

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

July 8, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 8, 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.

Chairman Gans recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:17 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:17 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.

Linda Parde, Deputy Treasurer, presented a motor vehicle exemption application from Community Hospital for a 2024 Toyota Rav4. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemption application from Community Hospital 2024 Toyota Rav4. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman 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 Board reviewed a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board. The P&Z Board held a public hearing Monday, June 24, 2024, regarding the closure of Road 724 between Roads 389 and 390. They recommend that the County close the road to public traffic.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Resolution No 1519 to hold a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on August 12, 2024, regarding the closure of Road 724 between Roads 389 and 390. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Barry Williams and Travis Radnor (via zoom) with Great Plains Communications joined the Board to request a letter of support for a project that involves over 60 customers lacking broadband service. Great Plains uses State funding to build out rural areas. The applications to receive those funds are due to the Public Service Commission by July 15, 2024. They are asking the County to waive the usual fees, with Great Plains fixing any road disturbance.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to provide a letter of support for the project. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Jordan Garner with Murphy Tractor joined the Board to present information about a piece of equipment called a Retriever. It attaches to a motor grader, breaks up chunks of soil and deposits them in the center of the road. Garner would also like to set up a demo of a new motor grader at some point soon.

Sheriff Kevin Darling joined the Board to review a letter from Bill Huey with Prochaska & Associates regarding repairs to the Law Enforcement Center. Darling also presented prices from area jails to hold prisoners while repairs are being made. Darling and Dean will present schedules and numbers July 22, 2024.

The Board reviewed a quote from UniFirst for First Aid Kits for County facilities. There are some first aid kits scattered throughout the buildings, but there isn't anyone local who can service them. The Board decided to have each department head stock the current first aid kits.

The Board worked on the budget and discussed how to disperse the remaining ARPA funds.

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 \$429,814.32, 3) Surplus Dishwasher for Red Willow County Corrections, 4) Bailiff Interlocal Agreement, 5) Agreement with McCook Humane Society, 6) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Cambridge Telephone Company, 7) Liquor License for HoJo's Hideaway. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Clerk of District Court's, County Clerk's and Sheriff's monthly revenue reports were reviewed and placed on file.

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 Acme Printing SC 420.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,429.30 Bob Barker Company Inc S 795.45 Brouillette Dugan Troshynski & Bell LF 75.00 City Of McCook SC 6,312.50 Ruby Collins M 355.77 Penelope Cooper M 144.72 Alexis Davidson LF 765.00 Randy Dean M 643.66 Sienna Dutton M 12.39 Eakes Office Solutions S 406.20 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 2,731.80 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 657.57 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 738.40 Hitchcock County Sheriff SF 97.17 Hometown Leasing R 1,026.14 Donna Kircher M 93.13 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 18.70 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 718.47 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 400.00 McCook Utilities SC 442.15 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Midwest Special Services Inc SC 469.90 MIPS Inc SC 1,597.04 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 2,019.18 Nebraska Co Attorneys Association D 1,650.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,718.04 Nebraska Weed Control Association D 150.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 64.89 NIRMA I 113,820.00 Sonya Prentice M 124.62 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Quality Urgent Care SC 244.00 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 554.00 Region II Services D 5,699.00 Red Willow County Court LF 465.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 137.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 157.60 Red Willow Chemical S 153.46 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 703.75 Red Willow County Treasurer SC 38,000.00 Secretary Of State Election Div S 40.00 Shred-It USA SC 88.95 Michael T Simmonds M 52.26 Adriann Smith M 9.45 Teresa Thomas M 157.29 Tk Elevator Corporation SC 495.33 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,499.00 US Bank S 1,272.53 Verizon Wireless SC 89.35 Wal-Mart S 43.81 Ryan R Wilcox LF 7,500.00 Total 201,402.97 ROAD FUND Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co S 9,129.96 Akrs Equipment S 5.76 BW Telcom SC 44.41 Carquest Auto Parts S 179.25 Croell Inc S 10,822.80 Danbury Storage Units LLC R 1,200.00 Decatur Co-Op Association SC 3,567.20 Fowlers LLC S 354.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 11,193.63 McCook Gazette SC 80.72 McCook Utilities SC 79.94 Mittens S 2,846.05 NMC Exchange LLC S 695.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 34.22 NIRMA I 56,000.00 Paulsen Inc S 29,740.79 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,072.50 Viaero Wireless SC 321.48 Total 127,367.71 VISITORS FUND Cox/Johnson Corporation D 830.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 23.26 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 Maly Marketing SC 660.00 McCook Chamber Of Commerce SC 373.54 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 2,445.00 Nebraska NBHA D 1,060.00 US Bank S 64.49 US Postmaster S 120.00 Total 5,601.29 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT Carol E Schlegel C 4,091.67 Total 4,091.67 FAIR FUND Ace SC 157.76 C & K Distributors S 24.00 Cardmember Services S 2,471.62 City Of McCook SC 78.85 Croell Inc S 3,635.15 D & S Hardware S 319.35 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 170.67 Garys Inc S 60.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.55 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial S 82.32 Kohls Auto Parts S 62.63 Kully Pipe & Steel Supply S 791.02 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 1,918.02 McCook Gazette SC 862.78 Mc McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 385.87 Modern Farm Equipment Corp S 2,500.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,179.96 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 225.91 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 473.93 Titan Machinery S 47.75 Walmart S 249.95 Walter Plumbing LLC SC 295.00 Acuity Specialty Products S 106.37 Total 18,071.41 SELF-INSURANCE FUND IRS Dept Of Treasury I 360.75 Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 30,225.11 Total 30,585.86 ARENA FUND Bryan Hauxwell Farms SC 5,800.00 Jon Harris SC 150.00 McCook Utilities SC 619.64 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,060.12 Raynor Garage Doors Of Ce. Ne. SC 2,872.00 Triton Barns S 30,000.00 Total 40,501.76 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 105.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 302.16 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 McCook Gazette SC 159.66 Pathology Services PC SC 694.45 US Bank S 682.93 Wal-Mart S 16.60 Total 2,046.92 WASTE FUND McCook Utilities SC 50.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 94.53 Total 144.73 Grand Total 429,814.32.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:25 p.m. to July 22, 2024.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk