

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 21, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 21, 2025. Notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The 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 8:31 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 agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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 9:00 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 an omitted property; a house and buildings in Bartley built in 2024, but not known of until 2025. The increase in value is \$190,353.00.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the omitted property and correct the tax records. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Stevens also presented an undervalued house in Kelley Park that did not receive the adjustment for 2025. The property value increases \$9,624.00.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Gans, to approve the undervalued property and correct the tax records. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Stevens' third presentation was a change to acreage directed by court order. That increase to property value is \$11,968.00.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the change in acreage and correct the tax records. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:15 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, joined the Board to discuss the Fair and Arena budgets. The Board suggested that some of the Fair costs be shared more evenly by the Arena budget. Bowman and his Board will work on the numbers and get back to the Commissioners.

Brandy Bird, Health Director, Trisha Wagner and Kevin Potthoff, Board members, joined the Commissioners to discuss the Health Department budget. The Board suggested not budgeting for a vehicle in Health but perhaps purchasing one with the Inheritance Fund.

Sheriff Kevin Darling joined the Board to discuss the Sheriff and Jail budgets. While they have both increased significantly, the Board found it challenging to find cuts.

The Board directed Clerk Cooper to forward preliminary department budget to Dan Miller, CPA, and get some starting numbers from him.

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

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. to July 28, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans _____
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean _____
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper _____
County Clerk