

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

August 10, 2026

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 10, 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. Benny Lashley talked about data centers and the potential damage they can do.

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 9:13 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. 9 for 2026 for an increase of \$117.46.

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

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:16 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:16 a.m.

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 \$246,371.16, 3) NDOT Annual Certification Form, 4) NDOT Annual Certification of Program Compliance and Resolution No. 1602, Book 24 Page 109, 5) NBCS Budget Report FY 25/26, 6) reappoint Darin Seligman to Health Board, term to expire July 31, 2029, 7) Oversize Load Permit for WardCraft Homes. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed the West Central Development District contract and comprehensive planning/zoning regulation updates. Gans investigated the possibility of terminating the contract, and WCNDD sent a bill for over \$10,000 for work done to date.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to table the issue, ask for work done to date, and consult with Paul Wood. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Elizabeth Aguirre, Tourism Director, presented her quarterly report. It detailed the progress of the Visitors Board. Aguirre also presented an updated contract. The contract was edited to include an annual bonus.

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

At 10:00 a.m., bids to tear down and remove the Methodist Food Booth from the Fairground were opened. The two bids were from Daniel Stitt for \$1,100.00 and James Coady for \$1,026.00.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to accept the bid from Daniel Stitt. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Lori Stevens, Assessor, rejoined the Board to present the revised commercial contract with Central Plains Valuation. The number of parcels was corrected, changing the contracted amount from \$92,000 to \$73,400.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the contract as revised. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Stevens also presented an estimate to inspect permissive exemption properties for \$15,000.

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

Sheriff Dalton Downing joined the Board to present the updated Dispatch Agreement with the City of McCook. The increase is less than expected, at 2.5%.

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

The budget workshop was postponed until August 24, 2026.

The Board toured the Law Enforcement Center for the Quarterly Jail Inspection. All was found to be satisfactory.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: Clerk of District and County Clerk's monthly revenue reports

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 Bryn Lampe M 18.93 911 Custom SC 4,952.00 Ace Hardware SC 88.97 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,150.86 B Street Auto Spa SC 11.90 Central Plains Valuation LLC SC 6,920.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash SC 177.32 Community Hospital SC 1,222.53 Control Masters Inc SC 972.30 Delbert Blake SC 31.00 Doyle Auto Repair SC 2,760.66 Eakes Office Solutions S 3,176.70 Farrells Pharmacy Inc SC 634.42 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 2,794.73 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 1,225.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 436.85 Hometown Leasing SC 1,130.00 Ideal Linen Supply SC 236.20 Jennifer Liess SC 125.00 Lincoln County Clerk SC 12,040.74 Lori Stevens M 182.35 M I P S Inc SC 4,366.16 Marc Harpham SC 50.00 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 574.52 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 450.00 McCook Utilities SC 577.34 Mead Lumber S 284.20 Michael T Simmonds M 134.56 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 MNB Bank SC 10.00 Modern Cleaners SC 58.00 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 1,112.50 Nebraska Department of Labor SC 402.27 Nebraska Public Power District SC 3,639.73 Nebraska.Gov SC 2.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 200.42 NKC Tire SC 134.08 Red Willow Co Treasurer Petty Cash SC 12.90 Red Willow County Court LF 316.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 108.00 Red Willow County Sheriff LF 183.51 Shred-It Usa SC 369.75 Southwest Weed Management DN 500.00 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 546.00 Tammie Hilker SC 483.75 Teresa Thomas M 26.01 TK Elevator Corporation SC 561.91 TKO Pest Control LLC SC 85.00 US Bank SC 6,079.39 US Bank Equipment Finance SC 145.83 Verizon SC 114.79 TOTAL 63,441.08 ROAD FUND 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 655.00 Ag Valley Co-Op S 7,348.46 AKRS Equipment S 1,440.86 BW Telcom SC 99.34 BAC Roofing General Contracting Inc SC 6,250.00 Brooks Construction, LLC SC 2,785.00 C&K Distributors S 39.90 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 52.24 D&S Hardware S 96.12 Fowlers LLC SC 4,703.36 Lingo Communications SC 17.47 McCook Utilities SC 92.02 McCook Concrete, Inc S 9,235.92 Mittens S 2,577.10 Modern Equipment Heartland NH SC 1,286.00 NMC Exchange LLC S 2,011.62 Nebraska Public Power District SC 40.84 Paulsen Inc S 41,337.46 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 45.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 286.88 Titan Machinery SC 62.75 US Bank S 119.98 Viera Wireless SC 645.86 Village Of Bartley SC 114.88 TOTAL 81,344.06 HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND Croell Inc S 7,921.35 TOTAL 7,921.35 VISITORS PROMOTION FUND Honorbound IT SC 864.00 Indianola Historical Society DN 2,000.00 SW Nebraska Leadership Institute D 575.00 US Bank SC 169.76 TOTAL 3,608.76 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND Elizabeth Aguirre C 2,059.00 Sarah Schneider C 1,500.00 TOTAL 3,559.00 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma S 372.05 Acme Printing SC 143.87 Caleb Dorenkamp SC 300.00 Cardmember Services SC 3,347.78 City Of McCook SC 17.48 Clarice Shields C 900.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 171.38 High Plains Radio KBRL SC 1,200.00 Hometown Family Radio SC 1,500.00 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial SC 340.95 Lloyd Shields C 1,070.00 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCook Utilities SC 702.91 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 Mead Lumber S 411.87 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 241.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,221.05 New Frontier Ag LLC SC 601.95 NKC Tire SC 85.80 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash SC 33,194.73 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,740.38 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 137.50 TOTAL 48,861.86 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 25,424.22 TOTAL 25,424.22 ARENA FUND Cardmember Services SC 324.36 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 499.70 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 100.00 Maris General Construction LLC SC 1,702.40 McCook Utilities SC 396.13 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,092.73 Raynor Garage Doors of Ce. Ne. SC 86.00 TOTAL 4,201.32 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 221.53 Culligan Of McCook S 24.00 Darin Seligman M 7.60 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 309.10 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Kevin Potthoff M 19.76 Matt Springer M 17.94 McCook Gazette SC 10.69 US Bank S 981.99 TOTAL 1,678.73 WASTE FUND McCook Utilities SC 57.70 Nebraska Public Power District SC 95.11 Veolia Environmental Services SC 6,073.82 TOTAL 6,226.63 GRAND TOTAL 246,267.01

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to August 24, 2026.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk