The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Board of Equalization in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:04 A.M. on the 12th day of February, 2019 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Rivera. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney 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. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Johnson, approving the Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Johnson, approving the January 08, 2018 minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction # 5063 for the Board's review and approval. Upon review of said tax corrections a motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, approving tax correction # 5063 as presented and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Capstone permissive exemption was presented to the Board for review and approval. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the permissive exemption presented by Capstone. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The last order of business before the Board of Equalization was setting the 2019 valuation protest hearing date. Valuation Protest Hearings for 2019 will commence on July 15, 2019 at 8:30 A.M. and will be published accordingly.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:16 A.M. The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. A current Agenda to the Board of Equalization proceedings is kept on file in the County Clerk’s office during normal business hours for inspection, but the Agenda will close by 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 07, 2019. 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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At 10:00 A.M. Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Two bids were received re: Dunlap Project to wit: 1) Werner Construction-$1,071,317.73 and 2) Simon Contractor’s-$1,727,031.76. These bids do not include engineering costs. Tony Armer, Mainelli, Wagner and Associates explained the Dunlap project details to those present. Completion date is set for October of 2019 on this project. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept all bids received and directed the Highway Superintendent to review bids with the Engineering firm and make a recommendation to the Board. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. The construction engineering agreement with M.C. Schaff & Associates re: Dakota Junction Road project was presented to the Board. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the engineering agreement with M.C. Schaff & Associates in the amount of $16,031.00 and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Road Updates included the following information to wit: Crews are doing equipment maintenance and some plowing; District 2 bought a disc and both Districts 1 & 2 will be working on the disc project; crews still crushing at Eleson pit; asphalt millings from the State are stockpiled at Goffena pit; Mr. Hankin reported he received a $28,899.15 check from Scottsbluff County re: road projects. The check will be deposited back into the Federal Funds Buyback Fund. The Board recessed at 10:16 A.M. and reconvened to regular session at 10:26 A.M. Two (2) Travel Board Grants were presented for Board approval to wit: Chadron Arts Center-$500.00 and CSC Hoop Shoot in the amount of $1200.00. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to approve both grants as presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
rock pile is gone; Jerry Schumacher and several others suggested the Board start conducting the One/Six Year Road hearing during evening hours on an annual basis until such time issues in the Roads Department are addressed. Gary Fisher indicated he recently was on the highway south of Arthur, NE. and building roads/hauling gravel was evident. There being no further comment from the Public, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 11:07 A.M. Commissioner Johnson introduced Resolution No. 2019-07 approving the One/Six Year Road Plan as presented. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:10 A.M. Mike Kesselring approached the Board re: SDL approval for the annual Post Playhouse fundraiser to be held on March 16, 2019. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve the SDL (Special Designated Liquor License) for the annual Post Playhouse fundraiser to be held on March 16, 2019. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. In other business Larry Hankin, Highway Superintendent, tenured his resignation effective February 28, 2019. He indicated he would be available on an interim basis to assist with the transition. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, moved to accept Larry Hankin’s resignation effective February 28, 2019. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Stacy Swinney commended the work Mr. Hankin has done the past eight (8) years as Highway Superintendent.

At 11:35 A.M. there being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners will be February 26, 2019 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held in the former County Courtroom located at the Courthouse. A current agenda is available at the Clerk’s Office during normal business hours but will close at 12:00 P.M., February 21, 2019. 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: ______________________                  DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

February 12, 2019 the following claims were audited, allowed and warrant orders drawn on the respective accounts: Key for claims: 100=General Fund; 200=Roads Fund; 650=Hwy Bridge Buyback Program Fund; 990=Visitor’s Fund; 1100=Reappraisal Fund; 1150=Preservation & Modernization Fund; 1900=Veterans Aid Fund; 2360=Drug Fund; 2500=Grants Fund; 2700=Inheritance Fund; 2910-911=Emergency Communications; 2913=Wireless Communications; 4000=Courthouse Bond Payment Fund.

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