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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

April 28, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on April 28, 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 8:32 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 9:13 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.

Treasurer Crystal Dack presented a motor vehicle tax exemption application from Willow Christian Church for a 2020 Chevrolet van.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption applications from Willow Christian Church. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Lori Stevens, Assessor, presented tax roll correction No. 8 for 2024 for personal property for an accelerated payment of \$3.64.

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

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Chad Svoboda with Svoboda Benefits joined the Board to discuss the County Medical Insurance Renewal. The rates will go down around 5% due to a good claims year.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to renew the current insurance as recommended by Svoboda. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Sheriff Kevin Darling updated the Board on his department's staffing. He introduced his newest deputy and explained that he hopes to be fully staffed by December.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter executive session at 10:00 a.m. to receive advice from Legal Counsel for a personnel matter. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to exit executive session at 11:17 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept Earl McNutt's resignation as of June 30, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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 \$423,510.62, 3) surplus Dragmaster Rake for Fairgrounds, 4) surplus Items for Health Department, 5) Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreements with Dundy, Furnas and Hitchcock Counties, 6) accept Gift from Kiplinger Foundation of \$14,000 for Tractor Leases. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board performed the quarterly jail inspection. Everything was found to be satisfactory.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Membership Certificate from McCook Economic Development Corporation, 2) Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement – Red Willow County Jail Evaluation.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file. 1) Miller & Associates Mandatory Update to County General Highway Map, 2) HHW Quarterly Report, 3) Sheriff's Monthly Revenue Report.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 153,210.76 AFLAC 1,532.49 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 22,556.78 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,080.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Penelope Cooper 61.82 Credit Management Services 161.74 Empower Retirement 1,200.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 980.31 Tammie Hilker 45.00 Masa Global Building 224.00 MNB Bank 42,447.66 MNB Bank 45.83 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 6,170.80 Ne Health & Human Services System 716.63 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 196.92 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 93.12 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,050.00 Red Willow County Clerk 821.67 Ashley K Spahn 600.00 20/20 Technologies LLC 40.00 U S Postmaster 51.20 Principal Vision Plan 297.43 Total 236,873.34 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 34,633.37 AFLAC 231.61 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,976.34 Empower Retirement 100.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.35 Lingo Communications 36.52 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,194.18 Medical Enterprises Inc 36.00 Mittens 3,471.98 Modern Farm Equipment Corp 2,328.32 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,472.76 NMC Exchange LLC 1,932.98 Newman Traffic Signs 95.56 Nkc Tire 62.07 Paulsen Inc 20,469.56 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 1,472.00 Titan Machinery 170.95 Twin Valleys Public Power District 100.64 Viera Wireless 322.06 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 83,945.70 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,543.81 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,145.22 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,388.95 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 377.34 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 12,647.82 ROD FUND Applied Connective Technologies 1,435.00 Total 1,435.00 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 34,666.06 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 12,631.03 Principal Life Insurance Company 8,123.76 Total 55,420.85 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,746.68 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 551.95 MNB Bank 947.06 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 123.58 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,156.94 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 6,752.26 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 12,305.63 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,682.15 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,214.61 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 410.11 Pathology Services P C 4,849.93 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 23,412.92 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,246.19 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 92.82 Great Plains Communications Inc 205.81 MNB Bank 452.46 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 25.45 Total 3,022.73 Grand Total 423,510.62.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:45 a.m. to May 12, 2025.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk