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CHADRON, NEBRASKA
April 9, 2019
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Board of Equalization in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:01 A.M. on the 9th day of April, 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 Deb Lesmeister, Deputy Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Lindy Coleman, Assessor and Jerry Schumacher and Marty Tobiasson. 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 Johnson, seconded by Stewart, approving the Agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Stewart, seconded by Johnson, approving the March 12, 2019 minutes as published. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, River and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction #'s 5074-5077 for the Boards review and approval. Upon review of said tax corrections a motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, approving tax correction #'s 5074-5077 as presented and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Dawes County Board of Equalization the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:07 A.M. The next meeting will be held on May 14, 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, May 9, 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.

Disclaimer: A complete text of all resolutions passed by the Board of Equalization is available upon request in the County Clerk's office during normal business hours.

ATTEST: _____
DEB LESMEISTER
DEPUTY DAWES COUNTY CLERK

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF
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CHADRON, NEBRASKA
April 9, 2019
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in regular session was commenced at the hour of 9:08 A.M. on the 9th day of April, 2019 pursuant to public notice as required by law. 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 Deb Lesmeister, Deputy Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney and Jerry Schumacher and Marty Tobiasson. 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 Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, approving the agenda with the following amendment of 6 Tourism Grants to be added under items of consideration. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion to approve the claims by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. There was no correspondence to review.

Public comment began at 9:17 A.M. Jerry Schumacher repeated his request for a packet of information to be available for the public. This packet would have the agenda, minutes for the previous meeting, a Board preapproval report and a copy of items to be discussed in it so that the public can also review as the Commissioners conduct their meeting. He did publicly thank the Clerk's office for posting the agenda and the minutes of the Commissioner meetings on the County website promptly after the meetings. At 9:20 A.M. Roy Norgard approached the Board to discuss Mill Road. He has property on this road and said it was lacking maintenance. He stated that he was not complaining but requesting input as the road is having drainage issues. He was requesting permission to cut groves to drain standing water off of it. Commissioner Stewart said that if he was doing it with his own equipment and on his way back and forth to the property it was okay to cover ruts or do small repairs to address the problem. However, if the repair were to take more than 1 hour the County needs to be contacted. The proper way to do that would be to contact the Crew Chief for your Road District and the Highway Superintendent. Adam Edmund stated that this way notice would be given and signage would be in place to alert the Public that there is machinery on the road to prevent accidents and for public safety. Mr. Norgard stated that he would contact Bill Gartner, Crew Chief for Road District #3. Kerri Rempp entered the meeting at 9:27 A.M. Mr. Norgard left the meeting at 9:28 A.M.

Jerry Schumacher spoke on behalf of Don Mandelko who was not present at the meeting. Mr. Mandelko wanted the Commissioners to know that the water has been removed from his road. Mr. Mandelko would like to fix the road in the future and would like the Commissioners input on how it should be done. Mr. Schumacher stated he personally would like current information on the road conditions to be available perhaps on the County Roads website so citizens could look there for updated information and by doing that it would foster a better relationship. Marty Tobiasson asked who he should talk to in his district about the condition of his road. Commissioner Stewart said for him to contact Gary Bacon who is the Crew Chief of District #1. The phone number to call is 308-432-2510 which is District #1 Road shop and leave a message for Mr. Bacon. Bev Dyer entered the meeting at 9:34 A.M. She asked if any Road Department employee is checking culverts for undermining from water damage. She stated that Squaw Mound Road has this issue. The question was asked if Squaw Mound was going to be fixed and if it will meet FEMA or NEMA threshold for assistance for those repairs. Stetson Road which has a pipe arch and there are concerns with the safety of going over it with a tractor and bale processor if there is damage that is not visible from the top of the roadway. Dyer Road has 4 culverts in different parts of the road which she travels, 2 of the culverts have been cut by Road personnel when they have bladed in the past, and the ends of the culverts are not being cleaned routinely which results in the water not being able to flow through them properly. She did want to acknowledge Mike Reynoldson who has bladed Dyer Road since the storm. She said "Kudos for a great job". It was very smooth and there were no large humps or gouges where you turn off to a private driveway. Ms. Dyer left the meeting and public comment was closed.

At 9:42 A.M. the Commissioners reviewed an application for use of the Courthouse grounds. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson to approve the application from the Fur Trade Days Committee for use of the Courthouse grounds July 10-July 14, 2019. This application did not have the certificate of insurance attached to it. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adam Edmund presented the budget preparation letter. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart to accept the Letter of Engagement for Budget Preparation with Caleb Johnson for the 2019-2020 budget year. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Tourism grants were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson to approve the 6 Tourism grants that were presented. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Next agenda item was the Official hire of the Interim Tourism Director. There was no information available at this time to share.

At 9:45 A.M. 5 employees were recognized for their years of service. Vance Haug-22 years, Stacey McCartney-20 years, Karl Dailey-32 years, Bobbi Wellnitz-29 years and Jeff Smith-22 years. Kerri Rempp of the Chadron Record was there to take their picture.

The Commissioners took a break at 9:52 A.M. and reconvened at 10:02 A.M.

At 10:03 Commissioner Stewart read aloud Resolution 2019-08 regarding weight restriction of 7 ton per axle on Toadstool Road. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 2019-08. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. A contract for Dunlap Road prepared by Mainelli Wagner and Associates was signed by the Board. The approval of this contract was done at a prior Commissioner meeting and only signatures were required on the contracts today. Larry Hankin, Interim Highway Superintendent met with the Board. Mr. Hankin said the rented crusher is set up at Crawford. The State of Nebraska has concrete that can be crushed at Highway 20/Highway 71. It will be crushed to a diameter of 2 ½ inches. There is also concrete available at the Chadron Airport. The County will crush it to 1 ½ inch diameter and the County will get ½ and the City of Chadron will get the other ½. Local truckers will be hired to haul rock to various roads, 1 of which is River Road. The irrigation pump that is being used on the north side of Table Road is pumping from the bar ditch only. A possible future solution was flood prevention on this particular road was to build it up higher. 34 roads are still closed at this time. Some of these roads are passable but for safety reasons they are unsure of the condition of the whole road bed. Jerry Schumacher asked why not put weight restrictions on them. Note: Resolutions must be used to do this and it could not be done until the Commissioners had another meeting which is a time factor in this situation. Bridge work on the Dakota Junction Bridge will be continuing. NIRMA will be contacted about a question concerning coverage if individuals want to work for hire for the County driving County equipment during emergency situations such as the flood. Contractors such as those hauling rock are required to have their own insurance.

At 10:25 A.M. Tony Armer, Mainelle Wagner and Associates met with the Board. He told the Board that their firm has several different options to help with the Highway Superintendent position. He said they can hire his firm to mix and match the following items: hire a consulting engineering firm, do the 1 and 6 year road plan, assist with highway allocation funds, be an active part of the budget process, or have someone be in the same capacity as Mr. Hankin. He stated Mark Mainella has a Class A license and he has a Class B. He told the Commissioners they would not have to bid this as a contract. He stated at this time they are providing services for Colfax and Deuel Counties. He stated that they charge \$95.00 per hour and federal mileage charge in addition to that. Mr. Armer left the meeting at the end of this discussion. Kerri Rempp also left the meeting at this time.

Kristina Reeves, Tourism Director entered the meeting. She brought the information concerning the Interim Tourism Director. Kylee Odenbach will fill this position from April 15-July 15, 2019. After July 15, 2019 Ms. Odenbach will continue on for the remainder of the season as Tourism Intern with a different rate of pay. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the hiring of the Interim Tourism Director, seconded by Stewart. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:36 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 April 23, 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., April 18, 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: _____
Deb Lesmeister
Deputy Dawes County Clerk

DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 9, 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=HwyBridgeBuyback 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.

FUND	NAME	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	\$1,471.24
100	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$9,831.88
100	BIG BAT'S LLC-EXTENSION	\$43.64
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$973.85
100	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$32,364.72
100	CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC	\$30.87
100	CENTURLINK	\$1,054.30
100	CHADRON ACE HARDWARE	\$300.07
100	CHADRON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & HEALTH	\$107.00
100	CHADRON GLASS & WINDOWS,INC	\$224.95
100	CHADRON MEDICAL CLINIC	\$129.00
100	CITY OF CHADRON	\$445.23
100	COMPTECH COMPUTERS	\$105.20
100	CRAWFORD CLIPPER/HARRISON SUN	\$397.40
100	CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNELLY,WATSON,HARF	\$1,450.00
100	D&S MARKET,LLC	\$1,845.48
100	DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	\$202.93
100	DASH MEDICAL GLOVES INC	\$87.80
100	DAWES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$188.00
100	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$612.00
100	DOLLAR GENERAL	\$22.50
100	DIXIE EATON	\$25.00
100	FIRE & ICE MECHANICAL	\$3,200.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/CHERYL FEIST	\$150.47
100	FIRST BANKCARD/EXTENSION	\$10.00
100	FIRST BANKCARD/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$63.97
100	FIRST BANKCARD/ROBERTA COLEMAN	\$7.70
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VANCE HAUG	\$36.75
100	FIRST BANKCARD/VETERANS	\$1.75
100	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$15,329.30
100	GRP & ASSOCIATES,INC	\$47.00
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY,INC	\$121.08
100	LYNN PEAVY COMPANY	\$107.00
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	\$81.30
100	MAIL FINANCE	\$1,650.00
100	MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	\$200.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	\$909.75
100	MIPS INC	\$3,241.78
100	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$265.45
100	NACEB	\$100.00
100	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	\$450.00
100	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	\$210.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,601.50
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-E911	\$32.50
100	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DIST-WEED	\$249.34

100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/CO ATTORNEY	\$115.14
100	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/COUNTY COURT	\$56.97
100	OUTLAW PRINTERS,INC	\$100.00
100	PANHANDLE COUNTY TREASURERS ASSN	\$10.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	\$32.37
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/COMMISSIONERS	\$739.30
100	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/WEBSITE	\$99.00
100	DADRIANNA SERRES	\$30.00
100	SOUTHERN HILLS FIRE & SAFETY	\$65.50
100	JUSTIN TOLLMAN	\$42.92
100	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN INTERNET	\$1,200.00
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$103.33
100	VERIZON WIRELESS/E911	\$188.38
100	VSP VISION PLAN	\$219.89
100	WALMART COMMUNITY/CLERK	\$29.62
100	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$462.50
200	AFLAC	\$331.40
200	ALLIANCE TRACTOR & IMPLEMENT CO	\$552.36
200	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$1,746.75
200	ARROW BUILDING CENTER	\$328.43
200	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$2,156.07
200	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	\$40.02
200	CENTURYLINK	\$144.24
200	CHADRON LUMBER COMPANY INC	\$116.87
200	CITY OF CHADRON	\$116.75
200	CITY OF CRAWFORD	\$114.40
200	DALE'S TIRE AND RETREADING,INC	\$3,540.00
200	DAWES COUNTY TREASURER	\$55.00
200	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$5,765.35
200	H&H SANITATION AND RECYCLING,INC	\$53.50
200	HERREN BROTHERS TRUE VALUE	\$316.70
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL-ROADS	\$365.09
200	LITTREL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$8,000.00
200	MATHESON LINWELD INC	\$32.42
200	MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS	\$38.61
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$1,329.91
200	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$167.74
200	NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE/ROADS	\$9.39
200	NMC EXCHANGE LLC/NEBRASKA MACHINERY	\$8,758.50
200	PHILLIPS F & T INC	\$120.00
200	TERRY PIPER	\$57.50
200	POWERPLAN	\$406.37
200	QUALITY TIRE	\$442.50
200	RAPID CITY JOURNAL/ROADS	\$384.00
200	SKEETERS AUTO PARTS INC	\$634.87
200	STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$477.00
200	SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF NW NEBRASKA	\$13.02

200	VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC-ROADS	\$227.40
200	VERIZON WIRELESS/ROADS	\$222.73
200	VSP VISION PLAN	\$109.94
200	WAHLSTROM FORD INC	\$1,400.40
990	AFLAC	\$39.78
990	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$63.94
990	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NE	\$98.11
990	DAWES CO TREAS/TOURISM BENEFITS PAY	\$2,974.85
990	FIRST BANKCARD/TOURISM	\$275.01
990	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$173.61
990	MALY MARKETING	\$270.00
990	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$33.88
990	VSP VISION PLAN	\$8.78
995	CHADRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$3,750.00
995	CRAWFORD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$1,750.00
2910	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	\$3.38
2910	FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NORTH PLATTE	\$14.26
2910	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$3.31
2910	WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$890