

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

February 10, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on February 10, 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 9:03 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 add use of remaining ARPA funds to the agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Steve Quigley was present to discuss road conditions. He presented maps showing the problem areas. Dean said he would take a closer look at the road.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Equalization.

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:12 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.

Lori Stevens, Assessor, presented tax roll correction No. 3 for 2025 for personal property for an increase of \$123.28.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the tax roll correction as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Stevens also presented her recommendations regarding Real Estate and Personal Property Permissive Exemptions. There are many renewals; the hearings on the new applications will be on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:18 a.m.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:18 a.m.

The Board discussed their meetings start time and the order of the agendas. Gans suggested a meeting start time of 8:30 a.m. to review claims.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to change the meeting start time from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed the future of the Kenworth Semi from Household Hazardous Waste. HHW does not use the truck, but Fair and District 3 do utilize it. Gans reported that it has over a million miles on it and has several mechanical problems. There was lengthy discussion about selling vs. repair. Dean will contact NMC for a second opinion. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the issue until February 24. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

After some discussion of the remaining ARPA funds, a motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to correct the jail/ARPA expenditure in the amount of \$10,505.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche remove consent item 1) approve minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to amend the minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans to pull item 8) authorize Chairman's signature on Lease Contract with AKRS. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans to approve item 8) authorize Chairman's signature on Lease Contract with AKRS. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Abstain: Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$258,743.14, 3) Lease Contract with Nebraska Machinery, 4) Interlocal Agreement with McCook for Law Enforcement, 5) Oversized Load Permit for Indianola Historical Society, 6) Reappoint Cheryl Stewart to Health Board, Term to Expire January 31, 2028, 7) Audit Engagement Letter for Donald D. Wilson, CPA. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter executive session at 10:43 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to exit executive session at 10:55 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Bill Rogers – Offer of Continued Service, Benchmark Insurance – Notice of Non-Renewal, City of McCook - Notice of Public Hearing.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: Sheriff's and Clerk of District Court's Monthly Revenue Reports, 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Audit Report, Livestock Friendly County Annual Report, and NIRMA's 2024 Annual 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 Acme Printing S 225.00 American Electric SC 156.25 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,512.60 AT&T Mobility SC 315.33 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC S 705.95 Best Western M 214.00 Black Hills Energy SC 1,577.41 Charles J. Boettcher DDS SC 337.00 Brico Pest Control SC 80.00 Carquest Auto Parts S 166.50 Centec Cast Metal Products S 2,256.02 City Of McCook SC 6,312.50 Ruby Collins M 144.20 Consolidated Management Company S 6,570.92 Corporate Warehouse Supply S 1,679.65 Culligan Of McCook SC 47.86 Randy Dean M 129.98 Eakes Office Solutions S 777.39 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 385.54 FBI National Academy Assoc, Inc D 130.00 Glass Express SC 254.68 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 1,325.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 734.93 Jonathan Heflin S 20.00 Hitchcock County Sheriff SF 38.55 Hometown Leasing R 1,063.55 Ideal Linen Supply S 134.55 Donna Kircher M 112.00 Language Line Services SC 8.85 Lincoln County Detention Center SF 18,595.00 Lips Printing Service S 687.12 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 812.92 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 800.00 McCook Utilities SC 317.87 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 MIPS Inc SC 11,505.32 Modern Cleaners SC 55.50 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 837.50 National Sheriffs Association D 250.00 Ne Assoc Co Clerks-Reg Deeds-Elect D 50.00 Ne Assoc Of County Treasurers D 75.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,062.40 Nicks Distributing Inc S 234.56 Srk Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Quill Corporation S 20.66 Edward Rockenfield SC 1,000.00 R R Donnelley S 77.95 Red Willow County Court LF 708.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 538.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 205.56 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 322.96 Shred-It Usa SC 175.25 Michael T Simmonds M 122.50 Ashley K Spahn LF 525.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,624.00 U S Bank S 3,074.61 Verizon Wireless SC 91.35 Veteran Heating And Air SC 260.75 Village Of Bartley SC 60.00 Volz Inc SC 120.00 Walmart/Capital One S 53.10 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 80.00 Westfield Pharmacy S 411.39 West Central District D 25.00 Ryan R Wilcox C 7,500.00 Donald D Wilson CPA C 10,500.00 Serge Yeboa S 43.72 Delton Young SC 65.00 Total 94,448.20 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 1,019.97 Akrs Equipment SC 1,318.89 B W Telcom SC 44.41 C & K Distributors S 125.41 Carquest Auto Parts S 781.52 Kully Pipe & Steel Supply S 287.39 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 2,241.64 McCook Utilities SC 85.18 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng SC 4,222.43 Mittens S 1,446.33 Modern Farm Equipment Corp S 351.15 NMC Exchange LLC S 1,089.99 Nebraska Public Power District SC 63.91 Nebraska Truck Center Inc SC 4,760.26 PowerPlan SC 1,971.42 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,526.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 159.82 Titan Machinery S 509.16 Viaero Wireless SC 321.77 Village Of Bartley SC 128.50 Winzer S 90.86 Total 22,546.01 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND Flagship Publishing Inc SC 615.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Chamber Of Commerce DN 3,020.00 Nebraska Game & Parks SC 1,250.00 US Bank S 507.47 Total 5,417.47 VISITORS PROMOTION FUND Carol E Schlegel C 4,296.25 Total 4,296.25 FAIR FUND Akrs Equipment S 1,001.76 Joyce Anderson, CPA, LLC SC 200.00 Cardmember Services S 135.07 End-Use Pro, LLC S 447.49 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.76 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 Horn T Zoo SC 1,425.00 John Deere Financial S 192.49 McCook Chamber Of Commerce D 300.00 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 530.23 Jessica Myers M 72.10 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,638.90 Srk Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Rockit Event Pros SC 1,474.59 Walmart S 37.66 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 365.00 Total 9,796.71 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 42,514.75 Total 42,514.75 ARENA FUND Kully Pipe & Steel Supply S 2,107.29

McCook Utilities SC 273.30 NMC Exchange LLC L 13,500.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,151.64 Rapid Fire Protection Inc I 305.00 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 804.00 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 2,121.73 Acuity Specialty Products S 214.95 Total 20,477.91 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 113.00 Brandy Bird SC 92.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 212.86 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 303.78 Rhea Hernandez SC 92.00 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Susan Ihrig SC 30.00 McCook Gazette SC 20.06 Pfizer Inc S 1,387.68 Kevin Potthoff M 18.20 Misti Soderlund M 36.40 Cheryl Stewart M 19.60 US Bank S 1,096.26 Wal-Mart S 6.34 Total 3,514.30 WASTE DISPOSAL FUND Hazardous Waste Experts Dba MCF Env SC 55,372.48 McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 284.20 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 21.67 Total 55,731.50 Grand Total 258,743.10.

The Board performed the quarterly jail inspection. Everything was found to be satisfactory. Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:20 a.m. to February 24, 2025.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper  
County Clerk