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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 24, 2026

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 24, 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 agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to amend the agenda to add "discuss the West Central Nebraska Development District Contract". Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to add an "appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission" to the consent agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Leon Kolbet was present to advocate for CO₂ pipelines. Brent Niese from Carbon Solutions were present to answer questions about the proposed CO₂ pipeline.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

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) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$689,272.10, 3) Inventories for All Departments, 4) Resolutions No. 1603 through 1610, Book 24, Pages 109-116 Setting Levys for Local Subdivisions, 5) Resolution No. 1611, Book 25, Page 1 – Adopt 12 Month Zoning Moratorium on Pipelines, 6) Resolution No. 1612, Book 25, Page 2 – Extend for Additional 12 Month Zoning Moratorium on Data Centers, 7) Resolution No. 1613, Book 25, Page 3 – Recommit to NIRMA, 8) Appoint Rhea Hernandez as Director of Red Willow Health Department, 9) Appoint Dean McCoy to the Planning and Zoning Commission to replace Mike Daffer, Term to Expire April 30, 2027. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, joined the Board representing the Personnel Committee. There are concerns regarding vacation and comp time that have been revealed by the new payroll system. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table this issue indefinitely while they look into the matter. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dan Miller joined the Board to review the budget.

The Board discussed the contract with West Central Nebraska Development District for the County's comprehensive plan. It was decided to continue with WCNDD.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) County Attorney Paul Wood – Memorandum Regarding Public Defender Policy Board, 2) NDOT – Bridge Load Postings, 3) Nebraska Department of Water – Modified Construction and Operating Permit for Kingdom Concentrated Animal Operation.

The Sheriff's Monthly Revenue Report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Ashley K Spahn 275.00 At&T Mobility 582.12 Black Hills Energy 388.15 City Of McCook 10,387.25 City Of McCook 250.00 Consolidated Management Company 9,920.61 DAS State Accounting 161.00 Doyle Auto Repair 181.67 Eakes Office Solutions 2,766.27 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,131.88 Hometown Leasing 102.69 Jaclyn N Daake 1,100.00 Justin M Daake 3,188.00 MNB Bank 15,865.79 NE Law Enforcement Training Center 142.00 Nebraska Public Health Environment 105.00 Nicks Distributing Inc 174.67 OCV LLC 4,992.50 Physicians Laboratory PC 3,487.00 Quality Urgent Care PC 16,000.00 Red Willow County

Clerk Petty Cash 22.00 Red Willow County Sheriff 30.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 14,520.42 Ron Soden 210.76 Springer Rock Chip Repair 100.00 US Bank Equipment Finance 145.83 Volz Inc 340.00 West Central NE Devel District 2,730.00 Net salaries 214,278.85 Total 303,579.46 ROAD FUND AKRS Equipment 192.56 Black Hills Energy 156.58 Brico Pest Control 200.00 Brooks Construction, LLC 225.00 Commercial Industrial Supply Co 189.52 Decatur Co-Op Association 6,131.26 EIA LLC 18,295.27 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 2,154.06 Great Plains Communications Inc 106.33 McCook Concrete, Inc 1,888.40 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp 112.32 Mittens 4,003.67 MNB Bank 3,602.14 NMC Exchange LLC 4,752.06 Nicks Distributing Inc 38.89 Paulsen Inc 4,815.55 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 3,274.59 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 670.00 Titan Machinery 336.95 Twin Valleys Public Power District 101.18 Net salaries 48,512.30 Total 99,758.63 HIGHWAY BUYBACK FUND Croell Inc 11,315.80 Total 11,315.80 FAIR FUND 4H Judges 3,962.32 Black Hills Energy 242.76 Carbajal Drywall 8,650.00 McCook Gazette 683.71 MNB Bank 771.67 Nebraska Rural Radio Association 400.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 516.50 Net salaries 10,354.88 Total 25,581.84 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 58,964.96 Cash-in-Lieu 8,000.00 MNB Bank 608.03 Total 67,572.99 ARENA FUND AKRS Equipment 928.67 Black Hills Energy 295.05 MNB Bank 706.99 NKC Tire 1,743.42 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,041.03 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 529.70 Net salaries 9,467.56 Total 14,712.42 OPIOID FUND Braun Counseling Services 175.00 Total 175.00 HEALTH FUND MNB Bank 1,170.31 Pathology Services PC 1,002.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,041.59 Net salaries 16,030.55 Total 19,244.45 NURSING HOME BOND Bokf, NA 144,193.75 Total 144,193.75 WASTE FUND Great Plains Communications Inc 174.51 MNB Bank 206.55 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 56.70 Net salaries 2,700.00 Total 3,137.76 Grand Total 689,272.10

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. to September 8, 2026.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk