

CHADRON, NEBRASKA
February 13 , 2024
DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Board of Equalization in special session was commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 13th day of February, 2024 and published pursuant to public notice as required by law and or posted. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Webb Johnson. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Rivera; Commissioner Stewart, Cheryl Feist, County Clerk, Lindy Coleman, Assessor, Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney and Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent. 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. The poster can be found on the door next to the United States Flag. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting or requesting a copy. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, accepting the agenda. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, to approve the minutes of the January 09, 2024 meeting eliminating the word “special” meeting as recorded. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lindy Coleman, Assessor, presented tax correction#’s 5293-5296 for the Boards review and approval. Upon review of said tax corrections, Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Stewart, moved to approve tax correction#’s 5293-5296 as presented and directed the Chairman to sign such. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Stewart and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Assessor presented the permissive exemption listing for the Boards review and approval. Discussion ensued with the Assessor re: permissive exemptions. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera approving the permissive exemption listing per Assessor recommendation and directing the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Shumway TERC protest was discussed. The firm the Assessor uses for TERC representation has notified the Assessor there is a conflict of interest with the firm as one of their Attorney’s has represented Mr. Shumway previously in another capacity. Mr. Shumway is protesting acreage off an old survey. A new survey will be necessary to address the TERC case. No action was taken by the Board. The Assessor then discussed the current audit. Also joining the discussion were Deann Koerber, Celeste Cattin, Bobbi and Sam Wellnitz. She indicated for the record their behavior towards Elected Officials/Staff was very unprofessional. Those present also expressed concern with the way their departments were treated. The Board instructed the County Clerk to obtain a full copy of the contract with the Auditor’s. The last order of business was a tax exemption renewal presented by Treasurer, Sam Wellnitz, for Camp Norwesca regarding a 2005 Fire Star van and a 2008 Sport van respectively. Upon review of application renewals Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Rivera, moved to approve the vehicle exemption renewals for Camp Norwesca. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Rivera 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 9:45 A.M. The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2024 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, 2024. 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. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners Room located in the Courthouse. **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: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

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