

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

January 9, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on January 9, 2024. This meeting was postponed from January 8, 2024 due to severe weather. A notice of the meeting 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, posted 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, with the following changes: Postpone one- and six- year road plan public hearing to February 12, 2023, and add the appointment of Billie Cole as Household Hazardous Waste director. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Gans offered the floor for citizens' comments. Doug Terry, County Surveyor, joined the Board to discuss setting government corners. Roger Nelms was present to ask about armor coating Road 719 from the highway to Calabria.

Gans recessed the Board meeting at 9:20 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:20 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 three tax roll corrections for 2023. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 2, which decreased the tax rolls by \$1,848.14, tax roll correction No. 3 which did not increase or decrease the tax rolls, tax roll correction No. 4 which decreased the tax rolls by \$512.66, and tax roll correction No. 5 when decreased the tax rolls by \$235.32. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also presented motor vehicle exemption renewal applications. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemptions for Goodwill Industries, SWATS, Community Hospital, Hillcrest Nursing Home, Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska, Peace Lutheran Church, McCook Christian Church, YMCA, Memorial United Methodist Church, Hillcrest Nursing Home Foundation. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:30 a.m.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The annual reorganization of the Board was held. A motion made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to have County Clerk Penelope Cooper call for the first motion until a chairman is elected.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to elect Ted Gans as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and that the Chairman delegates his authority to the Vice Chairman in his absence. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Abstain: Gans.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to re-elect Randy Dean as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to act as the Chairman in his absence. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Fritsche. Abstain: Dean.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to re-elect Randy Dean as Chairman of the Board of Equalization. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Fritsche. Abstain: Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to elect Charles Fritsche as Vice Chairman of the Board of Equalization to act as the Chairman in his absence. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Abstain: Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to elect Charles Fritsche as Chairman of Noxious Weed Control Authority. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Abstain: Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Gans, to elect Randy Dean as Vice Chairman of the Noxious Weed Control Board to act as the Chairman in his absence. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Fritsche. Abstain: Dean.

Discussion was had regarding the appointment of County board members to miscellaneous committees and boards.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to nominate the current appointees to the following positions for representation:

Ted Gans:  
County Health Board,  
Fair Board,  
E-911 Committee, and  
Board of Trustees of the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, Inc.

Randy Dean:  
RC&D Board,  
Region II Governing Board,  
Planning/Zoning Committee,  
REWARD Board of Directors, and  
Hillcrest Nursing Home Board.

Charles Fritsche:  
McCook Economic Development Committee,  
City/County Cooperation Committee,  
Nebraska County Extension Board,  
Veteran's Service Committee,  
County Visitors' Committee, and  
Work Ethic Camp Community Involvement Committee;  
Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Chris Miller of Miller & Associates as road superintendent for 2024. His County Highway Superintendent License number is S-1091, Class A, professional Engineering license is E-8775. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Gans, to appoint Kevin Darling as the Emergency Manager for 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Jiles Bowman as the Fair Board Manager for 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Michael Simmonds as the Veterans Service Officer for 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Sonya Prentice as the Noxious Weed Superintendent for 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Brandy Bird as the County Health Director for 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Carol Schlegel as the Red Willow County Tourism Director for 2024 at the recommended compensation, and authorize the Chairman's signature on the new agreement. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Billie Cole as the Director of the Household Hazardous Waste for 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to designate the McCook Gazette as the official county newspaper for the year 2024 and the Red Willow County website as an additional method of reporting meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to approve Resolution No. 1505, Book 24, Page 12, Designating Banks as Depositories for Red Willow County for Calendar Year 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed Don Wilson's audit findings from the FY 2022/2023 audit. There are two issues that need to be addressed:

The Child Support Enforcement Fund Over-Budget. In July 2022, a transfer was from Child Support to General. The transfer was not budgeted for, and the Board was not asked to approve it.

Response: All transfers will be approved by the County Board, and budgets will be monitored to ensure expenditures are within budget.

Noxious Weed and Household Hazardous Waste Inventories have not yet been submitted.

Response: These inventory statements will be filed by the end of January.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the letter outlining these responses to Don Wilson, CPA. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and the accounts payable claims.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, pull items 10) approve informal bid from Midwest Services for motor grader blades, and 11) advertise special purchase of backhoe from the consent agenda for further discussion.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the informal bid from Midwest services for motor grader blades for \$33,075.71, to be paid for with ARPA funds. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to direct the Clerk to advertise for a special purchase of a backhoe, to be paid for with ARPA funds. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$266,637.50, 3) amended Memorandum of Understanding for Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program, 4) Bridge Inspection Agreement with Miller & Associates, 5) appoint Kerri Unger and Andrea Harms to County Visitors Committee to replace Dan Ebers and Curtis Smith respectively, terms to expire December 31, 2027, 6) Management Representation Letter for Donald D. Wilson, CPA, 7) renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs, 8) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement with Telcom for Lumen (Century Link), 9) Client Set-Up Form for Language Line for Translation Services. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

An approved flood plain application from Doug Terry was reviewed and placed on file.

The Sheriff's and the District Court Clerk's monthly revenue reports were 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 525.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,347.10 AT&T Mobility SC 379.04 Bob Barker Company Inc S 753.89 City Of McCook SC 7,040.15 Comfort Inn M 1,799.25 Community Hospital SC 1,379.96 Penelope Cooper M 234.51 Justin M Daake LF 3,278.00 Crystal Dack M 188.02 Alexis Davidson LF 2,345.00 Dept Correctional Svcs SC 5,625.84 Deveny Motors LLC S 836.85 Eakes Office Solutions S 711.01 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 1,886.56 Bree Frazier SC 125.00 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 213.13 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 831.25 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,668.04 Tammie Hilker C 116.25 Brandi Hilton-Hagemann M 134.93 Hometown Leasing R 1,235.65 Patsy Janzen D 75.00 Kristi Korell S 194.41 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 152.04 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 350.00 McCook Utilities SC 399.68 Mead Lumber S 8.67 Midwest Special Services Inc S 1,331.60 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 2,939.20 MIPS Inc SC 3,860.07 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 3,228.00 Marvin Planning Consultants Inc C 1,312.50 NACO M 600.00 Ne Health & Human Services System SC 1,002.38 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,581.11 Nebraska Public Health Environment S 105.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 140.67 Nebraska State Library Publications S 113.25 Lori O'Dea M 153.31 Srk Enterprise LLC S 400.00 Quadiant Finance USA, Inc S 500.00 Quill Corporation S 376.92 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 913.00 Region II Services D 5,565.00 Red Willow County Court LF 375.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 173.00 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 1,060.00 Shred-It USA SC 331.91 Michael T Simmonds M 267.28 Ashley K Spahn LF 165.00 Terry Family Surveying LLC C 4,200.00 Teresa Thomas M 17.03 U S Bank S 5,089.24 Verizon Wireless SC 55.05 Wal-Mart One S 16.38 Ryan R Wilcox C 7,500.00 Total 78,701.13 ROAD FUND Ace Irrigation

& Mfg. Co SC 3,865.08 Ag Valley Co-Op S 2,500.09 Akrs Equipment S 3,610.62 B W Telcom SC 44.39 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.84 CNH Industrial Accounts L 23,362.41 Danbury Storage Units LLC R 1,200.00 Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply SC 5,609.19 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 41.22 J & A Traffic Products S 203.40 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 4,001.40 McCook Utilities SC 76.58 Mead Lumber S 14.65 Medical Enterprises Inc SC 70.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 1,033.98 Nebraska Public Power District SC 51.43 Overton Sand & Gravel Co S 4,549.04 Paulsen Inc S 10,715.93 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 550.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 861.37 Viaero Wireless SC 660.22 White's Auto Glass Inc S 578.20 Total 64,308.46 VISITORS FUND Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 1,915.03 Miles Partnership DN 6,800.00 Carol E Schlegel C 8,085.00 U S Bank S 64.49 Total 16,889.52 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 23.97 Brico Pest Control SC 90.00 Cardmember Services S 132.54 D & S Hardware S 33.98 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 85.09 Chas Fritsche M 27.51 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.67 John Deere Financial S 83.00 Kohls Auto Parts S 7.16 McCook Gazette SC 4.04 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 313.42 Mead Lumber S 171.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,298.72 Tanner Powell M 14.41 Srk Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Brian Reynolds M 19.65 Gail Rippe M 29.48 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S 5,714.50 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 145.94 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 413.54 Jo Teter M 66.81 Joel Uerling M 9.83 Total 10,543.96 INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 41,462.96 Principal Life Insurance Company I 4,173.85 Total 45,636.81 ARENA FUND American Electric S 634.21 Cardmember Services S 257.00 Maris General Construction LLC SC 620.26 McCook Utilities SC 445.25 Nebraska Public Power District SC 968.28 Total 2,925.00 ARPA FUND GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals S 3,664.46 Total 3,664.46 HEALTH FUND Brandy Bird M 72.22 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 321.43 Eakes Office Solutions S 221.42 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 297.31 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pam Klug M 6.75 McKesson Medical Surgical S 2,341.88 Kristen Puckett M 176.27 US Bank S 1,369.73 Jaymie White M 91.11 Total 4,984.24 WASTE FUND Billie Cole S 311.72 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 171.43 Hazardous Waste Experts SC 28,507.80 Jones Barrel Company S 9,700.00 McCook Utilities SC 48.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC 193.63 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 21.67 Verizon Wireless SC 29.27 Total 38,983.92 Grand Total 266,637.50.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:20 a.m. to January 22, 2024.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper  
County Clerk