

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, AND NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

March 24, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Equalization, and the Noxious Weed Control Authority met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on March 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 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 Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the agendas as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

Chairman Gans recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:14 a.m. for the Board of Equalization and Noxious Weed Control.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Dean called the Board of Equalization 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 comments on a tax exemption application. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Lori Stevens, County Assessor, informed the Board that the approved tax exemption for office equipment for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault was returned by the State for further review. The equipment in question is actually being leased and does not belong to the agency.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:20 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to deny the Tax Exemption application as recommended by the Assessor. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:25 a.m.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING:

Chairman Charles Fritsche called the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Fritsche informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Due to Prentice's unavoidable absence, a motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Gans, to table this issue until April 14, 2025.

Chairman Fritsche adjourned the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority at 9:40 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Tasha Wulf, Ruby Collins, and Brandi Hilton-Hageman from the Extension Office joined the Board to give their Annual Report. They are heavily involved in youth education, especially in the summer months. The Extension website has schedules for upcoming events.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to consent agenda postpone item 3) Fair's Tractor lease to the next meeting. 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 meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$394,351.39, 4) Miller & Associates bridge contracts, 5) Svoboda Benefits commission agreement. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

An invitation to McCook Economic Development Corporation's annual meeting, and a Letter from Nebraska Department of Natural Resources regarding dam inspections were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 145,741.84 Acme Printing 62.00 AFLAC 1,532.49 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 21,125.49 AT&T Mobility 322.15 Black Hills Energy 2,680.23 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,460.00 Joan Coleman 125.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Penelope Cooper 25.19 Credit Management Services 161.74 Justin M Daake 4,525.00 DAS State Accounting 178.75 Doyle Auto Repair 282.58 Eakes Office Solutions 118.30 Empower Retirement 1,200.00 FGH Law Office, LLC 25.00 Galls 135.39 Goodwin Siegfried LLC 1,062.50 Great Plains Communications Inc 990.74 Tammie Hilker 63.75 Lancaster County Sheriff 18.73 Lincoln County Detention Center 4,455.00 Masa Global Building 210.00 McCook Gazette 2,301.07 MNB Bank 39,932.75 MNB Bank 45.74 McCook Police Department 22.48 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 1,300.00 MIPS Inc 343.00 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 2,042.90 NACO 225.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,773.73 Nebraska Public Health Environment 105.00 Psychological Resources 150.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 196.92 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 93.12 Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc 191.97 Quality Urgent Care 120.00 Quill Corporation 330.75 Red Willow Dental LLC 1,814.86 Red Willow County Self Insurance 3,800.00 Red Willow County Clerk 821.67 Ashley K Spahn 150.00 Victoria Steffan 458.12 Village Of Bartley 20.00 Principal Vision Plan 284.06 Nathan Raffaeli-Window Artisans 300.00 Total 247,614.19 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 34,498.84 AFLAC 231.61 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,161.61 Black Hills Energy 356.16 Cambridge Telephone Company 62.02 Decatur Co-Op Association 971.89 EIA LLC 11,266.38 Empower Retirement 100.00 Fastenal Company 279.94 Gotcha Glass 450.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.35 Lingo Communications 36.50 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,149.64 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp 238.37 Mittens 1,425.66 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,520.44 NMC Exchange L L C 810.52 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 Titan Machinery 170.95 Twin Valleys Public Power District 123.00 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 W Bar Fire Extinguishers LLC 761.10 Les Honeymann 172.81 Total 70,626.24 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,168.12 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,148.82 Black Hills Energy 1,128.01 Cardmember Services 613.31 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,329.61 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 371.73 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 13,952.10 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 23,323.36 Total 23,323.36 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,752.71 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 552.85 Black Hills Energy 4,536.46 Cardmember Services 2,426.92 MNB Bank 949.03 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 123.82 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,167.06 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 13,734.90 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 11,288.80 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,607.01 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,971.98 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 377.47 Paper Tiger Shredding 106.35 Pathology Services P C 907.45 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 18,209.55 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,162.91 Great Plains Communications Inc 205.81 MNB Bank 503.28 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 30.45 Veolia Environmental Services 3,988.60 Total 6,891.05 Grand Total 394,351.39.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean to adjourn the Board of Commissioners' meeting at 10:25 a.m. to April 14, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Charles Fritsche
Chairman, Noxious Weed Control Authority

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk