

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

February 24, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on February 24, 2025. 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 8:35 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.

The Board reviewed and accounts payable and payroll claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

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 9:15 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 enter a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining the views of the residents of Red Willow County of tax-exempt status to determine whether to allow the exemptions. Assessor Lori Stevens went over the applications and made recommendations for each property: Community Hospital, Kinship Pointe, Willow Christian Church, Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, and Community Action Partnership.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:21 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the Assessor's recommendations to approve as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:26 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Sheriff Kevin Darling joined the Board to discuss the purchase of a vehicle through the Law Enforcement Vehicle Auction. Darling explained that he has hired a Chief Deputy.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to authorize an emergency purchase of a law enforcement vehicle through auction. Roll call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Clerk Penelope Cooper joined the Board to discuss Courthouse safety issues. The recent snows and cold weather created a dangerous situation for employees and customers on the east side of the Courthouse. The Board is going to coordinate with the custodian, the road crew, and possibly a hired snow removal company.

The Board discussed the current membership of the County Fair Board. After the most recent appointments, the Board was reminded by County Attorney Paul Wood that the Fair Board must be representative of the entire county, and only two may be appointed from the same area. Currently, there are three members who reside within the city limits of McCook. Wood's advice is to allow one of the three to resign, and appoint someone from another area of the County.

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 and payroll claims in the amount of \$457,652.58. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy Clarification for Ruggles Farms, 2) Figgins Construction – offer of services, 3) NIRMA – Workmen's Comp Personnel Update.

The Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report and the Road-Street-Highway Budget Report from Miller & Associates were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 143,894.29 Absentee/Canvass 94.50 Accurate Controls Inc 1,041.78 AFLAC 1,532.49 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 20,826.25 Bear Graphics 171.64 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC 531.85 Black Hills Energy 1,125.66 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,220.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Credit Management Services 161.74 Justin M Daake 6,067.50 Empower Retirement 1,200.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 581.87 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,016.88 Hall County Sheriff 19.46 Tammie Hilker 127.50 Lincoln County Sheriff 39.65 Lincoln County Detention Center 9,840.00 Lynn Peavey Company 78.11 MASA Global Building 224.00 City Of McCook 250.00 MNB Bank 39,606.60 MNB Bank 45.86 Midwest Special Services Inc 427.35 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 2,453.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,831.06 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center 175.00 Nebraska Weed Control Association 175.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 196.92 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 93.12 Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc 242.97 Quadiant Finance USA, Inc 1,996.51 Quill Corporation 125.76 Ravenswood Electric LLC 19,066.51 Red Willow Dental LLC 728.21 Red Willow County Self Insurance 3,650.00 Red Willow County Clerk 821.67 Victoria Steffan 75.00 Principal Vision Plan 268.25 Total 266,313.14 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 34,498.84 AFLAC 231.61 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,161.61 Black Hills Energy 350.36 Brooks Construction, LLC 8,737.50 Cambridge Telephone Company 52.02 Decatur Co-Op Association 1,272.12 Empower Retirement 100.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 51.33 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.35 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 1,901.63 Lingo Communications 36.44 MASA Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,149.64 Mittens 1,188.20 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,520.44 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 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 700.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 136.12 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 67,926.66 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,059.82 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,132.62 Black Hills Energy 1,199.78 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 57.79 MASA Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,293.81 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 367.29 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 100.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 13,303.61 Net Salaries Lucent Health Solutions LLC 14,897.08 Principal Life Insurance Company 3,617.22 Jaymie White 20.00 Total 18,534.30 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,725.62 Akrs Equipment 2,400.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 548.80 Black Hills Energy 3,894.26 MNB Bank 940.09 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 122.72 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 816.66 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC 1,028.74 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 13,702.94 ARPA FUND Ravenswood Electric LLC 17,096.95 Total 17,096.95 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 11,814.34 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,650.51 Empower Retirement 150.00 MASA Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,108.02 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 395.79 Pathology Services PC 1,580.10 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 Sanofi Pasteur Inc 31,447.20 Principal Vision Plan 15.81 Total 50,946.45 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,291.84 Diamond Vogel Paint Center 290.96 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 185.18 Great Plains Communications Inc 205.81 MNB Bank 452.46 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 16.93 Veolia Environmental Services 6,385.35 Total 9,828.53 Grand Total 457,652.58.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:27 a.m. to March 10, 2025.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk