the position and give notice of Interviews to be conducted on October 03, 2008. ESU 13 requested office space at 250 Main Street. The Board discussed their request. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, to offer space to ESU 13 at a cost of \$100.00 per month to cover utilities and custodial services. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Clerk was instructed to contact Stephanie Ansley with the Board's decision. Personnel policy updates were reviewed by the Board. County Vehicle usage was discussed at length amongst the Board Members. Suggested changes will be made and submitted to the County Clerk for approval by the Board. The 2009 Commissioner Meeting dates were discussed and set. The Distress Warrant report of Sheriff Karl Dailey was reviewed during discussion with Lois Chizek, Treasurer, earlier in the day.

At 12:49 P.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 October 01, 2008 beginning at 8:00 A.M with a Board of Equalization Meeting followed by the regular Commissioner Meeting in the Commissioner's Room at the Courthouse. A Current Agenda to both meeting(s) 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 meeting on Wednesday. The Agenda may be modified to include items of emergency nature. All 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**

September 15, 2008 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$417.69
100	ALLTEL	\$96.71
100	ALLTEL	\$145.83
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$5,695.04
100	AT&T	\$51.32
100	SHERRY BEAR ROBE	\$60.00
100	C.H. BROWN CO	\$93.00
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$77.55
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$328.55
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$173.00
100	CHADRON WHOLESALE	\$3.85
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$725.38
100	VELVET CLARK	\$310.00
100	LINDY COLEMAN	\$445.52
100	PATRICK W CONNELLY	\$320.00
100	CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	\$164.00
100	SCOTT COTTON	\$99.32
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$288.42
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$15.25
100	KARL DAILEY	\$209.04
100	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$12,457.48
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$898.33
100	CHERYL DUNN	\$47.38
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$9,434.59
100	FLEET SERVICES/SHERIFF	\$167.57
100	GRANT-MILLER COMMUNICATIONS INC.	\$420.53
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$124.90
100	MIDTOWN HOLIDAY INN	\$519.60
100	MAXINE W HOLMES	\$100.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	\$275.70
100	IS COMMUNICATIONS & OPERATIONS	\$12.95
100	LA SIGN & SCREEN PRINTING	\$82.00
100	MANSFIELD ENTERPRISES	\$118.54

100	MIDWEST TRANSPORTATION SPECIALISTS	\$1,918.80
100	LORRAINE A MILES	\$100.00
100	MIPS INC	\$2,737.79
100	NADA APPRAISAL GUIDES	\$170.00
100	NCSEA TREASURER	\$150.00
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$25.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$930.75
100	NEBRASKA TECH & TELECOMM, INC.	\$539.28
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	\$741.26
100	PANHANDLE HEALTH SERVICE CBO	\$60.00
100	PESTS GO	\$30.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	\$29.99
100	QWEST	\$49.02
100	QWEST	\$24.39
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL	\$167.23
100	SCOTT ROBERTS ELECTRIC INC	\$40.08
100	TONY SERBOUSEK	\$236.26
100	SERVICEMASTER CLEAN OF CHADRON	\$216.90
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	\$280.32
100	SHELL-EXTENSION OFFICE	\$230.80
100	JAMIAN J SIMMONS	\$365.91
100	ALYCIA TESCH	\$237.50
100	THIELE PHARMACY	\$246.70
100	TRI-STATE LIVESTOCK NEWS	\$49.00
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$67.70
100	PAUL WESS, PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$173.20
100	MICHELLE WHETHAM	\$21.76
100	XEROX CORPORATION	\$108.16
100	SUSAN ZEPHIER	\$140.00
200	AFLAC	\$174.20
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$659.84
200	CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS SUPPLIES, INC	\$79.90
200	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS, INC	\$76.64
200	CHADRON HOME CENTER	\$11.58
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$94.16
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$102.73
200	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$1,129.81
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$83.50
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$2,045.18
200	GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE & SUPPLY, INC	\$331.38
200		\$66.90

	GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	\$25.00
200	HAUGEN REPAIR	\$742.00
200	HEILBRUNS FARM IND AUTO	\$418.02
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	\$336.36
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$574.27
200	HOURT'S BODY SHOP	\$57.48
200	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$8.40
200	J & J PARTS & SUPPLY	\$19.28
200	HARVEY KEIM	\$85.00
200	LINWELD	\$163.22
200	JOHN MISKIMINS MOTOR CO,INC	\$105.20
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	\$283.13
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$342.92
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$39.72
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	\$414.24
200	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$327.46
200	PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER,INC	\$343.07
200	POWERPLAN	\$589.99
200	M.C. SCHAFF & ASSOCIATES INC	\$7,800.00
200	STERN OIL CO,INC	\$3,630.50
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$9.99
200	UNITECH	\$239.00
200	WESTCO	\$18,114.18
2525	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	\$1,757.84
2910	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$22.14
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	\$186.95
2910	OFFICE DEPOT	\$97.99
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$149.00
4010	SOURCEGAS	\$1,022.00
5400	AFLAC	\$15.25
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$51.56
5400	BAUERKEMPER'S INC	\$220.42
5400	CITY OF CHADRON	\$42.53
5400	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	\$49.03
5400	FIRST BANKCARD	\$467.58
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$299.42
5400	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$19.21
5400	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	\$1,523.31
5400	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$39.99

5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$45.19
5400	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$195.61
5400	VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	\$12,032.12

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