

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

December 23, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on December 23, 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 agendas 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 Gans, to pull item 7) reappoint Randy Dean and Naomi Olson to Hillcrest Nursing Home Board, terms to expire December 31, 2030 from the consent agenda. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, 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 and payroll claims in the amount of \$451,935.29, 3) Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services Contract renewal, 4) reappoint Christopher Mehringer to the Veterans Service Board effective July 1, 2023, term to expire June 30, 2028, 5) reappoint Tracy Zink to the Extension Board, term to expire December 31, 2027, 6) extend expiration date on County Road Occupancy Agreement with Cambridge Telephone for an additional six months, 8) Resolution No. 1548, Book 24, Page 55, to Transfer \$4,950.00 from Jail Bond Fund 3300 to Hillcrest Bond Fund 3211 to Correct Duplicate Transfer, 9) approve request from Star House Moving to delay Oversized Load move. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Randy Dean and Naomi Olson to Hillcrest Nursing Home Board, terms to expire December 31, 2030. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Fritsche. Abstain: Dean.

Gans recessed the Board of Commissioner meeting at 9:20 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:20 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.

Treasurer Crystal Dack presented motor vehicle tax exemption applications from Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska: 2019 Dodge Caravan; Community Hospital: 2021 Dodge Ram, 2024 Ford Transit, 2023 Toyota Camry, 2024 Toyota Rav4, 2013 RC Trailer, 2024 Toyota Rav4, 2023 Toyota Camry, 2020 Toyota Rav4, three 2022 Toyota Rav4s, 2020 Toyota Camry, 2017 Carry On Trailer, 2024 Toyota Van, 2023 H&H Dump Trailer; Evangelical Free Church: 2004 Chevrolet Sport Van, 1992 Penn Cargo Trailer; Memorial United Methodist Church: 2011 Ford Van, 1996 Thomas Built Bus; Peace Lutheran Church: 2011 Ford Van; St. Patrick's Church: 1991 Toyota Van; YMCA: 2012 Chevrolet Express Van.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption applications as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:31 a.m.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:31 a.m.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to set Monday, January 13, 2025, at 10:15 as the date and time to hold a public hearing regarding the Holliday Subdivision preliminary and final plats. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to set Monday, January 13, 2025, at 10:30 as the date and time to hold a public hearing regarding the McCook Concrete Sand & Gravel Dredging Operation. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Clerk Penelope Cooper reported that only one application was received for the upcoming Assessor vacancy. It is from the current Deputy Assessor, Lori Stevens. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans to appoint Lori Stevens as County Assessor effective January 16, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A letter from the State of Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects regarding Tobias S. Gay was reviewed and placed on file, as was the Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report.

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 Net Salaries 134,966.21 AFLAC 1,394.08 Ambience Counseling Center LLC 60.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 20,514.68 AT&T Mobility 300.49 Black Hills Energy 678.72 Jessica Bortner 56.28 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,180.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Consolidated Management Company 2,515.61 Credit Management Services 135.76 Cummins Sales And Services 785.41 Justin M Daake 1,738.00 Das State Accounting 178.75 Eakes Office Solutions 29.30 Empower Retirement 1,200.00 Tyler Esch 22.78 Ted Gans 116.58 Great Plains Communications Inc 898.84 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 4,497.00 Midwest Liberty Hsa Account 400.00 Lincoln County Detention Center 23,540.00 Masa Global Building 238.00 McCook Gazette 64.09 MNB Bank 38,486.79 MNB Bank 45.23 McCook Utilities 148.08 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc 129.00 M I P S Inc 475.12 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 1,387.50 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,898.14 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center 1,492.00 Casey Nelms 358.58 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 196.92 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 93.12 Quadient Leasing Usa, Inc 191.97 Quality Urgent Care 120.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,250.00 Region II Human Services 11,576.12 Red Willow County Clerk 1,122.00 Ashley K Spahn 125.00 Victoria Steffan 87.50 Principal Vision Plan 230.65 Volz Inc 202.04 Ryan R Wilcox 7,524.00 Tracy Zink 32.16 Total 269,971.68 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 33,373.28 Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co 3,630.00 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,161.61 Black Hills Energy 257.01 Decatur Co-Op Association 2,035.46 Empower Retirement 100.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.31 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,626.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 1,639.89 Lingo Communications 36.38 Lycox Enterprises 10,824.82 Malleck Oil Company 14.17 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,286.49 McCook Utilities 85.40 Mittens 3,232.17 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,605.42 Paulsen Inc 11,629.06 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 95.00 Village Of Bartley 117.17 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 87,788.76 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 6,229.61 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 787.92 Black Hills Energy 725.15 MNB Bank 1,768.21 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 287.07 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 9,876.46 INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 27,594.92 Principal Life Insurance Company 2,649.53 Total 30,244.45 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,722.39 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 550.37 Black Hills Energy 1,977.66 MNB Bank 954.67 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 125.82 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 792.23 RWRS, LLC 1,815.00 Split Ear Ranch 8,580.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 18,744.19 ARPA FUND Lycox Enterprises 11,315.18 Total 11,315.18 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 13,406.70 A F L A C 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,639.36 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,576.64 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 487.30 Pathology Services P C 768.65 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 20,829.14 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,355.89 Great Plains Communications Inc 205.73 MNB Bank 533.10 McCook Utilities 53.15 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 17.56 Total 3,165.43 Grand Total 451,935.29.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:52 a.m. to January 13, 2025.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper  
County Clerk