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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS  
November 25, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on November 25, 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 Fritsche, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

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) accounts payable payroll claims in the amount of \$404,626.89, 3) accept a gift of \$9,900.00 from the Kiplinger Foundation to purchase a Black Widow implement. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Billie Cole and Crystal Dack. Carquest of Holdredge closed before paying their bill, making it uncollectable. Don Wilson, Auditor, informed them that action must be taken by the Board of Commissioner to write off the amount due. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to write-off the past due amount of \$400.00. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Kristi Korell, County Assessor, joined the Board to present her letter of resignation. She is retiring effective January 15, 2025. Korell has been with the county for 45 years. The Board accepted her resignation with many thanks for her years of service, and discussed the appointment or hire of a successor.

Sheriff Kevin Darling joined the Board to present an interlocal agreement with the City of McCook. The agreement requests that City employees responding to County emergencies be covered under County insurance. Gans placed a call to NIRMA to determine if that is possible. Larry Pelan noted that he would like to review the agreement, but this practice is not unheard of. Usually there would be no premium increase to add the coverage. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the interlocal agreement until December 9, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Darling also updated the Board on the staffing situation at the jail. He has hired six jailers who will begin training December 1, 2024 in Grand Island.

The Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report was 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 TOTAL CLAIMS NET SALARIES 122,821.74 Absentee/Canvass 726.00 AFLAC 1,394.08 Ambience Counseling Center LLC 60.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 18,760.55 Bartley Precinct 935.58 Beaver Precinct 973.42 Black Hills Energy 139.53 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Cidnet 256.56 City Of McCook 1,180.00 City Of McCook 12,625.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Consolidated Management Company 4,635.00 Credit Management Services 135.76 Das State Accounting 530.00 Jasmine Dimas 125.80 Dundy County Sheriff 30.70 Eakes Office Solutions 371.65 Election Systems & Software Inc 154.13 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Glass Express 460.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,363.96 Tammie Hilker 90.00 Indianola Precinct 895.48 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 4,497.00 Midwest Liberty Hsa Account 400.00 Lincoln County Detention Center 23,320.00 Masa Global Building 210.00 McCook Gazette 1,213.16 McCook Economic Development Corp 2,750.00 MNB Bank 34,968.70 MNB Bank 45.29 Microtel Inn & Suites 214.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,273.52 Casey Nelms 478.11 Northwest Precinct 885.01 Polling Places 315.00 Psychological Resources 150.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 187.67 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 93.12 Quadient Finance Usa, Inc 503.62 Red Willow County Self Insurance 3,500.00 Red Willow County

Clerk 1,122.00 Southwest Precinct 868.00 Victoria Steffan 87.50 20/20 Technologies LLC 12,740.00 Principal Vision Plan 214.84 W-1 P-1 Precinct 686.92 W-1 P-2 Precinct 714.16 W-1 P-3 Precinct 859.60 W-2 P-1 Precinct 895.00 W-2 P-2 Precinct 788.20 W-3 P-1 Precinct 890.68 W-3 P-3 Precinct 880.00 W-4 P-1 Precinct 885.88 Ryan R Wilcox 192.70 TOTAL 270,833.80 ROAD FUND NET SALARIES 33,947.32 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,161.61 Black Hills Energy 144.49 City Of McCook 5.00 Decatur Co-Op Association 1,010.14 EIA LLC 13,739.44 Empower Retirement 100.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 77.53 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.31 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,626.00 Lingo Communications 36.38 Lords Inc 294.50 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,384.41 Miller Tire Pros 2,848.00 Mittens 2,053.54 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,622.42 NMC Exchange LLC 3,245.60 Paulsen Inc 15,255.70 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 Twin Valleys Public Power District 80.51 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 TOTAL 93,672.02 FAIR FUND NET SALARIES 5,756.96 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 793.32 McCook Gazette 236.00 MNB Bank 1,694.47 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 280.14 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 TOTAL 8,839.39 SELF INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 107.38 Principal Life Insurance Company 6,979.83 TOTAL 7,087.21 HORSE ARENA FUND NET SALARIES 3,731.42 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 551.73 MNB Bank 957.64 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 126.19 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 821.15 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 TOTAL 6,414.18 HEALTH FUND NET SALARIES 12,967.87 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,718.07 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,581.47 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 473.61 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 19,691.51 WASTE DISPOSAL FUND NET SALARIES 2,613.10 Great Plains Communications Inc 205.73 MNB Bank 576.74 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 23.53 Uline 935.14 TOTAL 4,354.24 GRAND TOTAL 410,892.35.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:02 a.m. to December 9, 2024.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper