

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

July 22, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 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 Dean, seconded by Gans, that armor coating two miles south of Indianola on Drive 717 and the Fairgrounds be added to the agenda as an emergency item.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the agendas as amended. 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 9:13 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:13 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.

Kristi Korell, Assessor, joined the Board to present Three-Year Plan of Assessment and presented a list of the cemetery real estate properties that are tax exempt. There are 14 cemeteries that had no change of ownership or use.

Korell also presented tax roll correction No. 9 for 2023 which increased the tax rolls by \$1,740.72. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the tax roll correction as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Korell requested a deadline extension on four homestead exemption applications. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the deadline extension on the homestead exemption applications. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board made decisions on the Property Valuation Protests heard July 15, 2024.

Assessor Korell made her recommendations to the Board. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the Assessor's recommendations for all properties. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche. Notice of the decisions will be mailed to the landowners later this week.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:30 a.m.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Cambridge Telephone Company requesting the exemption of County Roadway Occupancy Fees that the County allowed to Great Plains Communications. The grant that Great Plains was applying for was not approved, so no fees will be waived.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to deny any future requests for waiver of occupancy fees. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Commissioner Dean estimates that jail repairs will cost between \$50,000.00 and \$65,000.00. This does not include prisoner lodging and transportation.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to proceed with the jail repairs. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche. Dean will coordinate with Sheriff Darling on scheduling.

The Board worked on the budget.

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 \$469,328.26, 3) surplus HHW items, 4) Southwest Weed Management's Letter of Support, 5) Highway Buy-back Annual Certification Form, 6) Region II

Human Services Interlocal Agreement, 7) designate CSG and Nebraska State Print Shop as Vendor for Joint Public Hearing Postcards. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to add Drive 717 and the Fairgrounds to the 2024 armor coat project. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND NET SALARIES 129,030.54 AFLAC 1,800.91 Ambience Counseling Center LLC 180.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 20,215.23 AT&T Mobility 398.80 Axon Enterprise Inc 9,354.27 Black Hills Energy 234.33 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,220.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Consolidated Management Company 9,234.55 Credit Management Services 135.76 Cummins Sales And Service 2,055.67 Justin M Daake 4,037.50 Das State Accounting 178.75 Dawson County Sheriff 54.96 Doyle Auto Repair 1,433.81 Eakes Office Solutions 26.99 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Family Resources Inc 7,500.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 833.40 Ted Gans 119.48 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,401.24 Tammie Hilker 82.50 Heather Hunter 7.87 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,989.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 Lancaster County Sheriff 18.70 Lincoln County Clerk 14,262.76 Philip Lyons 31.64 Masa Global Building 210.00 MNB Bank 38,498.02 MNB Bank 45.35 Midwest Special Services Inc 447.70 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 1,300.00 M I P S Inc 2,195.88 M N B Insurance Inc 45.00 Nebraska Child Support 1,273.61 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,744.18 Psychological Resources 300.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 10.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 278.23 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 96.75 Quadient Finance USA, Inc 1,764.90 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,100.00 Region II Human Services 11,576.12 Red Willow County Clerk 1,122.00 Red Willow Chemical 153.46 Shred-It USA 90.06 Ashley K Spahn 994.68 Principal Vision Plan 316.11 Walter Heating Cooling & Cons 120.00 TOTAL 282,253.89 ROAD FUND NET SALARIES 33,450.30 AFLAC 200.67 Ag Valley Co- Op 1,434.22 AKRS Equipment 258.77 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,011.14 Black Hills Energy 72.67 Cambridge Telephone Company 51.84 Croell Inc 1,742.33 Decatur Co-Op Association 8,135.48 EIA LLC 7,230.60 Empower Retirement 100.00 Extreme Ag Inc 1,870.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 89.88 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.10 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,526.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 3,149.82 Lingo Communications 36.06 Masa Global Building 230.00 MNB Bank 10,131.14 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 500.00 Mittens 1,986.20 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,566.79 N M C Exchange LLC 11,145.48 Paulsen Inc 31,626.53 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 205.00 Titan Machinery 598.99 Twin Valleys Public Power District 92.76 Village Of Bartley 108.55 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 TOTAL 124,319.77 FAIR FUND NET SALARIES 8,651.51 Acme Printing 480.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,222.81 Black Hills Energy 102.87 Brico Pest Control 90.00 High Plains Radio KBRL 2,350.00 Nebraska Rural Radio Association 1,200.00 MNB Bank 2,403.84 McCooknet Internet Service 284.99 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 370.77 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 Clarice Shields 142.73 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Walter Heating Cooling & Cons 365.00 TOTAL 17,969.07 SELF INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 9,155.76 TOTAL 9,155.76 HORSE ARENA FUND NET SALARIES 5,796.75 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 656.46 Black Hills Energy 93.45 MNB Bank 1,405.60 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 196.76 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,577.90 Titan Machinery 47.75 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 TOTAL 10,000.72 HEALTH DEPARTMENT NET SALARIES 10,414.36 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,505.59 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,963.81 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 393.13 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 16,227.38 HAZARDOUS WASTE NET SALARIES 2,773.53 CTE Construction 3,800.00 Garrett Tires And Treads 1,967.60 Great Plains Communications Inc 178.50 MNB Bank 639.47 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 42.57 TOTAL 9,401.67 GRAND TOTAL 469,328.26.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 3:15 p.m. to July 29, 2024.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper  
County Clerk