

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

December 12, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on December 12, 2023. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the agendas as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$402,684.23, 3) Road Budget as prepared by Miller & Associates for Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, 4) Annual Tax Exempt Certificate for Ag Valley Co-op, 5) Resolution No. 1502, Book 24, Page 9, to Transfer Interest from the ARPA Fund 2580 to the General Fund 0100, 6) Resolution No. 1503, Book 24, Page 10, to Transfer \$759.00 from General Fund 0100 to ARPA Fund 2580 to Correct Error in Prior Fiscal Year, 7) Resolution No. 1504, Book 24, Page 11, to Transfer \$34,771.06 from Child Support Fund 0985 to General Fund 0100, Allowing Fund 0985 to Close as Directed by Stephanie Lofton of Nebraska Health and Human Services, 8) reappoint Jo Teter to Fair Board, term to expire December 31, 2026, 9) appoint Jessica Myers and Joseph Robinson to Fair Board, to replace Deb Korte and Garrett Rippen, respectively, terms to expire December 31, 2026. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:15 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING: Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented tax roll correction No. 1 for 2023 which increased \$35.54. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the tax roll correction as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:20 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:20 a.m.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to receive comments regarding the Mike Daffer Livestock Feeding Facility.

Mike Daffer was present, as well as Craig Bennett, the County's Zoning Administrator. There are no objections from neighbors to the expansion.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:35 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the Mike Daffer Livestock Feeding Facility as recommended by Planning and Zoning Board. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:45 a.m. to receive comments on regarding the Solar Farm Regulations.

Joe Arb and Thadd Barker with Birchcreek Development called in to the meeting. They appreciate all the hard work; however, the new regulations are not workable for solar development. The setbacks are also problematic, so they are abandoning their efforts in Red Willow County. They will continue to pursue other sites that are not in the County's jurisdiction.

Harold Pearson questioned how much the county spent to stop solar farms in the County. He feels that the County is not looking at the tax revenue associated with the projects.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:50 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the Solar Farm Regulations as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Board Manager, joined the Board to discuss new heaters in the Community Building and improvement to the Ag Building interior.

The exterior of the Ag Building is completed, but the interior now needs some work. Bowman asked if there were ARPA funds available for four heaters in the Ag Building and three heaters in the Community Building. The Board had questions about damage due to leakage, and age. They recommended that Bowman get informal estimates for all projects.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Department of Transportation – Bridge Inspection Reminder, 2) City of McCook – Notice of Hearing, 3) Chad Engle, NIRMA – Required Training for CDL Supervisors.

The District Court Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

*Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg. or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; RF Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF Witness Fees*

GENERAL FUND Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 285.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,347.10 AT&T Mobility SC 323.20 Ann Barger M 50.00 Blake's Service SC 16.00 Carquest Auto Parts S 73.47 City Of Indianola SC 120.00 City Of McCook SC 5,950.15 Consolidated Management Company S 8,708.43 DAS State Accounting SC 2,529.80 Dawson County Sheriff SF 35.53 Randy Dean M 180.00 Doyle Auto Repair SC 533.38 Eakes Office Solutions S 1,024.00 Mike Eklund M 48.00 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 357.03 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 1,202.08 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 929.52 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 1,237.50 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,701.14 Tammie Hilker C 90.00 Brandi Hilton-Hagemann S 14.69 Hitchcock County Sheriff SF 25.00 Hometown Leasing R 897.67 Donna Kircher M 137.88 Konexus SC 4,900.00 Kristi Korell M 99.36 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 18.69 Lopez Service & Repair LLC SC 1,449.59 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 346.07 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 700.00 McCook Utilities SC 448.98 Mead Lumber S 13.79 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Midwest Special Services Inc SC 841.75 Midwest Connect SC 223.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,756.67 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 4,733.50 Nebraska Co Op Extension Assoc D 125.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,774.92 Nebraska Public Health Environment SC 105.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 370.18 Naomi Olson M 45.00 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 400.00 Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc R 191.97 Quality Urgent Care SC 500.00 Quill Corporation S 498.41 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 576.00 R R Donnelley S 70.35 Red Willow County Court LF 380.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 205.50 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 1,199.01 Red Willow Co Treasurer Petty Cash S 39.00 Scottsbluff Corporate SC 125.76 Shred-It USA SC 267.01 Michael T Simmonds M 76.18 Mike Skolout M 27.50 SW Nebraska Leadership Institute D 575.00 Ashley K Spahn LF 2,225.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 8,171.08 University Of Nebraska S 256.41 US Bank S 4,336.35 US Postmaster S 264.00 Verizon Wireless SC 55.05 Walmart S 139.51 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 375.00 Ryan R Wilcox LF 7,500.00 Window Artisans SC 300.00 TOTAL 78,146.16 ROAD FUND Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co SC 13,811.25 Ag Valley Co-Op S 8,836.32 Akrs Equipment SC 768.64 Bartley Lumber S 2.99 BW Telcom SC 44.39 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.83 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 322.26 EIA LLC S 10,011.84 Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply S 8,977.94 Fowlers LLC SC 5,584.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 41.33 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 5,926.20 Lingo Communications SC 71.52 McCooknet Internet Service SC 150.00 McCook Utilities SC 76.43 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 Modern Farm Equipment SC 3,853.33 NMC Exchange LLC S 4,055.44 Nebraska Public Power District SC 44.82 Nebraska State Fire Marshal SC 120.00 NKC Tire S 337.16 Paulsen Inc S 5,532.83 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,070.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 602.72 Titan Machinery S 181.79 Viaero Wireless SC 330.11 Village Of Bartley SC 106.00 Welding Plus SC 147.14 TOTAL 71,558.28 ROAD BUY-BACK Chipperfield Ag Erectors LLC SC 5,835.00 TOTAL 5,835.00 VISITORS FUND Flagship Publishing Inc SC 651.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 2,030.48 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 59.11 TOTAL 6,440.59 FAIR FUND Black Hills Energy SC 939.65 David Bunnell C 500.00 Cardmember Services S 389.02 Central Nebraska Bobcat S 37.55 Deveny Motors LLC S 118.98 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 275.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 29.72 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.67 John Deere Financial S 156.34 Kohls Auto Parts S 60.57 McCook Gazette SC 4.04 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 331.98 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 413.50 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,186.00 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 217.50 Clarice Shields M 134.68 Walmart S 54.17 TOTAL 6,707.87 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 101,515.38 TOTAL 101,515.38 ARENA FUND Akrs Equipment SC 1,063.58 Black Hills Energy SC 2,711.82 John Deere Financial S 832.97 McCook Utilities SC 426.53 Mead Lumber S 53.15 Modern Farm Equipment SC 9,035.67 Nebraska Public Power District SC 981.00

Weathercraft Co Of North Platte SC 545.00 TOTAL 15,649.72 ARPA FUNDS Mc Kesson Medical Surgical S 2,312.88 Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp S 837.94 Pfizer Inc S 8,673.00 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 1,147.92 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 5,956.00 Abraham Weber SC 363.59 TOTAL 19,291.33 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 105.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 296.69 Rhea Hernandez I 62.00 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pathology Services PC SC 1,242.08 US Bank S 1,134.95 TOTAL 3,033.27 WASTE FUND Great Plains Communications Inc SC 171.43 Hazardous Waste Experts SC 93,436.80 McCook Utilities SC 48.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC 149.09 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 671.64 Verizon Wireless SC 29.27 TOTAL 94,506.63 GRAND TOTAL 402,684.23.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:25 a.m. to December 18, 2023.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper  
County Clerk