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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

August 25, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 25, 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 8:30 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 accounts payable claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Jason Hilker had questions about the planned transfer from Inheritance to General. Dean explained that the inheritance is our reserve fund, and is figured in to balance the budget, but rarely used. Hilker also asked about homeless people living in Norris Park, and increased traffic at the airport.

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) accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$617,549.38, 3) Inventories for All Departments, 4) Resolutions Nos. 1562 through 1569 Setting Levies for Local Subdivisions, 5) Resolution No. 1570, Book 24, Page 77, Annual Certification of Program Compliance, 6) Flood Plain Administrator Agreement with Miller & Associates, 7) Reappoint Brock Rogers and Heath Hamilton to the Veterans' Service Board, Terms to Expire June 30, 2030, 8) Lease Agreement for Tractor for Kiplinger Arena, 9) Law Enforcement Agreement with the Village of Bartley, 10) Resolution No. 1571, Book 24, Page 78, 2025 Local Emergency Operating Plan. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

Brandy Bird, Health Director, Kevin Potthoff, Trish Wagner, and Jayme White joined the Board to discuss the Health Department budget. Bird explained some on the increases in vaccines and other costs.

After some give-and-take, final numbers were agreed upon.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment – Phased Construction and Operating Permit for Haag Land & Cattle Co., 2) Amended Agreement with State of Nebraska for Child Support Enforcement.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 164,919.08 Absentee/Canvass 600.00 AFLAC 2,114.12 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 23,633.70 Black Hills Energy 97.60 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,100.00 Colonial Life 184.14 Penelope Cooper 24.21 Credit Management Services 161.74 Justin M Daake 6,325.00 Jaclyn N Daake 325.00 Das State Accounting 178.75 Jasmine Dimas 120.39 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 938.97 Tammie Hilker 249.00 Pip Marketing Signs Print 369.96 Masa Global Building 266.00 McCook Humane Society Inc 450.00 MNB Bank 44,498.04 MNB Bank - HSA 250.00 MNB Bank 48.95 Midwest Connect 284.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 2,817.25 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 6,573.62 Sonya Prentice 280.93 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 187.67 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 86.48 Quadient Leasing Usa, Inc 242.97 Quadient Finance Usa, Inc 505.00 Quill Corporation 435.52 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,700.00 Red Willow County Clerk 746.67 Ashley K Spahn 4,626.50 Southwest Weed Management 500.00 Principal Vision Plan 346.58 Total 270,293.84 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 40,175.93 AFLAC 114.40 Akrs Equipment 68.75 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,732.99 Black Hills Energy 141.95 Carquest Auto Parts 168.47 Decatur Co-Op Association 3,395.58 EIA LLC 3,904.04 Empower Retirement 100.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 137.61 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.32 Lingo Communications 36.32 Masa Global Building 84.00 MNB Bank 12,282.98 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp 81.31 Mittens 4,196.24 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,852.94 NMC Exchange L L C 21,413.63 Nkc Tire 77.94 Paulsen Inc 16,269.62 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 258.81 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Quality Urgent Care 50.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,250.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 616.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 99.02 Principal Vision

Plan 81.35 Woods Aitken LLP 1,533.00 Total 114,573.19 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 9,970.83 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,116.42 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,891.16 Nebraska Child Support 410.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 466.86 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Total 15,173.82 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 35,823.91 Principal Life Insurance Company 4,418.39 Total 40,242.30 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 5,759.42 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 842.88 MNB Bank 1,547.20 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 178.16 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,080.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 9,633.71 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 13,459.28 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,427.11 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,369.34 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 495.33 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 39.49 Total 19,725.23 BOND FUND BOKF, Na 144,578.75 Total 144,578.75 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,423.90 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 112.50 Great Plains Communications Inc 230.68 MNB Bank 540.72 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 20.74 Total 3,328.54 Grand Total 617,549.38.

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. to September 2, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk