

CHADRON, NEBRASKA**November 14, 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 8:12 A.M. on the 28th day of November, 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 and Megan Failla, Dawes County Deputy Attorney. 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. 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 Wess, seconded by Blausey, approving the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the November 14, 2007 Commissioner meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess, approving the minutes as published with the following correction to wit: amending the Agenda to include announcing a change in time for the November 14, 2007 Commissioner Meeting to 8:00 A.M. not 8:30 A.M. as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Wess, seconded by Blausey, approving all claims as presented with the following changes to wit: Claim #07110254 in the amount of \$161.92 to Rapid City Journal as printing/publishing instead of telephone service and claim #07110251 in the amount of \$1,106.64 to Manna Systems as computer instead of zoning expense. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Walt Winston joined the meeting in progress at 8:40 A.M. In other business Resolution No. 28-2007 was introduced and passed by the Board relevant to community based services for the disabled. The Christmas Holiday was discussed by the Board. Christmas Eve will fall on a Monday with Christmas on Tuesday. In light of this timing and to allow employees the opportunity to be with families a motion was made by Commissioner Wess, seconded by Blausey, to close the Courthouse all day on Monday, December 24, 2007 instead of a ½ day, thus eliminating the need to have employees show up for ½ day on Monday and then closing on Tuesday for Christmas. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Hazard Mitigation grant was discussed by the Board. It was learned by Commissioner Wess that this grant would allow a plan to be implemented which develops long-term strategies for protecting people and property from future hazards resulting from natural disasters by application to receive certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance from FEMA. The Board learned the City of Gordon will put together a formal planning request and various entities will have the opportunity to join the planning process by paying a portion of the local match required. No action taken until such time the City of Gordon develops a formal planning request.

At 9:00 A.M. Kevin Hikkala, Nebraska Forest Service and Dale Steinke, Private Land Owner, approached the Board to discuss access to Forest Service land via Saw Log Road which is the only legal access to Forest Service Land. Discussion ensued. Prescriptive vs. Minimum Maintenance use was discussed at length. The Deputy County Attorney shared researched information. Mr. Steinke maintained the road has never been a public road per information he received previously. Mr. Hikkala indicated this has been an open road since 1935 and the road is maintenance by the Forest Service when timber is harvested. Traffic on the Road is seasonal use mostly for hunting purposes which Mr. Steinke opposes due to safety reasons. George Ledbetter joined the meeting in progress at 9:07 A.M. Mr. Steinke indicated he has no problem allowing emergency vehicles,

Forest Service personnel, etc access but doesn't want Hunters on his land. The Board asked if there is fencing distinguishing Forest Service Land from Mr. Steinke's land. Mr. Hikkala and Mr. Steinke indicated no. Mr. Hikkala reported a cost shared survey could be conducted to establish boundaries for fencing. A title search will be conducted to determine if the road in question is in fact an open county road. As far as the land is concerned the Board indicated this is an issue between the landowner and the Forest Service which needs to be resolved between the two parties involved.

At 9: 25 A.M. Discussion ensued regarding policy relevant to the Freedom of Information Act. The County Clerk and Deputy County Attorney will work together to establish a sample policy which will be presented to the Board for approval at a later date. Ms. Failla also shared information with the Board concerning disposal of surplus property. No action was taken.

At 10:05 A.M. Three sealed bids for a 2008 pickup in District 1 were opened and the information shared with the Board. Also present was Harvey Keim, District 1 Roads Foreman. The three bids received were: 1. Wahlstrom Ford-\$28,730.00 less trade allowance of \$9,198.73 for a total bid of \$19,531.27. 2. John Miskimins Motor Co. Inc.-\$24,400.00 less trade allowance of \$1500.00 for a total bid of \$22,900.00 and 3. GMC of Chadron, Inc.-\$21,989.98 without a listed trade allowance. Discussion ensued. Motion by Blausey, seconded by Wess accepting Wahlstrom Ford Inc. bid in the amount of \$19,531.27. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Keim reported Wahlstrom Ford's bid came in lower than State bid. The Board was pleased a local business received the bid. In other business, Commissioner Wess reported the radon grant application deadline has passed. The energy audit offered by NACo was discussed and it was learned that NPPD (Nebraska Public Power) can conduct the same energy audit. The County Clerk was instructed to contact Brice Landon to see if any cost would be involved for NPPD to conduct an energy audit for the County.

At 10:30 A.M. Jim Lees, Myrna Betson and Thorpe Thompson met with the Board to discuss their opposition to proposed implementation of the USDA's NAIS (National Animal Identification System). If implemented Producers and 4-H participants could face the possibility of denied access to sale barns, auctions, 4-H or FFA sponsored events due to lack of a NAIS premise ID. Scott Cotton, Extension Agent, joined the meeting in progress at 10:49 A.M. Rod Grey, ICON Board Member, joined the meeting in progress and indicated implementation on a voluntary basis as opposed to mandated implementation would've been a much better approach. Additionally, a brand inspection program already exists which has an animal tracking process in place. The Board supports the Livestock Industry and because Dawes County is a Livestock Friendly County Resolution No. 29-2007 was introduced and passed by the Board supporting local producer's opposition to the USDA's NAIS program. In other business, the Board considered several candidates to replace expiring terms of Brenda Beeson and Donna Lembke on the Extension Board. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, appointing Teresa Haynes to represent District 2 on the Extension Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Fisher and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, appointing Dixie Thompson to represent District 3 on the Extension Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Blausey and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Cotton will advise the two individuals of their appointments to the Extension Board. Before the Board adjourned the Sheriff's Civil Docket report was reviewed and approved. NIRMA quarterly loss report was reviewed and a letter received from Region 23 announcing a tabletop exercise was acknowledged.

At 11:50 A.M. there being no further business to address Commissioner Blausey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wess. Roll call vote: Ayes: Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board will be December 05, 2007 beginning at 8:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Room with a Board of Equalization Meeting, followed by the Commissioner Meeting at 8:20 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 Monday 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.**

ATTEST: _____
COMMISSIONERS

DAWES COUNTY

Cheryl Feist

Dawes County Clerk

November 28, 2007 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.

| NAME | TOTCLAIMS |
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| AFLAC | \$468.75 |
| ALLTEL | \$242.89 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP | \$5,536.36 |
| BEST WESTERN WEST HILLS INN | \$1,386.95 |
| BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE | \$14,120.71 |
| THE BUSINESS CONNECTION | \$60.09 |
| C.H. BROWN CO | \$93.00 |
| DICK CARSON | \$35.00 |
| THE CHADRON RECORD | \$36.00 |
| CODY MEDICAL ASSOCIATES | \$85.00 |
| LINDY COLEMAN | \$448.22 |
| CAROL R CONNELL | \$40.00 |
| DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | \$55.00 |
| DAWES COUNTY TREASURER | \$854.00 |
| CHERYL FEIST | \$109.13 |
| SANDRA FERREL | \$54.40 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE | \$9,023.86 |
| FLEET SERVICES/SHERIFF | \$1,336.57 |
| HILLS TIRE & SUPPLY | \$605.95 |
| HOLIDAY INN | \$126.99 |
| HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS | \$29.51 |
| DANIEL R JOHNSON,DDS | \$49.00 |
| MAXIMUS,INC | \$893.95 |
| JOHN A MELTON | \$69.00 |
| MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES INC | \$154.85 |
| MIPS INC | \$375.59 |

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| MORRILL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT | \$1,350.00 |
| N PLATTE VALLEY ORAL & MAXFCL SURG | \$605.00 |
| NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOC | \$95.00 |
| NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER | \$50.00 |
| NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE | \$960.54 |
| NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | \$214.41 |
| NEBRASKA TECH & TELECOMM, INC. | \$4,083.60 |
| NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE | \$310.66 |
| NEVE'S UNIFORMS INC | \$25.95 |
| NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST | \$23.52 |
| PETERSEN DRUG | \$29.99 |
| POSTMASTER | \$104.00 |
| QUILL CORPORATION | \$420.86 |
| RAMADA INN | \$275.00 |
| RAPID CITY JOURNAL | \$154.58 |
| REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER | \$1,442.25 |
| SHELL FLEET PLUS-VETERANS | \$220.48 |
| ABBAY SLAGLE | \$17.57 |
| SMITH,KING AND FREUDENBERG,PC | \$1,076.20 |
| STANARD APPRAISAL SERVICES INC | \$712.50 |
| THOMSON WEST PAYMENT CENTER | \$97.00 |
| WALMART COMMUNITY | \$23.18 |
| WALMART COMMUNITY - PROBATION OFFC | \$20.55 |
| WESTCO | \$24.00 |
| MICHELLE WHETHAM | \$542.50 |
| AFLAC | \$172.25 |
| ALLTEL | \$120.21 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP | \$595.82 |
| ARROW BUILDING CENTER | \$10.66 |
| ATCO INTERNATIONAL | \$154.80 |
| BAUERKEMPER'S INC | \$101.79 |
| BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE | \$1,123.92 |
| CHADRON HOME CENTER | \$37.65 |
| CONTRACTORS MATERIALS | \$31.50 |
| DAWES COUNTY TREASURER | \$110.00 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE | \$1,869.02 |
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| GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE & SUPPLY, INC | \$2,042.06 |
| GRIMM'S PUMP AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY | \$73.31 |
| HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY | \$25.00 |
| HEILBRUNS FARM IND AUTO | \$53.59 |
| HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS, INC. | \$23.75 |
| HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE | \$7.99 |
| HOURT'S BODY SHOP | \$75.21 |
| INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE | \$4.42 |
| METAL PRODUCTS COMPANY | \$50.60 |
| NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER | \$283.13 |
| NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE | \$333.22 |
| NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | \$54.33 |
| NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP INC | \$179.00 |
| NEBRASKA TECH & TELECOMM, INC. | \$119.19 |
| NEBRASKALAND TIRE | \$854.45 |
| NORTHWEST RURAL PUBLIC POWER DIST | \$105.41 |
| PHILLIPS F & T INC | \$18.90 |
| RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS | \$37.97 |
| RON'S REPAIR SHOP | \$5.75 |
| CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | \$3,750.00 |
| LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING | \$1,058.00 |
| NEBRASKA LIFE PUBLISHING, INC | \$2,350.00 |
| DENVER COACH | \$125.00 |
| DAWES COUNTY REGION ECON DEVEL FUND | \$2,521.61 |
| AFLAC | \$34.85 |
| ALLTEL | \$63.74 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP | \$46.74 |
| BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE | \$136.92 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE | \$127.30 |
| IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC | \$18.86 |
| MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING | \$1,106.64 |
| NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE | \$17.05 |
| NEBRASKA TECH & TELECOMM, INC. | \$44.09 |
| RAPID CITY JOURNAL | \$161.92 |

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| ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC | \$20.32 |
| GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS | \$191.95 |
| MILLENNIUM COMPUTER SYSTEMS | \$269.55 |
| NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS | \$149.95 |
| PETERSEN DRUG | \$32.09 |
| QWEST | \$1,004.53 |
| TONY SERBOUSEK | \$231.70 |
| WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC | \$366.00 |
| XEROX CORPORATION | \$997.94 |

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