

**CHADRON, NEBRASKA****December 17, 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 8:03 A.M. on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2008, which was held in the Commissioner's room at the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Blausey. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Blausey, Wess and Fisher. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Webb Johnson, Commissioner Elect. 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 noting Jake Stewart will represent Harvey Keim at the 9:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M. Board appointments. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Minutes of the December 03, 2008 Commissioner Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, approving minutes as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, approving all claims as submitted. Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. County Attorney updates consisted of information re: the meeting held between the Deputy County Attorney and Fair Board Members, Roger Eaton and Phyllis Eitemiller. It was learned election procedures are being done according to State Statute and a recommendation to have Fair Board member's present updates to the Board was suggested. The Board regretfully accepted the resignation of the Deputy County Attorney and acknowledged her contribution to Dawes County. Correspondences received included a letter re: Christmas from Kevin Crabtree and a thank you from the Dawes Co. Senior Citizens Center for support received from the County. The November 2008 Sheriff's Department mileage reports were reviewed and approved.

At 8:34 A.M. Brenda Johnson and Jo Penny, Nebraska Northwest Development Corporation, met with the Board. Brenda Johnson presented an addendum to the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) signed by the Board at a previous meeting. The addendum was requested by Bob Doty, Department of Economic Development. The addendums added were: 1. Dawes County recognizes that NNDC funds will be de-Federalized once relinquished and 2. Funds transferred from the County will be used solely for economic development in Dawes County. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, directing the Chairman to sign the addendum. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Brenda Johnson will notify the County Clerk when she can officially accept all the records relevant to the ED Fund presently handled by the County.

At 8:45 A.M. The Board presented Dawes County Clerk, Cheryl Feist, a plaque from NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) for exceptional efforts in aiding staff and adjusters in Dawes County's claim handling process for 2008. The Clerk accepted the award and thanked the Board.

At 8:55 A.M. Jake Stewart presented roads updates. The roads department experienced equipment problems due to the cold but equipment is now up and running. Winterization of equipment is in progress and new signs received through a grant are being installed. Some of those new signs have already been vandalized. Kerri Rempp joined the meeting in progress at 9:01 A.M. In other business the Board discussed Holiday hours for the Courthouse. President Bush declared December 26, 2008 a Federal Holiday and the Board had already granted a ½ day on Christmas Eve. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, to close the

Courthouse December 26, 2008. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Courthouse will close at noon on December 24, 2008 and re-open for business on December 29, 2008.

At 9:15 A.M. Commissioner Fisher discussed the Slim Buttes Road project and presented data collected by a trail camera installed approximately ¼ mile north of the junction of Highway 20 and Slim Buttes Road on the south side of the bridge. Commissioner Fisher wanted it on record that his counts didn't match the Nebraska Department of Roads counts re: daily traffic. Commissioner Blausey indicated he was in no position to question the Nebraska Department of Roads daily traffic counts conducted. Commissioner Fisher expressed concerns with the County paving the road as it will go broke. Commissioner Blausey replied if the County paved the road on their own they would go broke; however, Federal Funds are available and have been applied for to assist the County in this project. It was also noted that Gary Fickel has taken it upon himself to contact media, State agencies and various individuals regarding the project. Kerri Rempp left the meeting in progress at 9:38 A.M.

At 9:43 A.M. Kim Engel and Jessica Davies, Panhandle Public Health, met with the Board and invited the County to participate in a worksite wellness program. Jessica Davies presented information surrounding the program. An interest survey will be distributed to employees to see if there's enough interest to warrant such a program. Kerri Rempp rejoined the meeting in progress. Two proposed personnel policy changes re: use of electronic communications and mileage reimbursement were discussed at length. Lindy Coleman joined the meeting in progress. She expressed concern with clarifying the policy so employees are properly compensated for mileage. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Wess, approving changes to the page thirty-one, item #8 re: use of electronic communications. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, approving changes to page twenty-eight, item # W.1 re: mileage reimbursement. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. A copy of the changes will be distributed to all employees. At 10:25 A.M. the Board recessed. At 10:30 A.M.

At 10:31 A.M. Jake Stewart approached the Board. Sealed bids were received from GMC of Chadron and Wahlstrom Ford in response to an invitation for bids published in the local papers for a county vehicle and a roads department vehicle. **Bid#1-GMC of Chadron:** County vehicle bids included: 2005 Chevy Trailblazer with 48,000 miles and certified with trade-in of van the cost to the county would be \$10,999.00; 2008 Chevy Trailblazer with 15,000 miles and certified with trade-in of van the cost to the county would be \$15,999.00. Roads Department bids included: 2009 4x4 ½ ton crew cab with warranty at a cost of \$21,999.00; 2007 4x4 diesel crew cab with 35,000 miles at a cost of \$28,999.00; 2007 extended cab 4x4 ½ ton with 12,000 miles at a cost of \$20,999.00; 2007 crew cab 4x4 6.0 with 21,000 miles at a cost of \$26,399.00; 2006 ½ ton 4x4 crew cab at a cost of \$18,599.00 with the last four vehicles all being certified. GMC also offered a Ford extended cab 4x4 with 49,000 miles at a cost of \$14,999.00. **Bid#2-Wahlstrom Ford:** County vehicle bids included a 2007 Ford Explorer SUV with warranty in the amount of \$18,550.00 after trade-in of van. Roads Department bids included: 2006 Ford F-150 SuperCab 4x4 with 30,805 miles and warranty at a cost of \$17,700.00 and a 2009 Ford F-150 regular cab 4x4 at a cost of \$18,341.00. The Board discussed the bids received at length with Jake Stewart. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, accepting the bid from Wahlstrom Ford for the 2009 Ford F-150 4x4 at a cost of \$18,341.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, accepting the bid from GMC of Chadron for the 2005 Chevy Trailblazer 4x4 in the amount of \$10,999.00 after trade-in of van. Roll call vote, Ayes: Blausey, Fisher and Wess. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board then used the extra time before their next appointment to review budgets.

At 11:25 A.M. Dave Coe, Jerry Moss and Roland Sayer met with the Board to discuss updates/change proposals/change orders relevant to the elevator project. Mr. Coe reported Pat Gould informed him dampening is not required per building codes. Eric Fuller joined the meeting in progress at 11:30 A.M. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign change order#2 previously approved at the December 03, 2008 meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Fisher, Wess and Blausey. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wess, seconded by Fisher, directing the Chairman of the Board to sign change order#3 previously approved at the December 03, 2008 meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes:

Wess, Blausey and Fisher. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Coe then informed the Board metal furring strips are necessary when installing insulation to the East wall of lobby per proposal #13 and will increase the cost to \$690.00. Change order #4 will be prepared surrounding proposal #13 and presented to the Board at their next meeting. Capstone has been set and limestone matches very closely to existing brick. Discussion ensued re: limestone. Mr. Coe also informed the Board Robert's Electric advised a shunt tripped safety switch needs to be installed and monitored by the fire alarm system. An additional relay would need to be necessary to accommodate the change. Mr. Coe will visit with the State Elevator Inspector to validate this change. No cost estimate was available. The elevator has been ordered and should arrive in February of 2009. The masonry work should be completed by then as well. Mr. Coe reported the dryer vent in the jail needs relocated. Discussion ensued but no decisions were made. The visitor's room bullet proof glass installation was discussed. Eric Fuller suggested the stop be located on the visitor's side so a change order wouldn't be necessary. No decision was made. In other business Commissioner Blausey informed the Board the 911 contract expired in 2005 so it's in the process of being updated. Due to State Statute requirements requiring newly Elected Officials to be sworn into office on January 08, 2009 the scheduled BOE/ Commissioner Meetings for January 07, 2009 have been moved to January 08, 2009.

At 12:24 P.M There being no further business to address Commissioner Wess made a motion to adjourn, 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 January 08, 2009 beginning at 8:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse with a Board of Equalization Meeting followed by the regular Commissioner Meeting at approximately 8:20 A.M. A Current Agenda to the meeting(s) is kept on file in the County Clerks office during normal business hours for inspection, but the Agenda(s) will close by 4:00 P.M. on the Friday preceding the meeting on Thursday. 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**

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**December 17, 2008 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on their respective accounts.**

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	399.34
100	AGING OFFICE OF WESTERN NEBRASKA	690.50
100	ALLTEL	100.00

100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	5,621.99
100	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	10.50
100	AT&T	57.25
100	JERRI BESKE	13.10
100	BLACK HILLS WEEKLY GROUP	36.00
100	ROBERT HARDY	75.11
100	BARBARA BRITTON	13.10
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	77.55
100	CHADRON HOME CENTER	133.27
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	258.00
100	CHADRON RSVP	750.00
100	CHADRON WHOLESALE	60.12
100	CITY OF CHADRON	397.54
100	DELORES J COCKRELL	13.10
100	CONTRYMAN ASSOCIATES,PC	9,650.00
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	150.25
100	CRAWFORD HANDI BUS	850.00
100	CRAWFORD RSVP	750.00
100	CRAWFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM	900.00
100	JACQUELINE CULLAN	13.10
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	20.50

100	JOHN DAGEN	7.02
100	KARL DAILEY	4.00
100	DORINE DANIELS	13.10
100	SHARON E DAVIS	13.10
100	DAWES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	1,000.00
100	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	11,176.07
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	898.33
100	KAREN DOMINGO	13.10
100	MIKE FERRELL	11.70
100	TRUDY FICKEL	13.10
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTH PLATTE	15.00
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	9,131.01
100	FLEET SERVICES/SHERIFF	241.93
100	ROBIN FOULK	13.10
100	MELBURN FRANEY	28.08
100	SHARON J GOFF	13.10
100	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	189.85
100	DONNA L HARRIS MOORE	13.10
100	HENCEY PLUMBING & HYDRONICS, INC.	44.25
100	TOMMY HUNTER	48.08
100	DELBERT HUSSEY	13.10
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	279.60

100	DIANNE JOHNSON	40.95
100	LINDA KALLHOFF	13.10
100	NICHOLE KARR	13.10
100	CAROL E KEIM	13.10
100	JUNE KNAPP	13.10
100	CHARLOTTE KRIZ	13.10
100	VIOLET LEMBKE	13.10
100	CAROLYN LEMMON	13.10
100	EUNICE MANDELKO	13.10
100	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	87.50
100	KIM A MCCRODEN	13.10
100	MIDWEST TRANSPORTATION SPECIALISTS	742.45
100	GERALDINE J MILLIGAN	13.10
100	MIPS INC	2,708.62
100	OPAL J MONTGOMERY	13.10
100	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	331.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	861.80
100	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	3,125.00
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	941.35
100	NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT	57.00

100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE	545.30
100	OPTIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY,LLC	200.00
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	12.50
100	JOHN PERRINE	18.72
100	PESTS GO	30.00
100	PETERSEN DRUG	29.99
100	QUILL CORPORATION	44.85
100	QWEST	175.74
100	QWEST	12.24
100	REG I MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE	5,146.00
100	REG I OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	1,642.50
100	REGION 23 EMERGENCY SERVICES	4,680.00
100	ROSA ROBERTS	13.10
100	SHARYL SAPP	13.10
100	KAREN SCHLAIS	13.10
100	SHELL FLEET PLUS-SHERIFF	37.90
100	CHARLA SHIPLEY	13.10
100	GERALDINE SIMONTON	13.10
100	SARA SKINNER	20.00
100	SLEUTH SOFTWARE	914.81
100	SMITH,KING AND FREUDENBERG,PC	63.00

100	LOUELLA SMITH	13.10
100	SPENCER FANE BRITT & BROWNE LLP	1,424.00
100	THORPE THOMPSON	22.82
100	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	5,000.00
100	USDA,APHIS,WILDLIFE SERVICES	4,690.70
100	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	27.50
100	WALMART COMMUNITY	51.41
100	JAKE WASSERBURGER	26.33
100	DOROTHY J WEST	13.10
100	WESTCO	38.80
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	462.50
100	MICHELLE WHETHAM	3.88
100	KENT WILSON	48.08
100	CAROL B WRIGHT	13.10
100	JAMES A WRIGHT	13.10
100	XEROX CORPORATION	35.24
100	XEROX CORPORATION	72.92
200	AFLAC	174.20
200	ALLTEL	114.92
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	680.79
200	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	399.98
200	CITY OF CHADRON	100.88



200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	102.00
200	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	991.99
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	83.50
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	2,139.23
200	HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	25.00
200	HENKENS EQUIPMENT INC	372.11
200	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	644.24
200	HOURT'S BODY SHOP	117.64
200	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	8.40
200	J & J PARTS & SUPPLY	190.97
200	F HARVEY KEIM	22.50
200	LINWELD	44.45
200	JOHN MISKIMINS MOTOR CO,INC	14.91
200	NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER	283.13
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	365.45
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	103.34
200	NEBRASKALAND TIRE	85.28
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	1,053.09
200	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	844.60
200	NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP	54.00

200	PINE RIDGE SERVICE CENTER,INC	6,686.63
200	POWERPLAN	464.99
200	RESPOND FIRST AID SYSTEMS	97.05
200	STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	14.88
200	TOOF'S DIESEL REPAIR	1,512.69
200	TOPKOTE,INC	14,952.42
200	WESTCO	2,422.06
2525	NEBRASKA NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORP	1,233.25
2910	ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC	44.28
2910	GALLS	90.27
2910	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	186.95
2910	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	86.21
2910	MANNA SYSTEMS AND CONSULTING	645.91
2910	NORM'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	120.45
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	1,039.00
2910	XEROX CORPORATION	882.00
4000	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTH PLATTE	18,140.00
4010	FULLER CONSTRUCTION	109,530.00
5400	AFLAC	15.25
5400	ALLTEL	105.68
5400	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	51.56

5400	CITY OF CHADRON	58.17
5400	DAWES COUNTY INSURANCE ACCOUNT	49.03
5400	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	194.08
5400	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY, INC	19.21
5400	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	39.99
5400	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	29.41
5400	WALMART COMMUNITY	18.88