

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

June 10, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on June 10, 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. Adam Wolford spoke about road conditions in the Calabria Subdivision.

Chairman Gans recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:24 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:24 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 enter a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining the views of the residents of Red Willow County of tax-exempt status to determine whether to continue to allow the exemptions. Kristi Korell went over the applications and made recommendations for each property.

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

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the Assessor's recommendations as follows: three parcels owned by the Evangelical Free church will remain exempt; the Lebanon Church (previously known as the Lebanon Presbyterian Church) is no longer eligible for a tax exemption; the Omaha Community Foundation (Nelson Home) is no longer eligible for a tax exemption; West Central Inc and West Central II Inc will remain exempt. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The applications from Southwest Area Training Service were tabled until further information can be obtained.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:03 a.m.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Scott Clifford with Miller & Associates presented the Road Superintendent's Report on the possibility of closing Road 724. He reported that the road is in disrepair, and has very little traffic for the time he observed the area.

The Board will check with County Attorney Paul Wood to be sure the necessary steps are taken in this process.

Val Jansante with Adrian Smith's Office informed the Board of recent Legislative updates. Smith is the Chairman of Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee which actively promotes market access for Nebraska products in Asia, South America, Europe, and throughout the world, he sponsored the "employer reporting improvement" act, and the "keep your hands off our home appliances" act.

Jansante will be in the courthouse manning an Adrian Smith mobile office until 11:00 a.m.

Jiles Bowman, Fairboard Manager, joined the Board to discuss integrating the Rodeo Committee into the Kiplinger Fund. Bowman discovered the committee's funds were separate, and not part of the County budget process. The rodeo will be absorbed into the Fair budget this year and be contracted out to the Rodeo Committee after they obtain their LLC.

Bowman also informed the Board about an opportunity to purchase stalls, with the Foundation providing half the funds. The Foundation will also assist with the purchase of a “Black Widow” drag. He will advertise for bids for the stalls, as the price is over the \$50,000 maximum.

Sheriff Kevin Darling updated the Board on repairs to the jail cells. They would use a “sponge jet” process to repair the cells. Dean proposed that we use local trades instead. Darling and Dean will gather more information and compare costs and timelines.

Darling is holding an auction June 15, 2024, to get rid of surplus items including vehicles and ammunition.

The Board reviewed the NIRMA renewal rates. There are options to reduce the cost that would involve raising the deductibles.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to renew NIRMA coverage with the current deductibles for an annual premium of \$169,820.00. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

It was brought to the Board’s attention that the County may need an expiration date on the County Roadway Occupancy Agreements.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to have the Occupancy Agreements expire after six months. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed accounts payable claims. There are two claims from Century Link for cut fiber optic lines by road maintenance crews. The claims total over \$20,000.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to pull those two claims for further review, and approve the remaining accounts payable claims in the amount of \$336,499.45. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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 and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) Resolution No. 1516 Setting Dates for Protest Hearings, 3) Resolution No. 1517 to Correct Error from previous fiscal year, 4) Resolution No. 1518 to Correct Error from this fiscal year, 5) Oversized Load Permit for Ward Craft Homes, 6) Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center’s Request for Continued Support. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Nebraska Department of Transportation – Invitation to Participate in Section 106 Consultation

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: Monthly Revenue Reports from Sheriff and Clerk of District Court

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 Absentee/Canvass SC 707.91 Acme Printing S 480.84 Ambience Counseling Center LLC MH 120.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,429.30 Bartley Precinct SC 948.41 Beaver Precinct SC 945.69 Black Hills Energy SC 144.50 Brico Pest Control SC 80.00 Dillon Brown M 109.22 C&K Distributors SC 180.55 Carquest Auto Parts SC 114.27 Centec Cast Metal Products SC 27.00 City Of McCook SC 7230.15 Ruby Collins M 449.09 Consolidated Management Company SC 9,252.91 Penelope Cooper SC 30.45 Cornerstone Fellowship SC 50.00 Cummins Sales And Service SC 739.79 D & S Hardware SC 353.25 Justin M Daake LF 4,200.00 Dept Of Revenue/Property Assessment SC 540.00 Deveny Motors LLC SC 38,000.00 Jasmine Dimas M 20.00 Double D Lawn & Landscaping SC 225.00 Doyle Auto Repair SC 1,247.27 Eakes Office Solutions S 5,283.20 Tyler Esch SC 102.00 Evangelical Free Church SC 50.00 Farrells Pharmacy Inc SC 6,036.81 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 1,022.70 Garys Inc SC 24.00 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 1,256.70 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,892.29 Hitchcock County Sheriff SF 141.49 Hometown Leasing SC 890.71 Indianola Precinct SC 508.96 Georgia Kautz M 15.00 McCook KC Hall SC 50.00 Kristi Korell M 22.68 Laquinta Inns & Suites M 749.70 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 Maximus Inc SC 2,600.00 McCook Gazette SC 516.83 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 1,050.00 MNB Bank SC 25.00 McCook Utilities SC 469.56 McCook Christian Church SC 65.00 Mead Lumber SC 37.01 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Midwest Special Services Inc SC 935.70 MIPS Inc SC 3,823.13 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 812.50 NACO SC 1,644.42 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,780.06 Nebraska.Gov SC 988.57 Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment S 493.00 Nebraska Public Health Environment SC 105.00 Nicks Distributing Inc SC 526.87 Northwest Precinct SC 891.42 On Target Ammunition LLC S 4,709.69 Our Saviors Lutheran Church SC 50.00 Prairie States Comm Inc SC 2,330.00 Prairie States Communication SC 12,479.10 Sonya Prentice SC 159.67 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Quadient Leasing USA, Inc R 434.94 Quality Urgent Care SC 278.00 Quill Corporation S 1,354.48

Red Willow County Clerk Petty Cash S 30.45 Red Willow County Court LF 547.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 252.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 78.80 Red Willow Chemical SC 526.59 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 1,312.70 Schneider Geospatial, LLC SC 7,300.00 Scottsbluff Corporate SC 125.76 Shred-It USA SC 712.35 Michael T Simmonds M 51.32 Southwest Precinct SC 873.40 Ashley K Spahn LF 350.00 St Catherines Church Hall SC 50.00 Lori Stevens M 19.58 Adrian Tadlock SC 194.74 Teresa Thomas M 18.09 TKO Pest Control LLC SC 75.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,499.00 University Of Nebraska S 57.80 US Bank S 3,135.69 US Postmaster S 326.58 Verizon wireless SC 25.77 W-1 P-1 Precinct SC 682.00 W-1 P-2 Precinct SC 703.00 W-1 P-3 Precinct SC 880.00 W-2 P-1 Precinct SC 881.20 W-2 P-2 Precinct SC 881.20 W-3 P-1 Precinct SC 898.00 W-3 P-3 Precinct SC 742.00 W-4 P-1 precinct SC 869.20 Wagner Ford-Mercury-Toyota SC 68.64 Walmart S 148.71 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 5,308.25 Ryan R Wilcox LF 7,500.00 Hailey Degley M 25.00 Nathan Raffaeli SC 300.00 Witness Fees - Co Court LF 36.08 Delton Young SC 70.00 TOTAL 164,931.69 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 12,165.37 Akrs Equipment SC 606.30 B W Telcom SC 44.39 C&K Distributors SC 171.58 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.67 Carquest Auto Parts SC 178.96 Diamond Vogel Paint Center SC 17.98 EIA LLC S 13,396.50 Fowlers LLC SC 365.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 41.10 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 7,940.57 McCook Gazette SC 11.70 McCook Utilities SC 80.88 Medical Enterprises Inc SC 35.00 Mittens SC 6,604.11 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 1,243.92 NMC Exchange LLC SC 2,816.13 Nebraska Public Power District SC 36.46 Overton Sand & Gravel o S 13,272.24 Paulsen Inc S 4,358.08 Powerplan SC 3,438.65 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 2,326.63 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 916.39 Titan Machinery SC 49.15 Unitech Inc SC 197.00 Viero Wireless SC 319.45 Village Of Bartley SC 103.85 Wagner Ford-Mercury-Toyota SC 1,052.96 White's Auto Glass Inc SC 525.00 TOTAL 72,367.02 COUNTY VISITOR FUND Honorbound IT SC 25.00 Nebraska Game & Parks SC 625.00 Nebraska Travel Association SC 400.00 Carol E Schlegel C 4,091.67 US Bank S 410.68 TOTAL 5,552.35 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 108.99 Brico Pest Control SC 400.00 Cardmember Services S 2,209.25 EIA LLC S 1,704.17 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.55 Hometown Leasing R 226.90 John Deere Financial SC 209.03 Kohls Auto Parts SC 47.76 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 3,505.46 McCook Gazette SC 7.42 McCook net Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 428.08 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,345.14 Nicks Distributing Inc SC 1,883.83 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,657.50 Rapid Fire Protection Inc SC 275.00 TOTAL 14,210.08 SELF INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 52,019.87 TOTAL 52,019.87 HORSE ARENA FUND Akrs Equipment SC 216.98 Brico Pest Control SC 400.00 Cardmember Services S 569.75 Electronic Systems Inc SC 505.40 McCook Utilities SC 504.50 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,458.43 Rapid Fire Protection Inc SC 2,364.00 Paul L Sutton SC 182.50 V K Electronics SC 9,200.00 TOTAL 15,401.56 ARPA FUND Samway Floor Covering & Furniture SC 3,484.42 Abraham Weber SC 859.00 TOTAL 4,343.42 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 105.00 Eakes Office Plus S 245.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 302.16 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pam Klug M 52.26 Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp S 837.94 Pathology Services PC SC 952.77 Pfizer Inc S 2,537.88 Kristen Puckett M 178.17 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 495.34 US Bank S 817.04 Wal-Mart S 30.66 TOTAL 6,640.34 HAZARDOUS WASTE FUND C&K Distributors SC 91.72 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 178.50 McCook Utilities SC 50.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 96.13 Odiss Enterprises LLC SC 553.00 Verizon Wireless SC 63.57 TOTAL 1,033.12 GRAND TOTAL 336,499.45

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:42 a.m. to June 24, 2024.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper  
County Clerk