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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

January 13, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on January 13, 2025. A notice of the meeting 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, posted 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. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Gans offered the floor for citizens' comments. No one was present.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and the accounts payable claims.

Gans recessed the Board 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.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented motor vehicle exemption renewal applications. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemptions for First Assembly of God Church, McCook Christian Church, St. Patrick's Church, SWATS, and McCook Humane Society. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:20 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:20 a.m.

The annual reorganization of the Board was held.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to re-elect Ted Gans as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and that the Chairman delegates his authority to the Vice Chairman in his absence. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Abstain: Gans.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to re-elect Randy Dean as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to act as the Chairman in his absence. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Fritsche. Abstain: Dean.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Gans, to re-elect Randy Dean as Chairman of the Board of Equalization. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Fritsche. Abstain: Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to re-elect Charles Fritsche as Vice Chairman of the Board of Equalization to act as the Chairman in his absence. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Abstain: Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to re-elect Charles Fritsche as Chairman of Noxious Weed Control Authority. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Abstain: Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to re-elect Randy Dean as Vice Chairman of the Noxious Weed Control Board to act as the Chairman in his absence. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Fritsche. Abstain: Dean.

Discussion was had regarding the appointment of County board members to miscellaneous committees and boards.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to nominate the current appointees to the following positions for representation:

Ted Gans:

County Health Board,

Fair Board,
E-911 Committee, and
Board of Trustees of the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, Inc.

Randy Dean:
RC&D Board,
Region II Governing Board,
Planning/Zoning Committee,
REWARD Board of Directors, and
Hillcrest Nursing Home Board.

Charles Fritsche:
McCook Economic Development Committee,
City/County Cooperation Committee,
Nebraska County Extension Board,
Veteran's Service Committee,
County Visitors' Committee, and
Work Ethic Camp Community Involvement Committee;
Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Chris Miller of Miller & Associates as Road Superintendent for 2025. His County Highway Superintendent License number is S-1091, Class A, professional Engineering license is E-8775. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Kevin Darling as the Emergency Manager for 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to enter executive session. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche exit executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the appointment of a Fair Board Manager for 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Michael Simmonds as the Veterans Service Officer for 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Sonya Prentice as the Noxious Weed Superintendent for 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Brandy Bird as the County Health Director for 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Billie Cole as the Director of the Household Hazardous Waste for 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to designate the McCook Gazette as the official county newspaper for the year 2025 and the Red Willow County website as an additional method of reporting meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve Resolution No. 1549, Book 24, Page 56, Designating Banks as Depositories for Red Willow County for Calendar Year 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to amend a motion from the December 23, 2024 Commissioners meeting from "set Monday, January 13, 2025, at 10:00 as the date and time to hold a public hearing regarding the Holliday Subdivision preliminary and final plats" to "set Monday, January 13, 2025, at 10:30 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 recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to receive public comments on the One and Six-Year Road Plan. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Kevin Petross with Miller & Associates joined the Board via phone and David Blau was present as the Board reviewed a map of the roads involved in the plan. Petross told the Board that Structure C007323810 needs repair. It was built in 1935, and may or may not have been built with reinforced concrete. Petross recommended repair by using an open-ended rail car.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1551, Book 24, Page 58 to Adopt the 2025 One and Six-Year Road Plan, with the addition of Project C73(190) for Structure C00732810. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 10:15 a.m. to receive public comments on the Application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by McCook Concrete Sand and Gravel Dredging Pit, located in part of SW/4SW/4 of Section 21, Range 3, Township 30 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche. Roger Henthorn was present to answer the Board's questions.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the public hearing at 10:20 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to adopt Resolution No. 1553, Book 24, Page 60, to approve the Conditional Use Permit for McCook Concrete Sand and Gravel Dredging Pit, located in part of SW/4SW/4 of Section 21, Range 3, Township 30 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. to receive public comments on the Preliminary and Final Plats for Holliday Subdivision located in part of the NE/4 of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 30 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the public hearing at 10:40 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1554, Book 24, Page 61, to approve the Preliminary and Final Plats for Holliday Subdivision located in part of the NE/4 of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 30 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

David Hoyt joined the Board to express concerns regarding his neighbors filling Dry Creek and the resulting flooding. Gans referenced a letter from Craig Bennett, the County's Zoning Administrator, that outlines the regulations and violations.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to forward the information to Paul Wood, County Attorney, for further action. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to remove item 5) Reappoint Brian Reynolds and Gail Rippe to Fair Board, Terms to Expire December 31, 2027; Appoint Galen Perry to Fair Board to Replace Chas Fritsche, Term to Expire December 31, 2027 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the item until a later date. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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 \$251,113.52, 3) Management Representation Letter for Donald D. Wilson, CPA, 4) Oversized Load Permit for Wardcraft Homes. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Miller & Associates – New Requirements from NDOT on Bridges, 2) NACO – Required Education for Weed Control Superintendent.

The Sheriff's, Clerk'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 Acme Printing S 1,152.00 AF Solutions & Services LLC SC 240.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,507.60 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC S 532.75 Black Hills Energy SC 977.23 City Of McCook SC 50.00 Clerks Of District Court Assoc D 50.00 Ruby Collins M 253.93 Consolidated Management Company S 4,369.54 Culligan Of McCook SC 28.86 Justin M Daake LF 3,125.00 Crystal Dack M 174.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 436.97 FGH Law Office, LLC LF 238.50 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 737.90 Garner Law Office LLC LF 187.50 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 912.50 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 735.69 Marc Harpham SC 350.00 Hitchcock County Sheriff SF 67.51 Hometown Leasing R 1,063.55 Ideal Linen Supply SC 195.47 Donna Kircher M 87.10 Kristi Korell M 136.24 Mike Kreiling SC 306.00 Language Line Services SC 12.98 Pip Marketing Signs Print S 98.95 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 1,169.00 McCook Utilities SC 320.79 Mead Lumber S 30.98 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 3,564.85 MIPS Inc SC 3,792.92 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 291.90 Ne County Assessors Association D 100.00 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center SC 24.50 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,870.17 Ne State Fire Marshal SC 120.00 Nebraska State Bar Assoc D 280.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 294.29 Lori O'Dea M 163.32 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Psychological Resources SC 150.00 Quill Corporation S 305.98 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 1,118.29 Region II Services SC 5,699.00 Red Willow County Clerk Petty Cash S 21.44 Red Willow County Court LF 235.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 240.00 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 33.10 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 94.20 Red Willow County Treasurer SC 481.32 Samway Floor Covering & Furniture S 1,595.00 Sayler Screenprinting S 90.00 Shred-It USA SC 87.45 Lori Stevens M 18.01 Teresa Thomas M 17.42 Tk Elevator Corporation SC 3,175.93 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,624.00 University Of Nebraska - Lincoln S 45.22 US Bank S 1,393.35 US Bank Equipment Finance SC 214.48 Verizon Wireless SC 25.80 Verizon Wireless SC 63.69 Walmart S 135.25 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 80.00 Westfield Pharmacy S 702.48 Window Artisans SC 300.00 Total 51,140.90 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op S 248.11 Akrs Equipment SC 124.03 B W Telcom SC 44.41 C & K Distributors S 8.40 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 52.02 CNH Industrial Accounts S 23,362.41 D & S Hardware S 19.74 Danbury Storage Units LLC R 1,200.00 Fowlers LLC SC 3,880.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 2,895.65 McCook Utilities SC 85.15 Mittens SC 2,420.77 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 982.58 NMC Exchange LLC SC 5,104.99 Nebraska Public Power District SC 50.14 Nebraska State Fire Marshal SC 120.00 NKC Tire S 713.04 Paulsen Inc S 10,060.55 PowerPlan SC 2,658.64 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,556.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 258.38 Viaero Wireless SC 322.25 Village Of Danbury SC 720.00 Total 56,887.26 VISITORS PROMOTION Dreamshare Productions LLC SC 660.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Economic Development Corp R 2,500.66 McCook Farm & Ranch Expo DN 2,000.00 US Bank S 182.49 Total 5,368.15 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT Carol E Schlegel C 9,001.67 Total 9,001.67 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 81.56 Akrs Equipment SC 163.22 Black Hills Energy SC 850.33 Cardmember Services S 268.89 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 2.48 Chas Fritsche M 27.51 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.76 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial SC 38.17 McCook Gazette SC 4.04 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 64.72 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 6,250.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,373.88 Tanner Powell M 21.62 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,657.50 Brian Reynolds M 19.65 Gail Rippe M 39.30 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 20.99 Jo Teter M 89.08 Joel Uerling M 9.83 Total 11,297.98 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 30,740.48 Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 59,829.75 Total 90,570.23 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 2,756.36 Bradley Machine & Pump Repair LLC SC 390.00 C & K Distributors S 182.02 D & S Hardware S 15.99 Maris General Construction LLC SC 2,500.00 McCook Utilities SC 473.68 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 12,500.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,044.33 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 650.00 Raynor Garage Doors Of Ce. Ne. SC 185.32 Total 20,697.70 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 113.00 Brandy Bird SC 215.80 Eakes Office Solutions S 335.73 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 303.78 Rhea Hernandez SC 98.34 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pam Klug SC 30.00 Shelly Landry SC 30.00 Mc Kesson Medical Surgical S 1,297.50 Pathology Services PC S 863.73 Pfizer Inc S 1,387.68 Kristen Puckett SC 30.00 US Bank S 1,001.40 Jaymie White SC 108.93 Total 5,902.01 WASTE FUND C & K Distributors S 1.04 McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 193.43 Total 247.62 Grand Total 251,113.52.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:53 a.m. to January 27, 2025.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper

County Clerk