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Local Leaders Prioritize People and Growth

McCook, Neb. – Officials from Red Willow County, the City of McCook, and the McCook Economic Development Corporation, speaking as part of a unified collective, are committed to transparency and community-focused development as the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement announces plans to establish a new facility in McCook. This facility will replace the existing Work Ethic Camp, which currently operates on property owned by the State of Nebraska.

While located within Red Willow County, the Work Ethic Camp sits on state-owned land. Because it is State of Nebraska owned property, the zoning regulations and procedures that apply to standard use matters, do not apply. This distinction, which is rooted in the legal principle known as the Supremacy Clause, means that the state may proceed independently of local zoning ordinances. While this may limit local control over the project, officials remain focused on what matters most, specifically the well-being of our citizens and the continued prosperity efforts of the Red Willow County community.

“Our priority is to continue building a community where people are proud to live, work, and play,” said representatives from the team. “We are actively engaged in projects that reflect our shared vision for McCook’s future.”

Among these initiatives are several projects already underway:

- **P.F.C. Gerald L. Walters Youth Sports Complex** is a voter-approved recreational amenity that will provide expanded exercise opportunities for residents and visitors, new commercial opportunities for businesses, and a single-family/multi-family residential housing development.
- **The expansion of the McCook Industrial Park Phase II** has commenced, creating new railroad accessible lots that will support industrial development and economic growth.

- **The North Pointe Subdivision** is a residential development led by MEDC and the City of McCook which will provide 27 new residential lots meeting the growing housing demands of our community.

While the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility represents a federal and state-level decision, local leaders in Red Willow County remain committed to ensuring that McCook continues to be a safe place for people to raise families. Red Willow County, the City of McCook, and MEDC will continue its efforts to develop McCook and the surrounding area through strategic planning, community engagement, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

“We understand that change can bring questions,” said city and county officials. “But we are confident in the direction we’re heading and proud of the incredible momentum we’re seeing in McCook and Red Willow County.”

At this time, information is limited, but as it becomes available, we will make sure to share it with the community. The residents of Red Willow County and McCook are our top priority, and we are committed to doing everything we can to keep everyone informed, supported, and prepared as we move forward together.