

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

June 24, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on June 24, 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. Sonya Prentice joined the board to discuss noxious weed issues.

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.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented tax roll correction No. 8 for 2023 which increased the tax rolls by \$418.44. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the tax roll correction as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Kristi Korell, Assessor, presented a list of overvalued and undervalued properties to the Board.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the overvalued and undervalued properties recommended by Assessor Korell. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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.

No gravel bids were received.

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) payroll and accounts payable claims in the amount of \$468,891.14, 3) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Level 3 Communications Inc., 4) Agreement with Daniel Miller CPA for Budget Preparation, 5) Agreement with Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center, 6) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Black Hills Nebraska Gas LLC, 7) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement with Cambridge Telephone Company. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Tyler Hess with B&H Paving from Scott City Kansas joined the Board when bids were opened for the crack sealing project. Their bid was the only one received. Hess presented two options: The first would use MC3000 oil for a total cost of \$270,748.00. The second option would use CRS2-P emulsion oil, which is a better option for \$325,773.00.

A motion was made by Dean to crack seal the roads for \$19,473.00 per mile. Motion died for lack of a second.

After some discussion about gravel availability and oil cost, it was decided to narrow the project to south of McCook and north of Bartley.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the second option with CRS2-P emulsion oil for \$153,305.00. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Kylie Joyce and Mary Lawson with Region II Services joined the board to present their annual report and request continued support. Joyce updated the Board on the services they provide. Last year Red Willow County contributed \$22,260.00. This year they would like the County to contribute \$22,795.00 based on the latest census numbers.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the request for annual support in the amount of \$22,795.00 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Kathy Haas from Family Resources Center joined the Board to present their annual report and request continued support. Haas presented reports showing the services provided in the past year. She is requesting a 13% increase to each county's contribution. Red Willow County's total would be \$7,910.00.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the request for annual support in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Concerned Citizens Fighting to Save Southwest Nebraska Lake Communities and Marinas joined the Board with a request for support. Kent Confer spoke of the economic impact if lake communities were forced to disband. The lakes are not in Red Willow County, but McCook is the closest shopping city.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to support Hitchcock and Frontier Counties purchasing the trailer parks and cabin areas and follow up with a letter of support. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Jiles Bowman, Fairground Manager, presented a gift in the amount of \$30,000 from the Kiplinger Foundation to assist with the purchase of additional stalls.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to accept the \$30,000 gift for purchase of horse stalls. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Bowman also presented sealed bids for the stalls. Young's Western Wear's bid was for 40 Priefert stalls for \$83,650.00. Triton Barn Systems offered two options, the first for 40 HDPE stalls with solid sides and backs for \$56,630.00; the second for 40 HDPE stalls with vented sides and backs for \$59,960.00.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the bid from Triton Barn Systems for 40 vented stalls in the amount of \$59,960.00. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Joyce Anderson and Lori Prestes from the McCook Humane Society joined the Board with their annual report and a request for continued support. They said they are overwhelmed with animals, but appreciate the support they receive from the community.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to increase annual support to \$4,800.00 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND NET SALARIES 125,204.01 Acme Printing 220.00 AFLAC 1,800.91 Ambience Counseling Center LLC 635.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 19,790.82 AT&T Mobility 398.54 Blake' Service 24.70 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Comfort Inn 389.85 Credit Management Services 135.76 Crystal Dack 199.79 DAS State Accounting 178.75 Dept Correctional Svcs 716.99 Eakes Office Solutions 639.15 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Garner Law Office LLC 1,528.60 GIS Workshop LLC 4,500.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 986.81 Tammie Hilker 48.75 Brandi Hilton-Hagemann 393.96 Hometown Leasing 99.95 Ideal Linen Supply 125.76 Donna Kircher 119.26 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,802.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 Language Line Services 24.19 Masa Global Building 210.00 City Of McCook 150.00 McCook Gazette 178.84 MNB Bank 37,056.83 MNB Bank 45.41 Mead Lumber 76.52 Midwest Special Services Inc 426.95 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 1,627.69 NCSEA 115.00 Nebraska Child Support 1,273.61 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,469.22 Lori O'Dea 402.94 Prairie States Communication 6,826.14 Principal Voluntary Child Life 10.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 278.23 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 96.75 Quality Urgent Care PC 6,761.24 Quill Corporation 428.75 Ramada Midtown Conference Center 214.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,000.00 Region II Human Services 34,047.43 Red Willow County Clerk 1,122.00 Sherman County Sheriff's Office 30.00 Michael T Simmonds 155.11 Teresa Thomas 54.69 Toxic Graphics 1,786.16 Principal Vision Plan 323.98 Volz Inc 23,419.66 Walmart 148.25 TOTAL 292,432.13 ROAD FUND NET SALARIES 33,956.57 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,011.14 Croell Inc 9,069.75 Randy Dean 145.12 Diamond Vogel Paint Center 60.55 Empower Retirement 100.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.21 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,526.00 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank

10,190.58 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 1,000.00 Mittens 3,910.94 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,579.30 Overton Sand & Gravel Co 20,629.28 Paulsen Inc 7,592.47 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 187.11 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 807.00 Titan Machinery 553.92 Twin Valleys Public Power District 85.69 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 TOTAL 100,257.64 FAIR FUND NET SALARIES 8,705.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,230.91 Black Hills Energy 14.24 Chas Fritsche 37.52 Nebraska Rural Radio Association 1,000.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 3,590.63 MNB Bank 2,421.71 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 373.00 Nicks Distributing Inc 1,043.27 Tanner Powell 29.48 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 Brian Reynolds 26.80 Gail Rippe 30.15 Jo Teter 91.12 Joel Uerling 13.40 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 TOTAL 18,912.45 SELF INSURANCE Lucent Health Solutions LLC 6,103.03 Principal Life Insurance Company 12,927.92 TOTAL 19,030.95 HORSE ARENA FUND NET SALARIES 6,053.87 Akrs Equipment 2,246.62 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 672.34 Black Hills Energy 65.02 MNB Bank 1,472.83 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 206.74 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 2,057.78 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 TOTAL 13,001.25 HEALTH FUND NET SALARIES 11,636.20 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,650.48 Eakes Office Solutions 168.48 Empower Retirement 150.00 High Plains Radio KBRL 65.00 Hometown Family Radio 400.00 Susan Ihrig 72.36 Masa Global Building 14.00 McCook Gazette 96.40 MNB Bank 3,259.32 Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp 2,921.05 Nebraska Department of Revenue 432.57 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 Sanofi Pasteur Inc 863.38 Principal Vision Plan 15.81 TOTAL 22,515.73 HAZARDOUS WASTE FUND NET SALARIES 3,010.64 Billie Cole 68.77 Great Plains Communications Inc 178.50 MNB Bank 688.99 Nebraska Department of Revenue 30.45 Uline 763.64 TOTAL 4,740.99 GRAND TOTAL 468,941.14.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:42 a.m. to July 8, 2024.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk