

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

April 14, 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 April 14, 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.

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

Chairman Gans recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:15 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 9:12 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 four Tax Roll Corrections. The first, No. 4 for 2024, was personal property entered as 2023 in error rather than 2022 for a decrease of \$20.90. Nos. 5 and 7 are address corrections in the North Pointe addition with no change. No. 6 is the sale of a business and prorated taxes for a decrease of \$25.58.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Tax Roll Correction Nos. 4 through 7 for 2024 as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Treasurer Crystal Dack presented a Motor Vehicle Exemption Application for SWATS for a 2000 GMC Sonoma.

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

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

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING:

Chairman Charles Fritsche called the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority to order at 9:22 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.

Weed Control Director Sonya Pretince joined the Board to review the State's evaluation of our program. Fritsche recommended that Pretince work more closely with Tim Storrs from the Nebraska Department of the Environment. Pretince informed the Board of a grant available to purchase a pickup for noxious weed. She also stated that she needs law enforcement assistance when approaching some landowners.

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 9:40 a.m.

Earl McNutt joined the Board, along with many supporters, Paul Wood, County Attorney, and McNutt's attorney Mark M. Schorr (via phone), to discuss his possible termination of employment. There was some confusion, as Fritsche denied terminating McNutt. All parties agreed that this was not a hearing of due process. The matter will be taken up at a later date.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to retain Pamela Bourne of Woods Aiken at Paul Wood's urging. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, second by Fritsche, to table discussion of the Lumen claims, as they are part of the previous issue. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$352,307.14, 3) Tractor Lease for Fair, 4) Public Defender's Agreement, 5) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for McCook Public Power District, 6) Two (2) County Roadway Occupancy Agreements for Great Plains Communications, 7) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Five Star Energy, 8) Appoint Natalie Alred and Chris Wagner to the Visitors Board, to Replace Tyler Loop and Bill Lesko, Terms to Expire December 31, 2025. Dan Stramel asked the Board how they arrived the names of the replacement members, and why people from other areas of the county were not considered. He requested the Board would reconsider these appointments. Stramel and the Board agreed that better communication would help in the future. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

General Permits for NA Timmerman from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and a Notice of Hearing, Final Plat Approval for Walters First Addition City of McCook were reviewed and placed on file.

Monthly Revenue Reports from the Clerk of District Court, County Clerk, and County Sheriff were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,512.60 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC S 434.50 Black Hills Energy SC 897.63 Jessica Bortner M 29.40 Luke Bortner M 23.10 City Of McCook SC 6,312.50 Clerks Of District Court Assoc D 75.00 Joan Coleman SC 250.00 Ruby Collins M 159.60 Consolidated Management Company S 10,067.56 Penelope Cooper S 163.17 Culligan Of McCook S 47.86 Justin M Daake LF 7,875.00 Crystal Dack M 539.55 DAS State Accounting S 357.50 Dr. Drain Rescue SC 1,059.50 Deveny Motors LLC S 29,900.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 1,200.05 Election Systems & Software Inc S 16.89 Tyler Esch M 11.90 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 682.95 FGH Law Office, LLC LF 25.00 Bree Frazier SC 125.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 951.78 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 756.25 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 736.21 Marc Harpham SC 40.00 Hometown Leasing R 1,063.55 Ideal Linen Supply SC 134.55 Jacks Uniforms & Equipment SC 113.89 Jury List - Dist. Ct JF 1,919.40 Donna Kircher M 116.20 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 23.11 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 411.13 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 400.00 McCook Utilities SC 375.84 Mead Lumber S 92.29 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 514.20 MIPS Inc SC 3,792.92 Modern Cleaners SC 58.00 Dorisa Muffy Morris SC 907.15 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 2,304.60 NACEB D 100.00 NACO M 175.00 Ne Assoc Of County Treasurers D 175.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,674.66 Nebraska State Patrol SC 87.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 79.78 Parde Electric SC 120.00 Prairie States Communication SC 35.00 SRK Enterprise LLC S 520.00 Quill Corporation S 296.90 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 848.00 Mayra Real M 205.02 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 526.33 Region II Services DN 5,698.00 Red Willow County Court LF 222.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 540.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 204.52 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 133.30 Red Willow Co Treasurer Petty Cash S 24.45 Shred-It USA SC 742.24 Michael T Simmonds M 253.05 Adriann Smith M 108.94 Teresa Thomas M 36.40 Tko Pest Control LLC SC 75.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,624.00 University Of Nebraska Lincoln SC 4,451.81 US Bank S 2,507.14 US Postmaster S 48.00 Blaine Varney S 41.64 Verizon Wireless SC 91.39 Volz Inc SC 186.91 Tristan Welch SC 207.50 Westfield Pharmacy S 92.74 Ryan R Wilcox LF 7,500.00 Witness Fees - Co Court WF 40.00 Tasha Wulf M 102.34 Tracy Zink M 16.80 Total 108,892.19 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 3,072.09 Akrs Equipment S 216.76 American Electric SC 199.84 Black Hills Energy SC 247.33 BW Telcom SC 44.41 C & K Distributors S 124.34 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 62.05 Croell Inc S 28,260.50 Decatur Co-Op Association SC 3,344.36 Dons Glass Repair SC 50.00 Lords Inc S 275.44 McCook Gazette SC 32.40 McCook Utilities SC 85.89 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 Mittens S 6,946.00 Modern Farm Equipment Corp S 20.60 NMC Exchange LLC SC 1,069.47 Nebraska Public Power District SC 50.91 Paulsen Inc S 20,589.24 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 990.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 437.57 Viaero Wireless SC 321.77 Village Of Bartley SC 271.47 White's Auto Glass Inc S 250.00 Total 67,462.44 VISITORS PROMOTION Eakes Office Solutions S 45.98 Flagship Publishing Inc SC 651.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Chamber Of Commerce R 314.00 McCook Economic Development Corp DN 1,551.00 SW Ne High School Rodeo DN 1,500.00 US Bank S 64.49 Total 4,151.47 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT Indianola Historical Society DN 20,000.00 Carol E Schlegel C 4,296.25 Total 24,296.25 FAIR FUND Black Hills Energy SC 534.11 Cardmember Services S 884.40 D & S Hardware S 159.45 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 328.90 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.80 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial SC 349.76 Kugler S 1,278.95 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 262.25 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,298.04 Nicks Distributing Inc S 1,719.58 Nkc Tire S 32.99 Srk Enterprise LLC S 1,657.20 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 526.29 Walmart S 141.36 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 14,730.00 Total 24,222.24 FAIR SINKING Nebraska Concrete Coatings SC 2,082.00 Total 2,082.00 REGISTER OF DEEDS Amazon S 117.98 Total 117.98 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 71,109.29 Deb Reitz S 89.95 Red Willow County Health Dept SC 1,135.00 Total 72,334.24 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 1,596.65 Cardmember Services S 10,579.88 John Deere Financial SC 14,848.42 McCook Utilities SC 538.85 Modern Farm Equipment Corp S 13,000.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,217.86 RWRS, LLC S 1,800.00 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 170.00 Paul L Sutton S 75.00 Total 43,826.66 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 125.00 Brandy Bird M 1,109.99 Change Healthcare Solutions

LLC SC 222.75 Eakes Office Solutions S 305.57 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 305.53 Rhea Hernandez M 121.27 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Kristen Puckett M 60.62 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 280.66 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 201.41 US Bank S 1,803.98 Wal-Mart S 35.21 Total 4,658.11 WASTE FUND Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 3.27 McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 179.74 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 27.40 Total 263.56 Grand Total 352,307.14.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the Board of Commissioners' meeting at 10:27 a.m. to April 28, 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