

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

April 22, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on April 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 Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the agendas as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Luke Olson, Ron & Kellie Soden, Dick Cappel, Jason and Heather Tjaden were present to discuss signage on Road 381. Signs warning of horseback riders were purchased and erected, then taken down by the County. Kellie Soden spoke of safety while groups of riders travel on horseback. Dick Cappel said that there used to be a 35-mph sign at the entrance of the road from the highway. The speed limit signs will be replaced, and horse crossing signs will be erected on private property by the landowners.

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 and payroll claims in the amount of \$325,389.72, 3) Choice Gas rate, 4) Resolution 1513, Book 24, Page 20, to Establish a Petty Cash Fund in the Amount of \$100.00 for the Red Willow County Correctional Facility, 5) Special Designated Liquor License for Arapahoe Municipal Golf Course and Country Club, 6) surplus items for Fair, 7) surplus items for Health. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

Brad and Adrienne Randel and Kevin Potthoff joined the Board to continue the discussion regarding vacation or abandonment of Road 724 between Roads 389 and 390.

Scott Clifford advised the Board to follow the steps outlined by Paul Wood, beginning with a resolution directing the County Highway Superintendent to conduct a study of road usage. The Board will entertain that resolution at the next meeting.

Chad Svoboda, with Svoboda Benefits presented health insurance renewal rates. The additional insurance, dental, life, etc. will stay the same. Svoboda explained PPO vs non-PPO. He then went over renewal costs compared to the current plan vs fully insured. There are several options to reduce rates. He doesn't recommend going fully insured this year based on current claims. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to renew the current plan with Svoboda Benefit Solutions. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Lori Stevens, Deputy Assessor, presented a contract with Schneider Geospatial LLC for the use of their GIS service, referred to as Beacon. Their website is more user friendly, and the cost is less, excluding the one-time set up cost. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the contract with Schneider Geospatial LLC. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Sheriff Kevin Darling and Jail Administrator Dee Schilz joined the Board to discuss Prochaska's suggested solutions to the rust problem in the jail. Option One would be Prochaska simply answering questions and offering advice. With Option Two, Prochaska would serve as general contractor to contract for the repairs and oversee the entire process.

The Board requested Sheriff Darling review the proposals with County Attorney Paul Wood.

Herrmann-Jones Funeral Chapel requested assistance with burial expenses for a citizen with no family and no assets. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the request for \$1,300. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement – Jail Inspection Results, 2) Nebraska Department of Natural Resources – Closing Notice for

Van Vleet & Schlager Reservoirs, 3) National Association of County Officials – Childrens’ Book for County Government Day.

The Clerk’s and the District Court Clerk’s Monthly Revenue Reports were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 117,621.34 AFLAC 2,012.41 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 18,920.40 AT&T Mobility 398.54 Black Hills Energy 1,630.86 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,160.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Credit Management Services 135.76 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,240.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 Masa Global Building 196.00 MNB Bank 34,779.95 MNB Bank 45.29 Nebraska Child Support 1,202.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,043.28 Principal Voluntary Child Life 15.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 294.13 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 104.70 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,122.00 Us Bank Equipment Finance 201.72 US Postmaster 75.00 Verizon Wireless 25.78 Principal Vision Plan 350.03 TOTAL 196,710.37 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 33,461.90 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,011.14 Black Hills Energy 255.69 Decatur Co-Op Association 3,629.97 EIA LLC 6,026.80 Empower Retirement 100.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 167.22 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,526.00 Lingo Communications 72.34 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,105.66 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,561.43 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 187.11 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Quality Urgent Care 50.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 102.64 Village Of Bartley 112.39 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 TOTAL 64,181.30 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 9,094.30 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,207.51 Black Hills Energy 730.59 Brico Pest Control 90.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 55.99 Glass Express 135.08 MNB Bank 2,461.85 Mead Lumber 836.45 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 375.59 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 TOTAL 15,291.91 SELF INSURANCE Lucent Health Solutions LLC 12,702.55 Principal Life Insurance Company 5,945.46 TOTAL 18,648.01 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,707.62 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 554.03 Black Hills Energy 2,562.98 MNB Bank 978.98 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 149.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 40.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,389.42 Paul L Sutton 246.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 TOTAL 9,855.03 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 11,335.52 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,582.63 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,141.52 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 417.99 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 15.81 TOTAL 17,428.15 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,638.34 MNB Bank 614.23 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 25.38 TOTAL 3,277.95 GRAND TOTAL 325,389.72.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:30 a.m. to May 13, 2024.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk