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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

July 13, 2026

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 13, 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 8:33 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. No one was present.

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 meeting, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$504,719.14, 3) Reappoint Ricky Kerst to Veterans Service Board, Term to Expire June 30, 2031, 4) County Roadway Occupancy Permit for Black Hills Energy, 5) County Roadway Occupancy Permit for Great Plains Communication, 6) Reappoint Mike Kugler to City/County Airport Zoning Board, Term to Expire August 31, 2028, 7) Appoint Dave Fulkerson to City/County Airport Zoning Board, Term to Expire August 31, 2028, 8) Resolution No. 1600, Book 24, Page 107 Creating OPIOID Fund, 9) Interlocal Participation Agreement with Region II Human Services, 10) County Roadway Occupancy Permit for Jades Sewer Drain Cleaning. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented a motor vehicle exemption application from the YMCA for a 2018 Ford.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Gans, to approve the motor vehicle exemption as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean recessed the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:17 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:17 a.m.

The Clerk's and Clerk of the District Court's Monthly Revenue Reports were reviewed and placed on file.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to receive public comments on the Application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by Great Plains Towers, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for a telecommunication tower as associated facility on property described as a tract of land being Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 2 North, Range 26 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Mike Huizenga from Great Plains Towers LLC was present to answer any questions. Bill and Julie Ellis own the land where the tower will be built, possibly in late 2026.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:35 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1597, Book 24, Page 104: Great Plains Towers, LLC Conditional Use Permit. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:40 a.m. to receive public comments on the Preliminary Plat submitted by Kim R. Miller for the K. Miller Subdivision, a subdivision to Red Willow County, Nebraska for property described as a tract of land being Part of the Southwest Quarter and a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 26 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche. Scott Clifford explained how the subdivision came about.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:45 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1598, Book 24, Page 105: Preliminary Plat for K. Miller Subdivision. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:50 a.m. to receive public comments on the Final Plat submitted by Kim R. Miller for the K. Miller Subdivision, a subdivision to Red Willow County, Nebraska for property described as a tract of land being Part of the Southwest Quarter and a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 26 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:55 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adopt Resolution No. 1599, Book 24, Page 106: Final Plat for K. Miller Subdivision. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Donna Goad with Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services was present to request support for fiscal year 2026/2027. Like everyone else, they have budget problems.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to continue support in the amount of \$10,601.00 for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Jon Cannon, NACO Executive Director, joined the Board to update them on several Legislative changes either already in effect, or being implemented in the near future.

Joyce Anderson with the McCook Humane Society was present to request support for fiscal year 2026/2027. They have gotten away from relying on volunteers to minimum wage part-time employees.

A motion was made by dean, seconded by Fritsche, to continue support in the amount of \$450.00 per month for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Rose Weskamp joined the Board to recommend a recovery center that could be supported, in part, by the County's Opioid Fund.

The Board worked on the County's budget.

The following claims were allowed:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS – July 13, 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 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,108.06 Central Plains Valuation LLC SC 9,200.00 City Of McCook SC 10,307.25 City Of McCook - Omaha, Ne SC 500.00 Consolidated Management Company SC 9,578.17 Dawn Kinne SC 24.48 Donna Kircher M 171.83 Eakes Office Solutions SC 3,488.20 Farrells Pharmacy Inc SC 329.05 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 2,386.25 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 568.75 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 437.15 Harlan County Sheriff SF 6.00 Holiday Inn SC 239.90 Hometown Leasing R 1,093.01 Jacks Uniforms & Equipment SC 447.94 Jaclyn N Daake LF 1,250.00 Justin M Daake LF 4,312.50 Language Line Services SC 2.36 Lincoln County Detention Center SF 1,045.00 MIPS Inc SC 4,211.16 Marc Harpham SC 50.00 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 773.46 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 900.00 McCook Utilities SC 547.60 Michael T Simmonds M 164.76 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 1,000.00 Nebraska Co Attorneys Association LF 1,650.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,917.06 Nebraska Sheriffs' Association SF 60.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 35.78 NIRMA I 111,000.00 NSA/POAN Office SF 490.00 Physicians Laboratory P C SC 2,875.00 Prairie States Communication Inc. SC 265.00 Quadiant Finance Usa, Inc SC 801.00 Quill Corporation SC 93.45 Red Willow County Clerk Petty Cash SC 7.20 Red Willow County Court SC 284.00 Red Willow County District Court SF 202.00 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 78.57 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 619.70 Region 51 EMA SC 75.00 Region II Services SC 5,886.00 Ron Soden M 87.00 Ruby Collins M 350.90 Shred-It Usa SC 251.28 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 546.00 US Bank S 2,193.67 US Bank Equipment Finance R 266.70 Verizon Wireless SC 114.77 Village Of Bartley SC 120.00 Westfield Pharmacy SC 20.89 TOTAL 187,057.85 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op S 6,451.05 AKRS Equipment S 9.19 Arnold Motor Supply S 27.78 BW Telcom SC 99.34 Brooks Construction, LLC SC 2,650.00 Bryan Hauxwell Farms S 1,500.00 C&K Distributors S 53.48 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 62.24 EIA LLC S 16,200.00 Extreme Ag Inc S 1,719.90 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 3,048.25 Harlow Daffer SC 1,200.00 J&A Traffic Products S 540.00 Lingo Communications SC 18.78 Lords Inc S 670.21 McCook Gazette SC 35.09 McCook Utilities SC 93.64 McCook Concrete, Inc S 4,645.68 Mittens S 4,132.55 NE Machinery Co NMC S 6,899.54

Nebraska Public Power District SC 44.47 NIRMA I 55,500.00 Paulsen Inc S 7,540.51 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 442.18 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 721.05 Viaero Wireless SC 322.83 Village Of Bartley SC 109.14 TOTAL 114,736.90 VISITOR PROMOTION FUND Acme Printing SC 1,361.40 Flagship Publishing Inc SC 723.00 Garys Inc S 2,110.00 Honorbound IT SC 50.00 Maly Marketing SC 110.00 McCook Economic Development Corp R 2,609.80 McCook Gazette SC 227.37 Miles Partnership SC 500.00 US Bank S 466.94 TOTAL 8,158.51 VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND Elizabeth Aguirre C 2,059.00 Sarah Schneider C 1,500.00 TOTAL 3,559.00 FAIR FUND Misc. Vendors SC 3,735.00 ACE-Yuma S 57.57 Acme Printing SC 433.55 AKRS Equipment S 16.71 American Electric - McCook SC 8.13 Black Hills Energy SC 221.76 Brico Pest Control SC 100.00 Caleb Dorenkamp C 300.00 Cardmember Services SC 2,467.86 Clarice Shields SC 161.36 D&S Hardware S 83.98 Donna Trout SC 5,800.00 Garys Inc S 4,521.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 171.42 High Plains Radio K B R L SC 1,200.00 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 Horn T Zoo SC 4,800.00 John Deere Financial S 64.47 McCook Gazette SC 801.71 McCook Utilities SC 335.93 McCookNet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Christian Church SC 500.00 Mega Music SC 2,400.00 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 15.70 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 421.83 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,719.79 Nebraska Rural Radio Association SC 400.00 Quickdraw Caricatures SC 1,200.00 Rascal Martinez SC 1,900.00 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 190.73 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 105.97 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 344.12 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,740.38 Van Diest Supply Company S 787.50 Van Zeppelin SC 1,050.00 Wil 'B' Urs Promotions SC 2,500.00 TOTAL 40,713.92 SELF INSURANCE FUND Department Of The Treasury SC 354.20 Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 124,851.14 TOTAL 125,205.34 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 300.44 Cardmember Services SC 399.29 Extreme Ag Inc S 294.03 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 100.00 McCook Utilities SC 756.98 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,245.72 NIRMA I 18,605.00 Schaffert Mfg. And Sales SC 357.39 TOTAL 22,058.85 OPIOID EXPENSE FUND Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 878.75 TOTAL 878.75 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 134.30 Eakes Office Solutions SC 176.05 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 309.27 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Kristen Puckett M 38.28 Rhea Hernandez M 64.96 US Bank S 1,376.70 TOTAL 2,185.68 WASTE FUND McCook Utilities SC 57.70 Nebraska Public Power District SC 106.64 TOTAL 164.34 GRAND TOTAL 504,719.14

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:15 a.m. to July 27, 2026. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans _____
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean _____
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper _____
County Clerk

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING: (reconvened)

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. to hold property valuation protest hearings 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.

		NAME	PROPERTY	PARCEL #	PROTEST #
1:00	P.M.	Melanie Goodenberger	418 West B Street, McCook	001198500	73-26001
		Liane M & Robert J Martin	<u>Tract 1:</u> INDIANOLA PRECINCT 8-3-27 PT E/2SW N OF RR EXC TRACT TO STATE 30.36 ACRES <u>Tract 2:</u> BOX ELDER PRECINCT 16-4-29 S/2NE, SW/4NW/4NE, N/2NE/4SE 105.81 ACRES	000231800 000426400	73-26002
1:15	P.M.				
1:30	P.M.	Joseph Koetter	BOX ELDER PRECINCT 6-4-29 NE/4 PT N/2SE/4 PT NW/4 PT NE/SW/4 202.88 ACRES	000421702	73-26003
1:45	P.M.	Adam & Kristie Cunningham	408 West 4th Street, McCook	000860200	73-26004
2:00	P.M.	Carlton J O'Dea	39528 US HWY 6, Indianola	000259800	73-26005
2:15	P.M.	Matthew D. Heskett	411 East 5th, McCook	000796800	73-26006
2:30	P.M.	Christopher Lewis	#2 Georgia Court, McCook	001711800	73-26007
2:45	P.M.	Jason & Staci Meyers	38923 US HWY 6, McCook	000295800	73-26008
3:00	P.M.	Shuler/Edward C/O Lisa Shifflet	203 East C Street, McCook 205 East C Street, McCook	000715301 000715302	73-26009, 10
3:15	P.M.	Wesley McCollam	1310 West 1st Street, McCook	001204800	73-26011
3:30	P.M.	Ashton Koetter	1104 West 3rd Street, McCook	000816900	73-26012
3:45	P.M.	James & Julie Schultz	ORIGINAL BARTLEY BLK 48, LOTS 7 & 8	1905200	73-26013

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Gans, to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 4:00 p.m. to July 14, 2026. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Randy Dean _____
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper _____
County Clerk