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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

March 9, 2026

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on March 9, 2026. 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.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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 claims in the amount of \$220,728.44, 3) Special Designated License for Roundup Indianola, 4) surplus Methodist Food Booth Building at the Fairgrounds. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Notice of Special Exception Hearing; City of McCook, 2) Red Willow County Treasurer update on Public Tax sales.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: Clerk of the District Court's Monthly Revenue report.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

Janell Anderson Ehrke, candidate for District 38 Legislature, joined the Board to introduce herself. She feels strongly about rural growth. Ehrke also thinks the area needs re-districting.

Tasha Wulf, Ruby Collins and Donna Kircher with the Red Willow County Extension presented the annual report. They are partnering with the Buffet Cancer Center for education and early detection. They provide many programs and training services. Dean questioned the mileage costs per county.

Rhea Hernandez, Red Willow County Health Department Interim Director requested that school vaccines be paid for by Inheritance tax. She is asking for \$20,000 to maintain their vaccine supplies. These vaccines would be used mainly for Southwest Public Schools.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table Hernandez's request indefinitely. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to exit executive session. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg. or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; RF Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF Witness Fees

GENERAL FUND Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 2,392.50 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,093.00 Cidney Aspenleiter S 75.00 AT&T Mobility SC 616.87 Jessica Bortner M 30.45 Luke Bortner M 23.93 Carquest Auto Parts S 123.56 City of McCook SC 8,947.25 Ruby Collins M 111.65 Community Hospital SC 2,600.25 Consolidated Management Company SC 8,250.88 D&S Hardware S 330.22 Doyle Auto Repair SC 177.61 Eakes Office Solutions SC 1,132.40 Patty Eisenach M 2.90 Tyler Esch M 12.33 Farrells Pharmacy Inc SC 617.42 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 1,035.95 Galls SC 102.19 Garys Inc SC 15.00 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 318.75 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 667.10 Hometown Leasing R 1,229.63 Ideal Linen Supply SC 143.96 Jury List - Dist. Ct LF 3,910.80 Justice Data Solutions Inc SC 1,750.00 Donna Kircher M 73.23 Lee County Sheriff's Office SF 50.30 Lincoln County Sheriff SF 25.55 Pip Marketing Signs Print SC 516.09 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 450.00 McCook Utilities SC 366.25 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng SC 650.00 MIPS Inc SC 10,930.16 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 2,192.00 NACEB D 100.00 NACO D 75.00 Nebraska Department of Labor SC 859.31 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,767.50 Nebraska Weed Control Association D 325.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 463.56 Lori O'Dea LF 207.37 Pawnee County Sheriff's Office SF 6.00 Physicians Laboratory PC SC 510.00 Diane Pollmann LF 480.00 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 546.00 Michael Real S 22.63 Red Willow Dental LLC SF 2,646.42 RR Donnelley SC 59.57 Red Willow County Court LF 508.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 173.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash LF 126.43 Red Willow County Sheriff LF 216.25 7-D Lockshop SC 563.30 Shred-It USA SC 194.91 Michael T Simmonds SC 78.13 Adriann Smith M 8.70 Ron Soden SC 280.53 Teresa Thomas M 46.40 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 3,012.50 University Of Nebraska - Lincoln SC 297.14 US Bank SC 954.57 US Bank Equipment Finance SC 217.18 Verizon Wireless SC 25.85 Village Of Bartley SC 60.00 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 255.00 Ryan R Wilcox LF 8,100.00 Witness Fees - Dist. Court LF 1,747.62 Tracy Zink M 17.40 TOTAL 77,411.45 ROAD FUND American Agricultural Lab SC 50.00 Barco Municipal Products Inc SC 381.40 BW Telecom SC 99.35 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 52.13 Carquest Auto Parts S 102.20 D & S Hardware S 336.77 EIA LLC S 11,970.18 J&A Traffic Products S 560.00 John Deere Financial LP 19,608.53 Malleck Oil Company SC 15.00 McCook Utilities SC 92.49 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng SC 500.00 Mittens S 1,429.18 NMC Exchange LLC S 3,821.32 Nebraska Public Power District SC 58.78 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,067.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 440.64 Viaero Wireless SC 323.80 Village of Bartley SC 114.88 W Bar Fire Extinguishers LLC SC 500.85 Westside Welding SC 1,085.40 TOTAL 42,609.90 VISITOR PROMOTION FUND Flagship Publishing Inc SC 615.00 Honorbound It SC 250.00 McCook Gazette SC 18.40 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 2,220.00 US Bank SC 1,273.76 Wildfire Photo Co SC 100.00 TOTAL 4,477.16 VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND

Elizabeth Aguirre SC 2,059.00 Sarah Schneider SC 1,500.00 TOTAL 3,559.00 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma S 107.94 Brico Pest Control SC 100.00 Cardmember Services SC 1,139.66 D & S Hardware S 167.73 Caleb Dorenkamp SC 300.00 Eakes Office Solutions SC 160.24 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 361.13 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 171.42 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 Kohls Auto Parts SC 7.24 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCookNet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 361.68 Nebraska Public Power District SC 994.68 Nicks Distributing Inc S 1,970.98 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,740.38 Regalia Manufacturing Co SC 284.63 7-D Lockshop SC 702.24 Clarice Shields CL 138.95 TOTAL 8,870.06 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 53,737.09 TOTAL 53,737.09 ARENA FUND Acme Printing SC 125.00 AKRS Equipment S 27.33 C&K Distributors S 449.00 Cardmember Services S 1,795.93 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 100.00 John Deere Financial LP 14,848.42 McCook Utilities SC 633.14 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,135.06 TOTAL 19,113.88 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 126.60 GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals S 2,375.46 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 309.53 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 McCook Gazette SC 10.03 Pathology Services PC SC 655.03 Kevin Potthoff M 18.85 Darin Seligman M 7.25 Matt Springer M 17.11 US Bank SC 2,840.64 TOTAL 6,446.62 NURSING HOME BOND #4 BOKF, NA BP 4,193.75 TOTAL 4,193.75 WASTE FUND McCook Utilities SC 58.26 Nebraska Public Power District SC 251.27 TOTAL 309.53 GRAND TOTAL 220,728.44

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. to March 23, 2026. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk