

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

March 11, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on March 11, 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 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 \$249,483.80, 3) Resolution No. 1512, Book 24, Page 19, Transfer up to \$100,000 from Inheritance Fund No. 2700 to Self-Insurance Fund No. 1275, 4) Family Resources Agreement, 5) sales agreement with NMC for Backhoe. 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.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. to receive public comments on the applications for tax exemptions on real and personal property. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Every four years, eligible property owners apply to continue their tax-exempt status. Kristi Korell, Assessor, presented her recommendations. The church in Lebanon has been sold to a private party, so will be reviewed at a later date.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:25 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the applications for tax exemptions on real and personal property as recommended by the Assessor. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:25 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Two bids for the crack sealing project were received, one from B&H Paving, and one from Shelco Construction. After review, the Board realized that while both bids were good, they are not "apples to apples". They discussed options such as using both companies for different parts of the project, or purchasing crack sealing equipment so the County can do their own repairs. The board also discussed armor coat vs chip sealing.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the decision to March 25, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed the necessity of allocating the remainder of ARPA funds. There are several projects that need addressed, but they need prioritized before the Board proceeds.

Tasha Wulf, Brandi Hilton-Hagemann, and Ruby Collins with the Nebraska Extension joined the Board to present their annual report. Their office is finally fully staffed with people who live and work locally.

Jiles Bowman, Fairboard Manager, met with the Board. He is looking for new tables and chairs. His best price is from MityLite at \$12,588 plus freight for 12 tables, 100 chairs and a chair rack.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to purchase the tables and chairs from MityLite using ARPA funds. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Bowman also discussed his planned gravel purchase. He will use HHW's truck and trailer to haul gravel. The truck may need some light maintenance before it is usable. Lakeside in Trenton can spare 20 loads at \$12.50 per ton. EIA will also provide 20 loads at \$13.00 per ton.

The Board discussed changes to the Zoning Comprehensive Plan. It's been 30 years since the plan has been updated, with the exception of solar farms. Some information is conflicting. Transitional agriculture zones are too restrictive and should be opened for incoming businesses. Dean will contact Craig Bennett and Keith Marvin to proceed.

A letter from Figgins Construction and an invitation from the MEDC were reviewed and placed on file.

The Clerk's and the District Court Clerk's Monthly Revenue Reports were reviewed and placed on file, as well as the Treasurer's notice of closure of tax sale.

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 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,367.10 AT&T Mobility SC 398.80 Black Hills Energy SC 1,331.14 Staci Blomstedt M 1.34 Steve Bryant SC 74.17 Carquest Auto Parts S 190.15 Central Plains Valuation LLC SC 8,255.00 City Of McCook SC 5,950.15 Ruby Collins M 134.54 Community Hospital SC 3,308.30 Consolidated Management Company S 10,395.80 Penelope Cooper S 30.00 Crystal Dack M 115.41 Dept Correctional Svcs. SC 2,800.85 Double D Lawn & Landscaping SC 401.99 Eakes Office Solutions S 1,488.42 Election Systems & Software Inc S 187.16 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 2,954.13 Bree Frazier SC 250.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 725.40 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 237.50 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 812.50 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,693.48 Tammie Hilker C 116.25 Brandi Hilton-Hagemann M 608.36 Hometown Leasing R 990.66 Patsy Janzen M 15.56 Donna Kircher M 184.92 Kristi Korell M 91.12 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 2,849.44 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 350.00 McCook Utilities SC 393.02 Med Glove Supply S 700.00 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Midwest Special Services Inc SC 822.85 Miller & Associates PC C 15.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,762.13 MNB Insurance Inc I 135.00 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 2,670.50 NACO M 25.00 Ne Assoc Co Clerks-Reg Deeds-Elect SC 50.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,744.37 Nebraska State Patrol SC 79.75 Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment SC 800.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 77.70 Kay Oltmer M 20.10 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 480.00 Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc R 393.46 Quality Urgent Care PC SC 10,795.46 Quill Corporation S 597.96 Radar Road Tec S 210.00 Red Willow County Court LF 172.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 1,491.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 159.71 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 1,054.25 Scottsbluff Corporate SC 125.76 Secretary Of State Election Div S 10.00 Shred-It USA SC 165.71 Michael T Simmonds M 193.28 Tammy Solomon M 2.68 Paul L Sutton S 35.00 Teresa Thomas M 30.49 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 473.00 University Of Nebraska Lincoln SC 1,425.00 US Bank S 5,575.31 Verizon Wireless SC 57.58 Walmart S 136.86 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 256.49 West Central District M 25.00 Ryan R Wilcox LF 7,500.00 Window Artisans SC 300.00 Tracy Zink M 16.08 Total 92,911.14 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 3,261.38 Akrs Equipment S 327.59 BW Telcom SC 44.39 C & K Distributors S 123.66 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.84 Carquest Auto Parts S 181.79 Decatur Co-Op Association SC 2,702.92 EIA LLC S 11,022.96 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 41.37 John Deere Financial LP 19,608.53 McCook Gazette SC 52.00 McCook Utilities SC 77.36 Medical Enterprises Inc S 35.00 Midwest Service & Sales Co SC 33,075.70 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 Mittens S 1,831.84 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 1,789.32 Nebraska Public Power District SC 53.58 Nebraska Truck Center Inc S 145.21 PowerPlan SC 2,024.93 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC S 40.00 Sinner's Paint & Body Shop SC 305.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 2,063.78 Titan Machinery SC 58.32 Truck Town S 964.63 US Bank S 913.88 Viaero Wireless SC 330.29 Village Of Bartley SC 116.12 W Bar Fire Extinguishers LLC SC 1,021.16 Westside Welding SC 550.16 Total 83,314.71 VISITORS FUND Bison Alumni Newsletter SC 400.00 Flagship Publishing Inc SC 2,215.00 Honorbound IT S 25.00 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 103.10 MPCC Rodeo Club DN 2,000.00 Carol E Schlegel C 4,091.67 US Bank S 103.42 Community Hospital DN 5,000.00 Total 13,938.19 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 252.85 Brico Pest Control SC 90.00 Cardmember Services S 1,812.35 D & S Hardware S 42.95 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 46.33 Gabriel S 100.75 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.67 Hometown Family Radio SC 500.00 Kohls Auto Parts S 52.53 Maris General Construction LLC SC 785.80 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 316.67 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,296.43 Nicks Distributing Inc S 1,477.79 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,657.50 Regalia Manufacturing Co S 908.09 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 783.49 Walmart S 158.09 Central Ne Bobcat S 34.05 Total 10,521.05 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 19,020.41 Total 19,020.41 ARENA FUND Akrs Equipment SC 1,874.62 Cardmember Services S 1,538.75 Extreme Ag Inc S 122.50 John Deere Financial S 402.74 Kully Pipe & Steel Supply S 305.87 McCook Utilities SC 452.34 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,293.03 Walter Plumbing LLC S 85.00 Total 6,074.85 STOP FUND Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC SC 5,000.00 Total 5,000.00 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 105.00 Brandy Bird M 80.00 Change Healthcare

Solutions LLC S 106.43 GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals S 1,980.35 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 302.52 Rhea Hernandez M 80.00 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Susan Ihrig M 36.18 Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp S 206.91 Pathology Services PC SC 577.98 Kevin Potthoff M 17.42 Darin Seligman M 6.70 Misti Soderlund M 34.84 Matt Springer M 15.81 US Bank S 713.92 Wal-Mart S 29.69 Total 4,379.87 JAIL BONDS BOFK NA BP 4,950.00 Total 4,950.00 WASTE FUND Crawford Supply Company SC 890.00 FedEx SC 85.86 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 178.74 McCook Utilities SC 48.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC 202.99 Uline S 7,935.78 Verizon Wireless SC 31.81 Total 9,373.58 Grand Total 249,483.80.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:45 a.m. to March 25, 2024.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk