

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

May 11, 2026

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on May 11, 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 Dean, seconded by Fritsche, 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. Amanda Engle from MEDC was present to thank the County for their support.

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 9:15 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 Tax Roll Correction No. 6 for 2026 for an increase of \$1,062.46.

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

Stevens also presented the contract with Central Plains Valuation for the Chairman's signature. Dean mentioned that the company did an impressive job over the past few years. The contract has been reviewed by County Attorney Paul Wood.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:22 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Elizabeth Aguirre with the Visitors Bureau joined the Board to present her Quarterly Report. She reviewed the donations and promotions achieved this quarter. Aguirre also outlined her priorities for the upcoming quarter, including summer activities.

Chad Svoboda from Svoboda Benefits presented renewal rates to the Board. Dental rates went up slightly, and the Medical went up as well. Medical rates went down around 5% last renewal and will go up approximately 8% this year.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to renew the current plan for the 2026/2027 year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Andrew Graff, attorney with ALCU and member of Nebraska Voices, spoke to the Board about the MOAs with the Federal Government regarding detainment of illegal aliens. He objected to the cost and contents of the Agreements. Graff also said that counties with these types of Agreements in place lose double the numbers of immigrants of counties that do not. Crimes do not get reported by immigrants if they fear law enforcement. Graff was accompanied by Lori Sughroue, Gary Power, and Gayle Sis.

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 \$408,217.86, 3) Reappoint Tricia Wagner to Health Board, 4) Accept Gift of \$5,000 from Kiplinger Foundation for Lighting in the Kiplinger Arena. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: 1) District Court Clerk's monthly revenue report, 2) City of McCook Tax Increment Financing report.

A certificate of Membership was sent to the Board from the MEDC.

The following claims were allowed:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS – May 11, 2026

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 District Court Jury Fees LF 4,290.60 Applied Connective Technologies SC 3,654.50 Arnold Motor Supply S 68.97 Ashley K Spahn LF 850.00 Centec Cast Metal Products S 297.47 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 171.26 Community Hospital SC 1,811.62 Consolidated Management Company SC 9,811.15 Blake's Service SC 25.00 Donna Kircher M 379.88 Eakes Office Solutions SC 5,390.02 Election Systems & Software Inc S 4,483.42 Electronic Systems Inc SC 283.40 Farrells Pharmacy Inc SC 550.35 Freedom And Glory S 236.95 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 1,737.11 GIS Workshop LLC SC 1,150.00 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 1,212.50 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 437.15 Great Plains Health Hospitalists SC 4,166.29 Hometown Leasing R 1,331.88 Ideal Linen Supply SC 143.96 Jacks Uniforms & Equipment S 1,034.54 Jaclyn N Daake LF 2,937.50 Language Line Services SC 19.59 Lori O'Dea RF 270.09 MIPS Inc SC 3,940.19 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 Maximus Inc SC 2,600.00 McCook Gazette SC 2,149.08 McCook Humane Society Inc D \$450.00 McCook Utilities SC 483.97 Michael T Simmonds M 829.12 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Midwest Connect SC 298.00 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 2,175.00 NACO TR 175.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,787.72 Nicks Distributing Inc S 188.43 Pritchard & Abbott Inc TR 4,900.00 Quadiant Finance USA, Inc SC 1,412.31 Quill Corporation SC 27.19 Red Willow County Court LF 254.75 Red Willow County District Court LF 300.00 Red Willow County Sheriff SC 459.25 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 866.54 Region II Human Services SC 11,691.88 Ruby Collins M 684.40 Shred-It USA SC 531.42 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 546.00 Team Consulting, LLC TR 75.00 Teresa Thomas M 18.13 Tillotson Enterprises, Inc SC 15,350.00 TK Elevator Corporation SC 530.10 TKO Pest Control LLC SC 85.00 US Bank SC 2,805.34 US Bank Equipment Finance SC 196.28 Van Velson Law Office, PC, LLO LF 997.88 Verizon Wireless SC 128.85 Volz Inc SC 5,679.93 Western Nebraska Community College TR 30.00 TOTAL 110,015.96 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 3,385.67 AKRS Equipment S 393.79 Arnold Motor Supply S 74.19 BW Telcom SC 99.35 C&K Distributors S 370.17 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 52.08 D&S Hardware S 112.97 EIA LLC S 31,883.15 Extreme Ag Inc S 991.48 Lingo Communications SC 36.50 McCook Utilities SC 92.08 Mead Lumber S 285.82 Mittens S 5,034.63 Modern Farm Equipment Corp S 840.39 NMC Exchange LLC S 2,013.12 Nebraska Public Power District SC 46.18 NKC Tire SC 77.94 Powerplan SC 362.11 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 863.03 Tillotson Enterprises, Inc SC 25,637.00 Titan Machinery S 43.87 Van Diest Supply Company S 471.80 Viaero Wireless SC 322.83 Village Of Bartley SC 108.70 TOTAL 73,598.85 VISITORS PROMOTION FUND Armstrong Software SC 1,050.00 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 302.50 McCook Gazette SC 180.37 US Bank SC 778.04 TOTAL 2,310.91 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND Elizabeth Aguirre C 2,059.00 Sarah Schneider C 1,500.00 Southwest Nebraska Freedom Festival D 3,000.00 TOTAL 6,559.00 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma S 43.10 AKRS Equipment S 679.59 Arnold Motor Supply S 10.77 Black Hills Energy SC 485.36 Brico Pest Control SC 450.00 Caleb Dorenkamp SC 300.00 Cardmember Services S 271.45 CTE Construction SC 3,500.00 Dan Stitt M 43.50 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 171.42 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 Joel Uerling M 10.88 McCook Utilities SC 431.65 McCookNet Internet Service SC 44.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,080.47 Platte River Paint McCook SC 74.57 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,740.38 TOTAL 9,450.59 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 172,986.89 TOTAL 172,986.89 ARENA FUND AKRS Equipment S 1,116.49 Black Hills Energy SC 652.22 Brico Pest Control SC 450.00 Cardmember Services S 82.95 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 565.32 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 100.00 John Deere Financial S 87.45 McCook Utilities SC 613.78 Modern Farm Equipment Corp S 126.79 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,235.68 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 10.99 TOTAL 5,041.67 HEALTH FUND Acme Printing S 925.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 269.85 Culligan Of McCook SC 91.00 Darin Seligman M 7.25 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 309.27 High Plains Radio KBRL SC 130.00 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Kevin Potthoff M 18.85 Kristen Puckett M 119.77 Matt Springer M 17.11 McCook Gazette SC 117.16 Medico-Mart Inc S 2,640.11 Misti Soderlund M 37.70 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 3,525.76 Susan Ihrig M 118.00 US Bank SC 3,943.27 TOTAL 12,356.22 JAIL BOND Bokf, Na BP 15,712.50 TOTAL 15,712.50 WASTE FUND McCook Utilities SC 57.70 Nebraska Public Power District SC 127.57 TOTAL 185.27 GRAND TOTAL 408,217.86

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. to May 14, 2026.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk