

Board of Equalization

The acceleration of taxes for International Stoneworks and for the Dennis Preston Estate were approved on motion by Rabe, second by Burbach. Roll call vote: Rabe-aye, Burbach-aye, Wurdeman-aye; motion carried.

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Representatives of American Broadband reported they are making significant upgrades to their infrastructure, increasing high speed services, and launching competitive phone services in the Wayne area. Additional staff members will be located in the Wayne office.

Northeast Nebraska RC&D Coordinator Jan Jorgensen presented the 2009 annual report. Highlighted projects included the organic farming tour, recycling collections, Butterflies & Blossoms Tour and weed management workshop. Jan thanked the board for the assistance of Wayne County representatives Jim Rabe, Gary McCoy, Paul Dangberg, and Lower Elkhorn NRD representative Stan Baier.

Bids opened on January 21, 2010 for the purchase of a track skid loader were reviewed. Wurdeman reported he had operated the Bobcat and the Case machines. Motion by Wurdeman, second by Burbach to accept the bid of \$39,708 submitted by Sooland Bobcat for a 2010 T630 Bobcat. Roll call vote: Wurdeman-aye, Burbach-aye, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

A site survey of county property was conducted by EMC Insurance Company on February 4, 2010. The recommendations for improvement included repairing the wood lathe and plaster ceilings above the suspended ceilings, and periodic motor vehicle record checks for any county staff that drive county vehicles. Action is recommended but not required.

County Burial Application #10-01 was approved on motion by Burbach, second by Wurdeman. Roll call vote: Burbach-aye, Wurdeman-aye, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

Motion by Wurdeman, second by Burbach to adopt Resolution No. 10-06. Roll call vote: Wurdeman-aye, Burbach-aye, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

Resolution No. 10-06: **WHEREAS**, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed in to law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Lincoln, NE, which includes Wayne County.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the affects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the District and participating jurisdictions located within the planning boundary by identifying the hazards that affect the District and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of Wayne County in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body of Wayne County does herewith adopt the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in its entirety and request approval of the plan at the Federal Level.

The solicitation of bids for lawn mowing, lawn spraying and servicing the lawn sprinkler system was authorized. Bids will be accepted until April 1st at 4:00 p.m.

General Fund warrant 10020096 in the amount of \$280.00 was canceled on motion by Wurdeman, second by Burbach. Roll call vote: Wurdeman-aye, Burbach-aye, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz reported that Wayne County was not included in the disaster declarations had been granted for 34 counties in Nebraska for the late-December and early January snowstorms. FEMA has requested additional information on what roads were opened for either people or livestock safety in Wayne County. Providing this information may result in the county becoming eligible for funding. The board worked on identifying routes taken for each call answered.

A work-session on the personnel policy was conducted.