

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, AND NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL  
AUTHORITY MEETINGS

January 22, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Equalization, and the Noxious Weed Control Authority met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on January 22, 2024. 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 Dean, seconded by Fritsche, 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 Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$349,564.05, 3) Weed and Waste inventories, 4) Special Designated Liquor License for Happy's LLC. 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 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, joined the Board to present motor vehicle tax exemption renewals. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemptions for St. Pat's, SWATS, McCook Humane Society, E-Free Church, and First Assembly of God Church. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche. 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.

The Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report and the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report were reviewed and placed on file.

Chairman Gans recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:28 a.m. for Noxious Weed Control.

**NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING:**

Chairman Charles Fritsche called the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority to order at 9:28 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Fritsche informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Weed Superintendent Sonya Prentice joined the Board to present the annual noxious weed control reports. The reports were sent to the State December 7, 2023. Prentice gave the Board her schedule for 2024.

Chairman Fritsche adjourned the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority at 10:05 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)**

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Crystal Dack, County Treasurer, presented Resolution No. 1507, Book 24, Page 14 to Advertise Delinquent Taxes.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Resolution No. 1507, Book 24, Page 14 to Advertise Delinquent Taxes. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board considered a Letter of Support for Great Plains Communications Broadband Deployment Project at the request of John Barrett, Vice President of Government Affairs for Great Plains. The project would provide broadband services for an underserved area south of McCook.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve a Letter of Support for Great Plains Communications. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 120,921.11 AFLAC 2,012.41 Ambience Counseling Center LLC 495.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 19,635.09 Black Hills Energy 2,727.18 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Cartridge Center Inc 212.00 City Of McCook 1,140.00 Clerks Of District Court Assoc 50.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Consolidated Management Company 8,944.33 DAS State Accounting 178.75 Discover Bank 491.80 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 1,037.79 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,640.00 Masa Global Building 196.00 McCook Gazette 432.37 MNB Bank 35,136.03 Nebraska Child Support 687.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,097.55 Nebraska Department Of Labor 1,203.00 Nebraska State Bar Assoc 280.00 Sonya Prentice 120.53 Principal Life 425.34 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,850.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,122.00 Principal Vision Plan 385.19 Total 214,753.65 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 32,007.39 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,011.14 Black Hills Energy 324.13 Decatur Co-Op Association 2,116.31 EIA LLC 5,484.00 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 Lingo Communications 18.01 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 9,845.26 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,530.84 Principal Life 196.10 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 116.84 Village Of Bartley 117.02 Village Of Danbury 720.00 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 60,828.06 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,771.87 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,240.81 Black Hills Energy 1,144.18 C & K Distributors 23.15 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 107.91 MNB Bank 2,443.59 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 375.70 Principal Life 52.45 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC 627.00 Total 15,038.76 SELF INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 26,244.02 Total 26,244.02 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,477.70 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 522.31 Black Hills Energy 2,939.92 MNB Bank 941.14 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 126.82 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 853.40 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC 75.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Weathercraft Co Of North Platte 659.50 Total 9,821.84 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 12,598.38 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,656.51 Applied Connective Technologies 105.00 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,448.34 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 447.63 Pathology Services PC 288.90 Principal Life 18.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 15.81 Total 19,495.25 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,853.52 MNB Bank 480.19 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 24.97 Sonya Prentice 23.49 Total 3,382.17 Grand Total 349,564.05.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:20 a.m. to February 12, 2024.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Charles Fritsche  
Chairman, Noxious Weed Control Authority

Attest: Penelope Cooper  
County Clerk