

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 29, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 29, 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 8:30 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 agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Resolution No. 1520, Book 24, Page 27, Transferring \$35,000 from General Fund 0100 to Fair Fund 1000, to be Paid Back Before June 30, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed an emergency purchase of a motor grader. One of the machines in District 1 is in the shop and at the end of its life. District 2 also needs a motor grader. Jordan Gardner with Murphy Tractor has a grader in Danbury now, being demonstrated. He would sell that unit to the County for \$353,000 less \$24,000 trade-in for the old grader. Greg O'Brian with Nebraska Machinery also had a Cat 116 grader available for \$355,700 less approximately \$50,000 trade-in.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to purchase John Deere 770 at \$329,000.00 which is state bid price using ARPA funds. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to purchase a Caterpillar 160M3 for \$355,700.00 less trade of approximately \$50,000 using ARPA funds. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Sheriff Kevin Darling joined the Board to discuss the Sheriff and Jail budgets. They agreed to take out the \$110,000.00 for vehicles and use the inheritance fund if needed.

Teresa Thomas, Tasha Wolfe and Brandi Hilton-Hagemann joined the Board to discuss the Extension Office budget. The university requires an update in wiring, which will be approximately \$15,000.

Jiles Bowman joined the Board to discuss the Fair budget. Bowman explained his capital outlay, and the rodeo funds.

Brandy Bird, Kevin Potthoff, Jaymi White and Austin Lambing joined the Board to discuss the Health Department budget. The medical/hospital supplies line item was questioned. It was agreed to reduce that line item to \$150,000.00 and take needed excess from the inheritance fund.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to recommend a 3% salary increase county-wide. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:10 p.m. to August 12, 2024.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk