

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board October 28, 2024

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

October 7, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on October 7, 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 9:15 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.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:16 a.m. to receive public comments on the 2024/2025 final levies. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Clerk Penny Cooper presented levies for the following political subdivisions for which the Red Willow County Board of Equalization is empowered to levy or certify a tax levy: McCook Public Schools and Southwest Public Schools, ESU No. 15, Cities of McCook and Indianola, Villages of Bartley, Danbury and Lebanon, rural fire districts of Bartley, Beaver Valley, Indianola and Red Willow Western, cemetery districts of Danbury, Hamburg and Lebanon, Middle Republican NRD, High Plains Historical Society, and the County.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Gans, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:20 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to levy the necessary taxes for 2024 and certify all levies as presented for said political subdivisions. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Lori Stevens, Deputy Assessor, presented a renewal contract with Central Plains Valuation for commercial valuations within the County. The price did not go up from last year.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the contract as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:30 a.m.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented Resolution No. 1542, Book 24, Page 49, To Issue County Sales Certificates.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Resolution No. 1542, Book 24, Page 49, To Issue County Sales Certificates. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also presented Resolution No. 1544, Book 24, Page 51, To Direct County Attorney to Commence Foreclosure on County Tax Sale Certificates.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Resolution No. 1544, Book 24, Page 51, To Direct County Attorney to Commence Foreclosure on County Tax Sale Certificates. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board continued their discussion regarding the purchase of a Lycox Front Mount Retriever. Dean and Fritsche observed the unit in action at Hitchcock County. Dean was impressed with

the job it did on the tall weeds. Dean presented two informal quotes, NMC for \$22,730.00 and John Deere for \$24,135.00.

A motion was made by Dean to purchase a retriever from Nebraska Machinery for \$22,730.00. Motion died for lack of second.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to table the issue until further notice. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Fritsche. Nays: Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to pull consent agenda item 9) Agreement with Applied Connective for Data Cabling Services at Extension Office until October 28.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$184,414.32, 3) Oversized Load Permit for Star House Moving, 4) Surplus Items for Extension Office, 5) Special Designated Liquor License for HoJo's Hideaway, 6) County Roadway Occupancy Permit for Black Hills, 7) Maximus Allocation Plan, 8) Resolution No. 1545, Book 24, Page 52 to Transfer \$4,416.33 from Road 0300 to Road and Bridge Buy-Back Fund 0650 to Correct Error,. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Sheriff's and the District Court Clerk'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 Blake's Service SC 43.00 Charm-Tex Inc SC 307.27 City Of McCook SC 6,312.50 Ruby Collins M 604.34 Penelope Cooper SC 29.04 Corporate Warehouse Supply SC 1,119.75 Cranmore Fire Protection LLC SC 225.00 Crystal Dack M 322.94 Kevin Darling M 72.60 Diamond Vogel Paint Center SC 90.75 Doyle Auto Repair SC 569.09 Eakes Office Solutions S 2,037.95 Election Systems & Software Inc SC 2,548.33 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 855.51 Furnas County Sheriff SF 64.20 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 1,375.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 298.49 Sandra Harms SC 70.00 Hometown Leasing SC 738.02 Ideal Linen Supply SC 134.55 Jessi Keslin M 315.04 Donna Kircher SC 3.11 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 Maximus Inc SC 2,600.00 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 400.00 McCook Utilities SC 393.64 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,792.92 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 1,712.50 NACO SC 35.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,678.49 Prairie Plains CASA SC 11,656.26 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Red Willow County Court SC 320.00 Red Willow County District Court SC 84.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 146.20 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 105.10 Red Willow Co Treasurer Petty Cash M 190.72 US Bank Equipment Finance SC 122.73 Shred-It USA SC 88.20 Michael T Simmonds M 483.32 Lori Stevens M 44.18 Teresa Thomas SC 3.11 Tk Elevator Corporation SC 512.43 TKO Pest Control LLC SC 75.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,499.00 University Of Nebraska - Lincoln SC 134.14 US Bank SC 1,699.41 Verizon Wireless SC 89.45 TOTAL 49,146.28 ROAD FUND AKRS Equipment SC 248.06 BW Telcom SC 44.41 Carquest Auto Parts SC 57.50 EIA LLC S 9,013.94 Extreme Ag Inc SC 490.00 Fastenal Company SC 432.29 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC SC 325.13 Mc Cook Utilities SC 81.39 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng SC 500.00 Mittens SC 5,783.49 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 5,263.20 NMC Exchange LLC SC 1,481.86 Nebraska Public Power District SC 39.55 Paulsen Inc S 11,315.69 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 80.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 479.25 Titan Machinery SC 224.53 Viaero Wireless SC 322.93 Winzer SC 81.57 TOTAL 6,264.79 COUNTY VISITOR FUND Bison Alumni Newsletter SC 400.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 Mc Cook Economic Development Corp SC 2,445.00 US Bank SC 64.49 Carol E Schlegel C 4,091.67 TOTAL 7,026.16 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 36.78 Glass Express SC 1,638.53 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.67 High Plains Radio KBRL SC 150.00 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial R 118.59 McCook Gazette SC 4.04 McCook Net Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 364.57 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,469.13 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,657.50 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 6,697.83 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S 3,278.00 Clarice Shields SC 145.30 Capital One/Walmart SC 286.94 TOTAL 16,162.33 SELF INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC SC 40,417.05 Red Willow County Health Dept SC 1,295.00 TOTAL 41,712.05 HORSE ARENA FUND AKRS Equipment SC 579.60 C & K Distributors SC 168.30 Glass Express SC 130.99 Jon Harris SC 350.00 John Deere Financial SC 131.98 McCook Utilities SC 566.43 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,118.14 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 162.12 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S 129.16 TOTAL 3,336.72 ARPA FUND Furnas County Sheriff SC 450.00 Veteran Heating And Air SC 9,472.05 TOTAL 9,922.05 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 113.00 Brandy Bird M 56.75 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC SC 73.44 Eakes Office Solutions SC 231.44 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 304.93 Hometown Leasing SC 86.12 Mc Kesson Medical Surgical SC 9,114.52 Pathology Services PC SC 3,728.86 Pfizer Inc SC 5,550.72 US Bank SC 1,047.21 Capital One/Wal-Mart SC 128.02 Jaymie White M 54.49 TOTAL 20,489.50 WASTE FUND Larington Electric LLC SC 221.98 McCook Utilities SC 50.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 82.26 TOTAL 354.44 GRAND TOTAL 184,414.32

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:55 a.m. to October 28, 2024.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper  
County Clerk