

Red Willow County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

July 21, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 21, 2014. 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 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer, and County Clerk Pauletta Gerver. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meeting, 2) health insurance claim, 3) Chairman's signature on the juvenile diversion program's quarterly cash reports/requests for the Nebraska Crime Commission's Grant No. 13-CA-510 for a total amount of \$6,829.64, 4) Chairman's signature on the juvenile diversion program's quarterly cash reports/requests for the Nebraska Crime Commission's Grant No. 13-CB-530 for a total amount of \$20,631.00, and 5) changes to the pledged securities for the County Treasurer. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: District 11 Probation Office – 2013-2014 budget distribution, Red Willow County's share being \$8,776.35, and the 2014-2015 proposed budget report.

The County Clerk's monthly revenue report was reviewed and placed on file.

Bids for legal services of an attorney to handle the tax foreclosure cases in Red Willow County were opened at 9:15 a.m. There was only one bid, which was from Nathaniel J. Mustion of Mousel, Brooks, Garner and Schneider, PC, LLO, for an hourly rate of \$150 per hour. Treasurer Marleen Garcia had some questions for the attorney, so Chairman Dack phoned Mr. Mustion and placed the call on speaker phone. Mustion said he had access to the expertise of Gene Garner, who does all of the tax foreclosures in Hitchcock County. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to accept the bid from Nathaniel J. Mustion for legal services of an attorney to handle the tax foreclosure cases in Red Willow County. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:30 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Steve Downer called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Steve Downer, Earl McNutt and Vesta Dack, Treasurer Marleen Garcia and County Clerk Pauletta Gerver. Downer informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

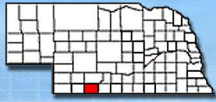
Clerk Gerver had emailed the minutes from the previous property valuation protest hearings to each member of the Board of Equalization for their review. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dack, to approve the minutes from property valuation protest hearings on July 9, 2014 and July 15, 2014. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Treasurer Garcia presented a tax roll correction for the 2013 tax year. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dack, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 25 which increased the tax rolls by \$133.04. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

Chairman Downer recessed the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:35 a.m. for reconvening the Board of Commissioners meeting.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Vesta Dack reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:35 a.m.



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On behalf of the St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Junior Warden Dan Stramel offered the use of five parking stalls in the church's lot during the work week in exchange for some snow removal. He also noted that the construction of the law enforcement center had caused a lot of wear and tear on the parking lot, and they would appreciate some help getting it repaired. Dack thought the idea of trading parking stalls for services made sense. Stramel said he would be back in September to discuss the matter further.

The Board held a bid opening at 10:00 a.m. for a pickup for the household hazardous waste program, but no bids were received. McNutt said Mike Deveny had a pickup that he was going to bid, so he called and asked where the bid was. Deveny said the quote that he had faxed earlier in the month was his bid. Because Deputy Tami Teel had sent notices to all of the local dealers and because McNutt said he needed a bid for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's grant that would pay for the pickup, the Board decided to go ahead and accept Deveny's bid. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to waive the "no faxed bid" stipulation in the notice and to accept the 10:05 a.m. faxed bid from Deveny Motors, LLC for \$32,500 on a 2012 Dodge Ram 3500 pickup. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Gary Power asked the Board if the County would gravel and maintain a road about 3/8 of a mile long that he lives on, Drive 386, in the Miller Replat Subdivision. Dack asked how many people lived on that road, and he said there were probably 15 lots, mostly vacant. Assessor Kotschwar said the subdivision plat showed a road that was the only access to the lots, but it was not designated as a County road. Power asked what it would take to get the road made into a County road, and Dack said the matter would be considered in relation to the population in the subdivision. She told him he could get back to her.

In the presence of County officials and department heads the Board discussed the probability of salary increases for fiscal year 2014-2015. Clerk Gerver presented the schedule of annual salaries that had been published in August of 2013. The schools' 2.9% increase and the 2.5% annual increase in elected officials' salaries for the 2015-2019 term were mentioned, along with the increases in the health insurance deductibles and out-of-pocket limits. McNutt said he agreed with Downer that they should increase the salaries at least as much as last year in the \$120 per month area, but they were not prepared to make a decision today. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to table the decision to July 28, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board had requested the attendance of all County officials and department heads to discuss the implementation of the LB 560 revisions to the Nebraska Wage Payment Act. Clerk Gerver said the employee's paycheck has to report the hours of work that he got paid for during that pay period, whether the hours are regular, comp time, vacation or sick leave. After an extensive discussion was held regarding the record keeping that will be required for the monthly reporting process, it was determined that the County Clerk needs to come up with a report form that will be uniform for all departments. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to set the September 30, 2014 paycheck as the date to implement the LB 560 reporting requirements on the paychecks. Roll call Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The following claim was allowed: Regional Care, Inc. – health insurance claims - \$7,939.89.

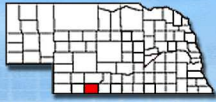
Chairman Dack adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:55 a.m. to July 28, 2014.

Chairman Steve Downer reconvened the Board of Equalization meeting at 1:00 p.m. in order to hear property valuation protest hearings with the following members present: Commissioners Steve Downer, Earl McNutt and Vesta Dack, Assessor Sandra Kotschwar, and County Clerk Pauletta Gerver.

Clerk Gerver had notified by mail all property owners who had filed protests and encouraged them to attend their individual hearings. Hearings were held on Protest Nos. 73-140064 through 73-140075. The Board visited with each protester by phone or in person for approximately fifteen minutes per protest, and Assessor Kotschwar presented her information which substantiates the calculation of the protested value.

Chairman Downer thanked each protestor for attending the hearing and explained that the Board would make their decisions on the protests before July 25th and everyone would be notified by mail. Then, if someone did not agree with the decision, they could appeal it to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) for a filing fee of \$25.00.

The protests are on file in the County Clerk's Office for public inspection.



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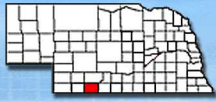


Chairman Downer adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 3:20 p.m. to July 22, 2014.

Vesta Dack
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Steve Downer,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Pauletta Gerver
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS July 28, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 28, 2014. 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, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer, and Deputy County Clerk Tami Teel. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for citizens' comments. No one was present.

The Board reviewed the payroll claims.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings on July 21, 2014 and 2) payroll claims. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

A thank you letter from the Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center for support for fiscal year 2014-2015 was reviewed and placed on file.

The Sheriff's monthly revenue report was reviewed and placed on file.

Chairman Dack recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:15 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Steve Downer called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Steve Downer, Earl McNutt and Vesta Dack, Assessor Sandra Kotschwar and Deputy County Clerk Tami Teel. Downer informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dack, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2014, meeting when decisions were made on property valuation protests. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

Assessor Sandra Kotschwar presented a list of 14 cemetery real estate properties that are tax exempt and certified that there had been no change of ownership or use.

Chairman Downer adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:21 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

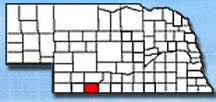
Chairman Dack reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:21 a.m.

The Board opened bids for landscaping and sprinkler systems for the law enforcement center at 9:30 a.m. Rick Metcalf, Dan Dueland and Bruce Hoffman were present for the bid openings. The following bids were received: 1) Double D Lawn & Landscaping - \$7,815.00 for 51 bushes, sod and mulch, and \$7,070.50 for 24 bushes, sod and mulch; and 2) Common Scents - \$4,450.00 for plant material, fabric rock, edging and mulch, plus \$360.00 each for 2 Honey Locust trees with \$200 labor, and \$150.00 each for 2 Bur Oak Canyon trees with \$150 labor.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to accept the bid from Common Scents in the amount of \$4,900.00 for landscaping between the Law Enforcement Center and the courthouse, which includes two Bur Oak Canyon trees. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to accept the bid from Double D Lawn & Landscaping in the amount of \$7,070.50 to provide all of the landscaping on the east side and including part of the north side of the Law Enforcement Center. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

R & L Sprinklers presented the lone bid of \$3,198.00 for underground sprinklers. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to accept the bid from R & L Sprinklers in the amount of \$3,198.00 for the sprinkler system for the Law Enforcement Center. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.



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Donna Goad requested \$9,616.00 for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services for fiscal year 2014-2015. She said they serviced a total of 303 families in their seven-county region with 163 of those families living in Red Willow County. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to continue donating \$9,616.00 to the DA/SAS program for FY 2014/2015. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board considered adding Hemoglobin A1C and Vitamin D tests to the wellness screens provided by the Red Willow County Health Department as a benefit for County employees and spouses. McNutt said that the Hemoglobin A1C is a diabetes test. Dack stated that the Vitamin D test shows a deficiency that would indicate calcium, phosphates and has to do with kidney function. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to not add the Hemoglobin A1C and Vitamin D tests to the County's health insurance at this time. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board reviewed the estimates on blinds for the Law Enforcement Center offices from Corky's Modern Interiors for \$6,484.11 and Diamond Vogel's for \$3,333.44. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to accept the bid from Diamond Vogel in the amount of \$3,333.44 for 13 cordless blinds for the law enforcement center. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board revisited the matter of salary increases for fiscal year 2014-2015. Several department heads were present. Chief Deputy Sheriff Alan Kotschwar presented a survey of sheriff's deputies' wages in neighboring counties. He thought Red Willow County needed to be more competitive so they could keep their employees from leaving for higher wages. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to grant the following salary increases for FY 2014-2015: sheriff's deputies, as specified, and jail administrator - \$225 per month, 40 hour/wk. employees - \$120 per month, 35 hour/wk. employees - \$105 per month and part-time employees - \$.50 per hour; raises may be dispersed at the discretion of the county officials. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Sheriff Gene Mahon requested a closed session for discussion of personnel. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to enter into executive session at 11:50 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to come out of executive session at 11:58 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer. No action was taken.

The Board ran out of time to work on their budgets. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to table working on the budgets until Monday August 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

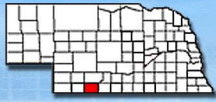
The following claims were allowed:

Chairman Dack adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:05 p.m. to August 4, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Steve Downer,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Tami Teel
Deputy County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

August 4, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 4, 2014. 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, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer, and County Clerk Pauletta Gerver. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for citizens' comments. Gary Dicenta told the Board about a huge, dangerous washout at the intersection of County roads "Maureen" and "Calabria". He said it will not be an easy fix because the water flow has been diverted from where it was supposed to go.

Chairman Dack recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:20 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Steve Downer called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Steve Downer, Earl McNutt and Vesta Dack, Treasurer Marleen Garcia and County Clerk Pauletta Gerver. Downer informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Treasurer Garcia presented tax roll corrections for Tax Year 2013. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dack, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 26 which increased the tax rolls by \$683.46 and No. 27 which increased the tax rolls by \$776.10. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

Chairman Downer adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:23 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Dack reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Gary Dicenta requested approval of a 5-acre tract of land that is being split. He said that with the revised zoning regulations this type of split requires County Board approval. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the 5-acre tract of land in Section 18, Township 3N, Range 31W, that is being split. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

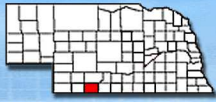
Dicenta also reported that the Nebraska Department of Roads needs a map of the bridge locations in the County where the flexible object markers on breakaway posts will be placed. The Board recalled that they had agreed to participate in the NDOR project in March of 2013. Dicenta said he would send in the requested map.

The Board reviewed the claims.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the July 28, 2014 Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) health insurance claim and miscellaneous accounts payable claims, and 3) Change Order Request No. 24 for the Law Enforcement Center to provide and install a surface mount LED fixture at vestibule 100, which deducts \$506.00 from the contingency fund. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality – NPDES General Permit for Operations Confining Cattle for N.A. Timmerman, Inc. – Indianola Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation, effective 4/1/13 to 3/31/15.

The Board worked on budget worksheets. They entered preliminary estimates of expenditures in a number of functions within the General Fund, such as the County Board and Miscellaneous, as well as revenues in the General Fund. They also estimated expenditures and revenues in other funds, such as Road, Self-Insurance and Jail Sinking.



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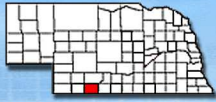
The following claims were allowed: 1) Blue Tarp Financial - supplies - \$193.93, 2) Regional Care, Inc. – health insurance claims - \$34,228.27, and 3) McCookNet Internet Service - internet - \$39.95.

Chairman Dack adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:15 p.m. to August 11, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Steve Downer,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Pauletta Gerver
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 11, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 11, 2014, for their regular meeting. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer, and County Clerk Pauletta Gerver. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Gary Dicenta was present in case there were residents of the Calabria Subdivision with questions about the surveys being done, but there was no one.

The Board had received a list of the accounts payable claims in their mail packets, so they reviewed the claims on which they had questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the August 4, 2014 Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) accounts payable claims, 3) changes to the pledged securities for the County Treasurer, 4) Armor Coating 2014 documents: a) Application and Certification for Payment no. 1-Final, b) Change Order No. 1 – Final, and c) Certificate of Substantial Completion, and 5) Request for Payment No. 16 to Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$164,959.92 for construction of the Law Enforcement Center. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

At the request of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality it was necessary to re-bid the pickup that was to be purchased with grant funds for the household hazardous waste program. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to re-open bids for a pickup for the household hazardous waste program and set August 25, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. as the date and time to open the bids. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

During the budget workshop the Board reviewed officials' estimated budget requests in the levy funds. The levy funds are: General, Road/Bridge, Self-Insurance, Fair, Health and Jail Bonds. Assessor Sandra Kotschwar certified the County's 2014 valuation at \$1,128,594,832. That compares to the County's 2013 valuation of \$931,795,554. The Board asked Clerk Gerver to schedule budget hearings with the Sheriff, Veteran Service Officer and Fair Board.

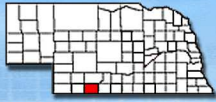
The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: 1) Clerk of District Court's monthly revenue, and 2) County Clerk's monthly revenue.

The following claims were allowed: (See Claims folder on webpage.)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to August 18, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman

Attest: Pauletta Gerver,
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 18, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 18, 2014, for their regular meeting. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the August 11, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) health insurance claim, 3) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the village of Bartley for the enforcement of municipal ordinances, and 4) Permit for Wardcraft Homes, Inc. to move wood frame house #5297M over County roads. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Office of the Vice President, McCook Community College – request for sponsorship to help fund the revised edition of the Hormel business plan competition, and 2) Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality – enclosed state identification sticker for vapor vacuum lamp compactor for CFL bulbs.

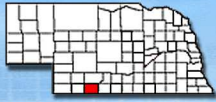
Dan Miller, CPA presented a comparison of the FY 2013-2014 budget with the FY 2014-2015 budget requests. He said that with the huge increase in the 2014 valuation, the levy could drop from last year's \$0.41 to \$0.31 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. He said, however, the budget had to be cut by \$11,000 because it exceeded the limit for restricted funds. The Board said they would look for cuts. They set September 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time to hold a budget hearing and adopt the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015.

County Surveyor Gary Dicenta, as well as, six residents of the Calabria Subdivision were present when the Board discussed the survey results of the road right-of-way in the subdivision. McNutt explained the he would be involved with the actual work, so he wanted to be on the same page as the surveyor. Dicenta said that Joe Giorgioni wanted the surveyors off his property, so if he considers the roads as his property, the County doesn't need to be grading them. The property owners asked for a meeting to have their questions answered and to be more informed in the future. The Board made no decision to set a meeting, but felt like the meeting should be handled by the County Surveyor.

Gary Power asked the Board if the County was going to maintain Drive 386 in the Miller Replat Subdivision. Dack asked how many people lived out there, and Power said he was the only current resident. Surveyor Dicenta explained that the County didn't have anything to do with that subdivision when it was platted.

McNutt explained that, after second thought, it was not a good idea to re-bid the pickup that was to be purchased with grant funds for the household hazardous waste program. He figured the pickup that was awarded in the original bid could be paid for with proceeds in the HHW budget from collections held in other counties and not from tax dollars. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to repeal the decision that was made on August 11, 2014, to re-open bids on a pickup for the Household Hazardous Waste program. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Dan Stramel and Russ Wood, members of the Veterans Service Committee, and Tom Stritt were present for a hearing regarding the Veteran Service Officer's budget. McNutt explained that the reason for the hearing was because the official's estimation of \$40,320 exceeded the salary increase that the County Board had allotted for all salaried employees. Stramel said he believes that an employee's wages should keep up with inflation, but he also believes that neighboring counties should help support the Veteran Service Office for the veterans



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that Stritt helps from their counties. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to decrease the Veteran Servicer Officer's salary line item to \$37,760. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board held a hearing with the Sheriff for his three budgets. After questions were answered on the Sheriff's budget regarding salary increases, meals and office equipment, the Sheriff's budget was accepted as presented. Regarding the Emergency Manager's budget, a motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to decrease the E-911 equipment line item from \$40,000 to \$30,000. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Mahon explained a couple corrections that he had made to his Jail budget, and there was discussion regarding the delayed move into the new jail and getting rid of vehicles after deputies are finished transporting prisoners. Jail Administrator Gerry Hunter would like to have added \$6,000 for revisions to the inmates' phone system, but the Board thought the budget could absorb the additional cost. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the Jail budget with amendments as follows: increase the safekeeping of prisoners line item from 75,000 to 100,000 and decrease the cars & trucks line item from 20,000 to 10,000. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

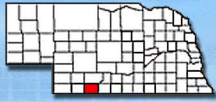
Custodian, Greg Holthus, requested an additional \$1,200 in the Building & Grounds budget so the riding lawnmower he buys could have a grass catcher, as well as, a mulching deck. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to increase the lawn care equipment line item from \$3,500 to \$4,700. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The following claim was allowed: Regional Care, Inc. – health insurance claims – \$18,515.52.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m. to August 25, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman

Attest: Pauletta Gerver,
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 25, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 25, 2014, for their regular meeting. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Leigh Hoyt expressed his opinion that the Board should not refuse to maintain the road in the Miller Replat on the grounds that only one resident lives on it, because there are many County roads that are graveled and maintained that don't have any people living on them.

The Board had received a list of the payroll claims in their mail packets, so they looked at the claims on which they had questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) payroll claims, 3) changes to the pledged securities for the County Treasurer, 4) two permits for Wardcraft Homes, Inc. of Minden, NE to move wood frame houses over County roads: #5312M to Akron, CO and #5329M to Trenton, NE, 5) Amendment to the Crown Correctional Telephone, Inc. Coinless Telephone and Commissary Agreement in reference to purchase and operation of hardware and software for inmate accounting, money management kiosk and FSG interface, and 6) Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality regarding the implementation of the household hazardous waste grant for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

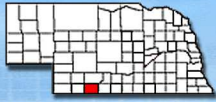
The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Board of Public Roads, Classifications and Standards – invitation to a meeting in North Platte on September 26, 2014, and 2) Federal License Management, Compliance Notification Division – renewal notice for FCC Registration Number 9480757, Call Sign WPFU716.

The Sheriff's monthly revenue report was reviewed and placed on file.

Vice-president, Andy Long, of McCook Community College asked for sponsorship to help fund the revised edition of the Hormel Business Plan Competition. He explained some differences that have been made to the competition, such as: allowing for multiple winners, cutting ownership strings attached to the winner's package, and expanding the competition for neighboring counties. He said he would ask for sponsorship on a bi-annual basis. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to table the request for sponsorship to help fund the revised edition of the Hormel Business Plan Competition at this time and revisit it at a later date. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board reviewed resolutions presented by Clerk Gerver allocating final levy authority for the following County subdivisions: Bartley Rural Fire District, Beaver Valley Fire District, Danbury Cemetery, Hamburg Cemetery, High Plains Historical Society, Indianola Rural Fire District, Lebanon Cemetery, and Red Willow Western Fire District. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to adopt Resolution Nos. 1212, Book 20, Page 412, through No. 1219, Book 20, Page 419, respectively, to allocate final levy authority for County subdivisions. Roll call: Ayes: Dack McNutt, Downer.

Don Klein and Deb Lafferty were present for the budget hearing on the Fair Board's budgets. The Board allowed additional annual salaries for Charlie Collins (\$1,200) and Chas Fritsche (\$600), to be paid out of the Horse Arena Fund without changing the bottom line. Klein explained that "The Alice Kiplinger Trust Foundation" has been established, and the foundation could get a loan from NACO, if additional funds are



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needed to construct the new “Alice Arena”, and he assured the Board that the loan would be paid back from revenue, never any tax dollars.

It was noted that hail damage insurance checks were deposited in the Fair Fund after the preliminary budget had been presented. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to increase the insurance settlement line item to \$25,283 in the Fair Fund #1000. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the Horse Arena, Tom & Alice Kiplinger Endowment and Fair Sinking fund budgets as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Road Superintendent Gary Dicenta went into great detail about the huge problems with trying to build roads in the Calabria Subdivision. He said the current layout of the subdivision is completely different from what it was originally designed and that this could have been prevented if the landowners would have kept the roads the way they were designed.

Dack asked Dicenta what the homeowners’ options are if the County doesn’t maintain the road, because her concern is for the people that live there. Dicenta said the best way to deal with this type of situation is to create a homeowners’ association. He strongly urged the Board to get an official opinion from the County Attorney on whether the roads in the Calabria Subdivision are County roads. The Board asked Clerk Gerver to see if County Attorney Paul Wood would be available for their September 8, 2014 meeting.

Dicenta said he had set up a meeting with the landowners for Wednesday, August 27th, at the site, where they would walk the road and visit about each property. Vesta Dack, commissioner of District 3, said she would attend the meeting.

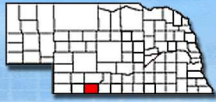
The Board reviewed the inventories of all departments in the County. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the inventories as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The following claims were allowed: (See Claims folder on webpage.)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m. to September 8, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman

Attest: Pauletta Gerver,
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

September 8, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on September 8, 2014. 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, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for citizens' comments. Darwin and Roberta Felker were present but had no comment.

The Board had received a list of the accounts payable claims in their mail packets, so they looked at the claims on which they had questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) accounts payable claims, 3) changes to the pledged securities for the County Treasurer, 4) Stellar Services, LLC Inmate Banking Software Agreement and Sterling Commissary, LLC Inmate Commissary Service Agreement, 5) authorize the Chairman to sign the following state grant awards for the Five-County Juvenile Diversion Program: #14-CB-535 in the amount of \$59,608 and #14-EB-615 in the amount of \$5,870. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:15 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Steve Downer called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Steve Downer, Earl McNutt and Vesta Dack, and Treasurer Marleen Garcia. Downer informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Treasurer Garcia presented tax roll corrections for Tax Year 2013. A motion was made by Dack, seconded by McNutt, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 28 which increased the tax rolls by \$120.10, No. 29 which increased the tax rolls by \$175.52, No. 30 which increased the tax rolls by \$91.52, No. 31 which increased the tax rolls by \$275.62 and No. 32 which increased the tax rolls by \$2,151.36. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission – Notices of Appeals from property valuation protests on commercial property and ag land.

Chairman Downer adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:25 a.m.

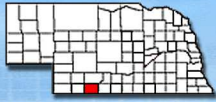
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Dack reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Dan Miller, CPA presented a finalized budget numbers in preparation for the public hearing on September 15th. He said the current budget was in violation of the limit on restricted funds authority by \$10,372.71. He explained the options for decreasing the restricted funds. He also noted that the utilities for the Law Enforcement Center had fallen between the cracks of the Jail budget and Building & Grounds budget. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to take \$60,000 out of the Self-Insurance Fund cash reserve to bring the restricted funds authority into compliance and to increase the jail budget by \$48,000 for law enforcement utilities. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board and Sheriff Mahon finalized plans for the Law Enforcement Center's open house & ribbon cutting scheduled for September 14th.

Custodian, Greg Holthus, reported that a leaking storm drain on the northeast corner of the courthouse was caused by a clog and a crack in an internal pipe. Clerk Magistrate Gretchen Wiebe hoped the repairs could



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be made next week while she was out of her office. Downer said he would talk to Rex Nelson to find out how repairs were made on the Keystone, which had similar problems.

Dan Stramel asked the Board if they required a written agreement with St. Alban's Episcopal Church to accept their invitation to exchange services for parking stalls during the week. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to accept the verbal agreement with Dan Stramel of St. Alban's Episcopal Church to reserve five County parking stalls in exchange for stall striping, minor maintenance and snow removal, when necessary. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Gary Dicenta said that Dave Macintosh of Maxwell Products wanted to know whether the Board was going to rent the crack sealing machine yet this fall. The Board agreed that it should be done before the end of September, possibly the week of the 22nd through the 26th and the following week, weather permitting.

Dicenta also presented a preliminary plat of the "Bishop Acres Subdivision" that is within McCook's two-mile radius. He asked for comments from the Board before the plat is presented to the Planning Commission. McNutt said the County does not want to maintain the roads within the subdivision, but Dicenta said the roads hadn't been laid out yet. The Board had no comments on the subdivision as platted. Dack said it was good to see the growth.

Deputy County Attorney used the Calabria Subdivision plat to illustrate the road maintenance project that was currently on the table. He summarized the statutes for creating an improvement district and said that was how it should be done. He said the County could determine how much of the subdivision would be in the improvement district.

It was the consensus of the group that the roads had been built as the engineers had designed them. Adam Wolford thought that, but because of that, the roads should have been maintained by the County since the beginning. McNutt said in all the years he'd worked for the County they had never maintained the roads in any rural subdivision. Downer said he would rather gravel a road where people lived than gravel a road where no one lives. Lyons said the law gives the County the right to make the decision.

After a lengthy discussion, Dack, obviously frustrated, encouraged the group of Calabria residents who were present to create a homeowners' association and pay for the roads themselves rather than have the County create an improvement district and have the costs assessed on their taxes. The Board made no decision.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Emergency Management Agency – results of state homeland security program grants on-site monitoring visit which took place on August 13, 2014, and 2) Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems – audit report of County's retirement participation and reporting procedures, and 2) Isaac S. Brown, Chief of Police – McCook Police Department administrative report on the subject of dispatch services' expenses and reimbursement from Red Willow County for dispatch services.

The Clerk of District Court's monthly revenue report was reviewed and placed on file.

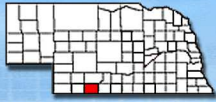
The following claims were allowed: (See Claims folder on webpage).

Chairman Dack adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:30 p.m. to September 15, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Steve Downer,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Pauletta Gerver
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 15, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on September 15, 2014, for their regular meeting. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

The Board had received a list of the accounts payable claims in their mail packets, so they reviewed the claims on which they had questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) health insurance and miscellaneous accounts payable claims, 3) changes to the pledged securities for the County Treasurer, 4) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement with McCook Public Power District to bury electric line bored across County Road, Drive 722, and 5) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement with McCook Public Power District to bury electric line bored across County Road 725. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Assessor Sandra Kotschwar met with the Board to renew the contract with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. for oil and gas appraisals for Tax Years 2015 and 2016. She said their fees were going up from \$3,600 to \$3,750. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to authorize the Chairman to sign the renewal contract with Pritchard and Abbott. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The County Clerk's monthly revenue report was reviewed and placed on file.

Dan Miller, CPA, presented the completed 2014-2015 budget. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to increase the base of restricted funds by an additional 1%. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer. Miller said the additional 1% would increase the restricted funds by \$39,600.00.

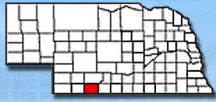
Chairman Dack recessed the regular meeting and entered into a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the budget for 2014-2015. No one was present. Miller summarized the figures on the \$20.6 million dollar budget. With the changes that the Board had made at their last meeting, he was able to get the restricted funds under the limit by \$1,627.29. The personal and real property tax requirement is \$3,509,089.50. The levy is .310926, which is down from the 2013 tax rate of .409200. Chairman Dack adjourned the public hearing at 9:44 a.m.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to adopt Resolution No.1220, Book 20, Page 420, to adopt the budget as presented for fiscal year 2014-2015. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack recessed the regular meeting and entered into a special hearing at 9:45 a.m. to set the final tax request. No one was present. Miller explained that the hearing was necessary anytime the Board changes the tax request from the previous fiscal year, whether it's an increase or decrease. The special hearing was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to adopt Resolution No. 1221, Book 20, Page 421, to set the final tax request at \$3,509,089.50, which is decreased from the prior fiscal year of \$3,812,909.00 and also a decrease in the levy from .409200 to .310926. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to adopt Resolution No. 1222, Book 20, Page 422, to transfer the designated portion of the general levy for 2014 from General Fund No. 0100 to Road/Bridge Fund No. 0300 in the amount of \$234,000.00 (.075590), and that this transfer would occur by the Treasurer after each month's collections. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.



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A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to adopt Resolution No. 1223, Book 20, Page 423, to transfer the designated portion of the general levy for 2014 from General Fund No. 0100 to Self-Insurance Fund No. 1275 in the amount of \$649,006.26 (.209650), and that this transfer would occur by the Treasurer after each month's collections. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to adopt Resolution No. 1224, Book 20, Page 424, to close the Planning & Zoning Fund No. 0960 and add the Planning & Zoning Function 608 to the General Fund No. 0100 and transfer the fund balance of \$2,373.26 to the General Fund 0100. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to adopt Resolution No. 1225, Book 20, Page 425, to transfer the ending net fund balance of the Nursing Home Bond Fund No. 3203 as of June 30, 2014, and any back taxes collected after June 30, 2014, to the Hillcrest Nursing Home Operating Fund No. 5100. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

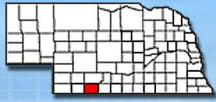
A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to adopt Resolution No. 1226, Book 20, Page 426, to transfer \$62,200.68 from Road Fund No. 0300 to Highway Bonds (Allocation) Fund No. 3700 in order to make principal and interest payments on the bonds. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The following claims were allowed: 1) NMC Inc. – equipment rental - \$994.70, 2) Cayla Skaritka – notary application - \$30.00, 3) Regional Care Inc. – health insurance claims - \$11,525.80, and 4) Verizon Wireless – cell phone service - \$151.97.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. to September 22, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman

Attest: Pauletta Gerver,
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS September 22, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on September 22, 2014. 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, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for citizens' comments. Custodian Greg Holthus told the Board about a broken stained glass window that needs to be temporarily repaired before winter. He said he would look for a craftsman to repair it permanently.

The Board had received a list of the payroll claims in their mail packets, so they looked at the claims on which they had questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) payroll claims and miscellaneous claims, 3) changes to the pledged securities for the County Treasurer, 3) Request for Payment No. 17 to Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$325,130.15 for construction of the Law Enforcement Center. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:15 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Steve Downer called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Steve Downer, Earl McNutt and Vesta Dack. Downer informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Treasurer Marleen Garcia presented a motor vehicle tax exemption application for a replacement vehicle. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dack, to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption for the McCook YMCA. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

Garcia also presented tax roll corrections for Tax Year 2013. A motion was made by Dack, seconded by McNutt, to approve Tax Roll Corrections No. 33 which increased the tax rolls by \$34.42, No. 34 which increased the tax rolls by \$24.98, No. 35 which increased the tax rolls by \$25.54, No. 36 which increased the tax rolls by \$70.62 and No. 37 which increased the tax rolls by \$129.26. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

Chairman Downer adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:27 a.m.

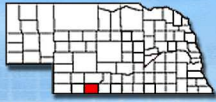
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Dack reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Treasurer Marleen Garcia presented a resolution to assign County sales certificates that she designated by numbers 1-2014 to 12-2014 for delinquent taxes that were not sold at a public tax sale for want of bidders. She said the certificates were ready for the Board-appointed attorney to begin foreclosure proceedings. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to adopt Resolution No. 1227, Book 20, Page 427, to assign County tax sales certificates. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Treasurer Garcia also reported on the collected and uncollected distress warrants. She said that every year on August 31st, the Sheriff returns to her a list of the distress warrants that he was unable to collect. She said the total amount of the warrants (most of them on mobile homes) that were not collected was \$6,800.

The Board discussed the pay period changes that have to be made to incorporate the payroll reporting requirements of LB 560. Currently, the pay period is the first through last day of the month, but since the Board approves payroll claims on the fourth Monday of every month, the pay period has to end prior to that day. The



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Board had set the September paycheck as the date to incorporate the reporting requirements. Not wanting to dock the full-time salaried employees' paychecks for the short pay period of Sept. 1st through Sept. 20th, the Board paid them for the full month on the grounds that the employees don't get their paychecks until the last day of the month. Chairman Dack reported that Larry Dix, the executive director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials, informed the county commissioners at the West Central District Meeting that they could not do that. He said that the work days between the last day of the pay period in September and the end of the month would have to be deducted from future paychecks, and he suggested deducting one day per paycheck to prevent a hardship on the employees.

Treasurer Marleen Garcia, County Health Department Director Pat Powers and Deputy County Clerk Tami Teel, who processes the County's payroll claims, were present. Garcia expressed her concern that the salary report that had to be given to the County Clerk for the September paycheck was inaccurate because it only included the hours of comp used during the pay period, but did not include the comp time earned. After considerable discussion, Dack said she would call NACO and find out how other counties are handling the situation.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) County Clerk's response to the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems' audit report of the County's retirement participation/reporting procedures, and 2) McCook Economic Development Corporation's request for the County to renew their membership and add dollars to "Build the Base". The Board will consider the MEDC's request at their next meeting.

The Sheriff's monthly revenue report was reviewed and placed on file.

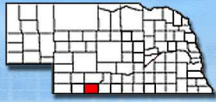
The following claims were allowed: (See Claims folder on webpage).

Chairman Dack adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:30 a.m. to October 6, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Steve Downer,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Pauletta Gerver
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS October 6, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on October 6, 2014. 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, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for citizens' comments. Sheriff Gene Mahon and Deputy Justin Davis introduced the new police service dog. Davis said she is a Belgian Malinois and was trained in Holland. He said they, as a team, will have to get certified with the State Patrol. Mahon noted that the Work Ethic Camp had honored the previous police dog, RC, for the services he had provided.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:19 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Steve Downer called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. with the following members present: Steve Downer, Earl McNutt and Vesta Dack. Downer informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Treasurer Marleen Garcia presented a motor vehicle tax exemption application. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dack, to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption on a 2013 Dodge Caravan for Southwest Area Training Service. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

Garcia also presented tax roll corrections for Tax Year 2013. A motion was made by Dack, seconded by McNutt, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 38 which increased the tax rolls by \$85.92 and No. 39 which increased the tax rolls by \$37.38. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

Garcia also presented a resolution to strike taxes on personal properties that were uncollectible. The taxes to be stricken were \$7,317.70 on five parcels. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dack, to adopt Resolution No.1228, Book 20, Page 428, to strike the personal property taxes on the five parcels. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

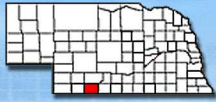
Garcia also presented a request from the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division, to refund the County's share of air carrier tax for Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc., who had won their appeal to the TERC for the 2006-2009 tax years. She said the refund in the amount of \$1,244.11 gets paid to the Nebraska State Treasurer and comes out of the County's General Fund. A motion was made by Dack, seconded by McNutt, to refund the air carrier tax in the amount of \$1,244.11 to the Nebraska Department of Revenue and approve payment of the claim. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

Clerk Gerver presented levies for the following political subdivisions for which the Red Willow County Board of Equalization is empowered to levy or certify a tax levy: McCook Public Schools and Southwest Public Schools, ESU No. 15, cities of McCook and Indianola, villages of Bartley, Danbury and Lebanon, rural fire districts of Bartley, Beaver Valley, Indianola and Red Willow Western, cemetery districts of Danbury, Hamburg and Lebanon, Middle Republican NRD, High Plains Historical Society, and the County. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dack, to levy the necessary taxes for 2014 and certify all levies as presented for said political subdivisions. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

Chairman Downer adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:45 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Dack reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:45 a.m.



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The Board had received a list of the health insurance and miscellaneous accounts payable claims in their mail packets, so they looked at the claims on which they had questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) health insurance and miscellaneous accounts payable claims, 3) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement with Great Plains Communications for the underground construction of fiber optic service to Timmerman Feedlot, 4) Amended Interlocal Agreement for the Governance and Operation of Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department to include Keith County, 5) Change Order Request No. 25 for the Law Enforcement Center to add curb at Norris and eliminate curb at alley, which deducts \$630.00 from the contingency fund, 6) Change Order Request No. 26 for the Law Enforcement Center to lower soffit to cover column caps, which deducts \$2,385.00 from the contingency fund, 7) Change Order Request No. 27 for the Law Enforcement Center to modify fence, which deducts \$769.00 from the contingency fund, 8) Lease Agreement with Maxwell Equipment Company for crack sealing equipment at the rate of \$1,400 per week and \$350 per additional day, 9) authorize the Chairman's signature on Change Order No. 9 for the Law Enforcement Center to finalize change order requests previously executed, Nos. 23 – 27, 10) authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification Statement of the 2013 Cost Allocation Plan prepared by Maximus, and 11) changes to the pledged securities for the County Treasurer. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

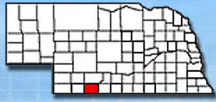
McNutt explained that the Sandhills Public Health Department folded, so Keith County wants to join the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, and they're going to pay almost \$40,000 a year for the service.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Department of Natural Resources – confirmation of the County Board's intent to be a stakeholder for the Republican River basin-wide planning process, 2) copies of letters mailed by the County Treasurer to corporations with delinquent taxes, and 3) Nebraska Department of Roads' Highway Safety/Accident Records Section – 2012 rural county road and highway accident spot map for Red Willow County.

Rex Nelson was present for the Board's consideration of McCook Economic Development's request to have the County "build the base" by adding \$125 to their previous gift amount of \$500. He presented a survey of the funds that neighboring counties contribute to support their economic development offices. He also presented a report of the LB 840 economic development sales tax program administered by MEDC. He was very optimistic about the projects they have on the table. Dack wanted to know if the housing project(s) that MEDC is working on will bring in tax revenue to the County, because she said the East Ward Village pays very little tax, and they're still appealing their valuation to the TERC. McNutt noted that the County's donation looks minimal on paper, but the rural people shop in McCook and pay into the sales tax that is used for economic development. Downer said another way the County donates is through the tax increment financing (TIF) program. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to add \$125 to the County's \$500 previous gift amount. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board reviewed the draft of an amendment to the Red Willow County Medical and Dental Plan to add shingles vaccine received at a retail pharmacy as a covered expense. The Board called the employee benefit specialist and asked her if she could add the local health departments to the list of covered entities, as well, and she said she could do that. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve Amendment Number 7 to add shingles vaccine received at retail pharmacies, Red Willow County Health Department and Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department as a covered expense. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board considered the adoption of a resolution to convert payroll from being paid for some days in advance to only days actually worked. Since the Board approves the payroll claims on the 4th Monday of each month, the pay period has to be changed. To begin the transition, the September pay period had been shortened to the 1st through the 20th, but the Board thought the employees could be paid for the whole month. However, the October paycheck covers the pay period September 21st through October 17th, so there is a duplication of salary for seven work days. Chairman Dack, along with Clerk Gerver and Deputy Teel, had participated in a



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phone conference hosted by NACO where they learned that the employee could use vacation, comp time or personal days to make the adjustment. The law requires a 60 day notice to the employees when their paycheck is altered, so the Board agreed on making the adjustment to the January 2015 paycheck. They discussed amending the personnel manual to separate the 3 personal days from the sick leave so they could be used for the 7-day compensation. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to table the adoption of a resolution to convert payroll until October 20, 2014. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

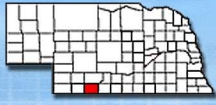
The following claims were allowed: 1) Mousel, Brooks, Garner & Schneider – legal fees - \$1,191.00, 2) Regional Care Inc. – health insurance claims - \$45,336.39 and 3) Verizon Wireless – cell phone service - \$750.46.

Chairman Dack adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:30 a.m. to October 20, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Steve Downer,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Pauletta Gerver
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 20, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on October 20, 2014, for their regular meeting. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. John Webster of Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company stopped by for a visit.

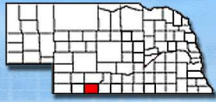
The Board had received a list of the accounts payable claims in their mail packets, so they reviewed the claims on which they had questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

Darren Dale of Star Enterprises, LLC requested permission to have a beer garden at the McCook Farm & Ranch Expo in the Kiplinger Arena. He said he was having Loop's Brewery run the beer garden from 10:00 a.m. to midnight on November 19th and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on November 20th. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to allow Darren Dale to have a beer garden in the Kiplinger Arena during the McCook Farm and Ranch Expo on November 19th and 20th. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, 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 \$459,494.56, 3) changes to the pledged securities for the County Treasurer, 4) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement with McCook Public Power District to bury electric line bored across County road, Drive 717, 5) Request for Payment No. 18 to Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$60,917.92 for construction of the Law Enforcement Center, 6) alternate location on County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Source Gas Distribution to cross Road No. 396 that was approved on March 24, 2014, 7) Fire Sprinkler Inspection Contract with Bamford, Inc. for the Kiplinger Arena at \$250.00 per year, 8) Change Order Request No. 30 for the Law Enforcement Center to credit cost of debris removal by County, which adds \$1,450.00 to the contingency fund, 9) Change Order Request No. 31 for the Law Enforcement Center to provide electrical revisions per request of state electrical inspector, which deducts \$1,106.00 from the contingency fund, and 10) agreement with Tech Friends, Inc. for performing credit/debit card payment services for inmates. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

A number of county officials and department heads were present when the Board reviewed a draft of amendments to the County's personnel manual. The portion of the manual regarding meetings, meals, registration and mileage reimbursement, County cell phones, and County credit cards needed to be amended per Resolution Nos. 1205, 1206 and 1207, which had been adopted by the Board in May and June of 2014. The Board had also discussed at their October 6th meeting the desire to separate out three personal days from sick leave so they could be used by the employees in the conversion of payroll being paid in advance to days actually worked. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to incorporate Resolution Nos. 1205, 1206 and 1207 regarding meetings, meals, registration and mileage reimbursement, County cell phones, and County credit cards, respectively, in the County's personnel manual. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer. No action was taken to separate out personal days from sick leave.

Also, in the midst of the county officials and department heads, a lengthy discussion was held on the topic revisited from previous meetings regarding the pay period conversion that was required in order to comply with reporting requirements mandated by LB 560. The officials reported that their employees were confused and concerned that their paychecks would be docked. It was decided to give the employees a chance to compare the pay periods on their September and October pay checks before making a decision on how to



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proceed. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to table the resolution adopting a payroll conversion plan. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Highway Superintendent Gary Dicenta requested the chairman's signature on road budget documents that had to be sent in to the Nebraska Department of Roads. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Certification to Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards for the Road Budget & Expenditure Report. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Dicenta also requested approval of an administrative lot split of 5-acres. He said the landowner was selling a parcel of land less than 10 acres, and the survey was a requirement of the County's zoning regulations. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the administrative lot split of 5-acres presented by Mr. Dicenta. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board reviewed punch lists of the construction items that had been completed to the satisfaction of the architects or were still outstanding on September 15th when the Law Enforcement Center was turned over to the possession of the County. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for construction of the Law Enforcement Center. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Hillcrest Nursing Home Foundation Chapel Fund – notice of donations received from Colinda Nappa in honor of County board members for National Boss' Day.

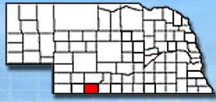
The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: 1) County Clerk's monthly revenue, and 2) Clerk of District Court's monthly revenue.

The following claims were allowed: (See Claims folder on webpage.)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. to October 27, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman

Attest: Pauletta Gerver,
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 27, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on October 27, 2014, for their regular meeting. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the meeting to order with the following members present: Vesta Dack and Steve Downer. Earl McNutt was absent. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by Dack, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, Downer. Absent: McNutt.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Flood Plain Administrator Gary Dicenta presented a notice that he had received from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources informing the County that as of October 24, 2014, water users of the Schlagel Reservoir were allowed to resume storage.

Dack reported that Sheriff Gene Mahon told her that the County jail had prisoners from Hitchcock and Furnas counties last week.

The Board had received a list of the payroll claims in their mail packets, so they reviewed the claims on which they had questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by Dack, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) payroll claims in the amount of \$258,892.19, 3) participate in the Nebraska Food Drive Challenge for the Pantry to be held November 3 through November 21 sponsored by the Nebraska Association of County Clerks, Register of Deeds and Election Commissioners, 4) appoint Vesta Dack as person casting ballot for County in the NACO election of officers and appoint Steve Downer as the designee in the event Vesta is unavailable to cast ballot. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, Downer. Absent: McNutt.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Nebraska Association of County Officials – NACO and Subsidiary Audit Report for June 30-2014 and 2013.

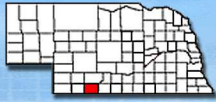
The Red Willow County Health Department's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 was reviewed and placed on file. Total revenues were \$340,845.68 and total expenditures were \$190,306.49.

The following claims were allowed: (See Claims folder on webpage.)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. to November 3, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman

Attest: Pauletta Gerver,
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

November 3, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on November 3, 2014. 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, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for citizens' comments. Dorwin and Roberta Felker were present. Sheriff Gene Mahon also presented a copy of a proposed bronze plaque commemorating the Law Enforcement Center. The Board thought the plaque looked good and that it should be placed in the lobby.

The Board had received the health insurance claim in their mail packets, so they had no questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by Dack, to approve the minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting as corrected. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, Downer. Abstain: McNutt.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the remaining item on the Consent Agenda: health insurance claim. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:15 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Steve Downer called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Steve Downer, Earl McNutt and Vesta Dack. Downer informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Treasurer Marleen Garcia presented a tax roll correction for Tax Year 2013. A motion was made by Dack, seconded by McNutt, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 40 which increased the tax rolls by \$1,061.38. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

Garcia also presented a resolution to amend a previous resolution to strike personal property. She said there was personal property tax that needed to be added in the amount \$32.36. A motion was made by Dack, seconded by McNutt, to adopt Resolution No. 1229, Book 20, Page 429, to amend Resolution No. 1228, Book 20, Page 428, to strike personal property. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Downer adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:25 a.m.

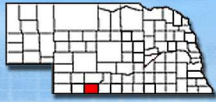
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Dack reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:25 a.m.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska State Bar Association, executive director – reasons for county attorneys and judges to pay dues to the NSBA.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: 1) Sheriff's monthly revenue, 2) Hillcrest Nursing Home financial statements and supplementary information for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and 3) Certification for the issuance of the distress warrants to the County Sheriff by the County Treasurer.

Chairman Dack recessed the regular Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. and opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding a modification to the Red Willow County Zoning Regulations. Zoning Administrator Darcy Eckhardt reported that a landowner wanted to put up a building and there were no stipulations in the regulations regarding structures. She said the planning commission would like to have storage buildings added. Bill Mathias had questions about types of structures, and Eckhardt explained that ag related structures or movable sheds would not require permits, but any structure that requires footings would require a conditional use permit. Dack adjourned the public hearing at 9:40 a.m.



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A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to adopt Resolution No. 1230, book 20, Page 430, to make a modification to the zoning regulations to include storage buildings as a conditional use. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Terry Sides, owner of 4M Pick and Pull Parts and Salvage, LLC, discussed his pending permit for an auto salvage yard. The Board reviewed a letter that Zoning Administrator Darcy Eckhardt had written to him asking for an update. He said he has to wait until January to apply for a couple grants and he won't be operational until April 15th. He said all of the County's conditions had been met, except the fence. He said he has satisfied all the requirements of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and presented his 2014 wrecker/salvage dealer license from the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board. Dorwin Felker asked Sides what he did with the oil and liquids from the vehicles, and he said the fluids will be taken care in the manner prescribed by the NDEQ.

The Board performed their first quarterly inspection of the new Law Enforcement Center at 10:20 a.m. Sheriff's deputy, Alan Kotschwar, took notes on items that needed attention.

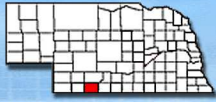
The following claim was allowed: Regional Care, Inc. – health insurance claims - \$2,215.26.

Chairman Dack adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:15 a.m. to November 10, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Steve Downer,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Pauletta Gerver
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 10, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on November 10, 2014, for their regular meeting. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

The Board had received a list of the accounts payable claims in their mail packets, so they reviewed the claims on which they had questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approve Minutes from the Previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization Meetings, 2) Approve Accounts Payable Claims, 3) Approve Changes to the Pledged Securities for the County Treasurer, 4) Set November 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. as the Date and Time to Open Bids on a Motor Grader, 5) Approve the Chairman's Signature on the Juvenile Diversion Program's Quarterly Cash Report/Request for the Nebraska Crime Commission's Grant No. 14-CB-535, 6) Approve the Chairman's Signature on the Juvenile Diversion Program's Quarterly Cash Report/Request for the Nebraska Crime Commission's Grant No. 14-EB-615, 7) Authorize Chairman to Sign the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Agreement with Hastings Solid Waste Dept. for April 11, 2015. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Myra Stoney, Director of Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department met with the board to present their Annual Report. Ms. Stoney reviewed the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department's accomplishments over the past year. They offer 22 different programs. They offer discounted or free vaccines and will bill most insurance companies. Lab Services is a new program that was started this year. It seems to be going well.

Deb Lafferty, Fair Board Manager, and Jeff Tidyman of Engineering International were present when the Board discussed the Alice Kiplinger Building. Tidyman explained the plans for the building. The fair board recommended J.L. Construction of McCook for the project. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to accept the bid from J.L. Construction for \$571,000 for the Alice Kiplinger Building. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

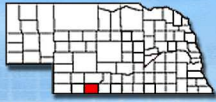
The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: McCook Economic Development Corporation – Thank You for Contribution.

The following claims were allowed:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. to November 17, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman

Attest: Tami Teel,
Deputy County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 17, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on November 17, 2014, for their regular meeting. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the meeting to order with the following members present: Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

The Board had received a list of the health insurance and miscellaneous accounts payable claims in their mail packets. Deputy Clerk Tami Teel had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) health insurance and miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$34,677.40 and 3) contract with Maximus for County's indirect cost allocation plan for FY 2014-2015. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Patricia Powers presented a letter of retirement as the director of the Red Willow County Health Department. She said her last day of work will be January 30, 2015, providing that the health department has found a suitable replacement. Dack told Powers that she had done a very good job as the director and she wished her well. McNutt and Downer added their congratulations on her retirement and compliments on the years of dedication to the County Health Department.

Assessor Sandra Kotschwar presented a revised contract from Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. to appraise mineral property in the County for tax years 2015 and 2016. She said the contract was revised based on information that the state of Nebraska required, which basically protects the County. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to authorize the Chairman to sign the revised contract with Pritchard and Abbott, Inc. to include additional information that is required by the state. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Dack.

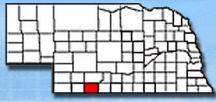
The Clerk of District Court's monthly revenue report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed: 1) Mousel, Brooks, Garner & Schneider – legal fees - \$1,031.80, 2) Nebraska.Gov – transcripts - \$16.00, 3) Source Gas – utilities - \$790.63, 4) U S Postmaster – postage - \$5.00, 5) Michael Sis – rent - \$1,800.00, 6) Regional Care, Inc – insurance claims - \$13,109.13, 7) Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceuticals – supplies - \$682.60, and 8) Clean Harbors Env. Services – waste disposal - \$17,242.24.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. to November 24, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman

Attest: Pauletta Gerver,
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 24, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on November 24, 2014, for their regular meeting. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the meeting to order with the following members present: Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt to approve the agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Greg Holthus, Building & Grounds, spoke with the commissioners during the Citizen's Comments about utilizing some rooms in the old Sheriff's office for attorney/client meetings. They will discuss the issue at the December 15th meeting.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to correct the typographical error on Consent Agenda item No. 4 to state that the change order request for carpet cleaning and dedication plaque was number 32, not 31. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board had received a list of the accounts payable claims in their mail packets, so they reviewed the claims on which they had questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) payroll claims, 3) changes to the pledged securities for the County Treasurer, 4) authorize the Chairman's signature on Change Order No. 10 for the Law Enforcement Center to finalize Change Order Request Nos. 30 and 31, previously executed, and No. 32 for carpet cleaning and dedication plaque. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Larry Eisenmenger of MNB Insurance delivered a dividend check from EMC Insurance Companies in the amount of \$10,001.00. He congratulated the Board on the County's safety record.

Chris Berry of Lutheran Family Services requested that Red Willow County be the lead county in a juvenile services' grant application with the Nebraska Crime Commission. They are just starting the grant application process. She presented the data report she had compiled showing a good year last year. She will approach Chase County to see if they would participate also. Her referrals come from the county attorney. They have protocol that has to be followed and are working on their three year plan. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to authorize Red Willow County to be the lead county in the juvenile services grant application with the Nebraska Crime Commission. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Bids for a motor grader were opened at 10:00 a.m. Two bids were received from Nebraska Machinery and Murphy Tractor & Equipment. Representatives were here from both companies. The bids were as follows: NMC - \$258,900 less trade-in of \$45,225, totaling \$213,675; and Murphy Tractor - \$226,000 less trade-in of \$51,000, totaling 175,000. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to accept the bid from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. on a John Deere 770G motor grader in the amount of \$175,000.00. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

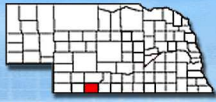
The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: 1) County Clerk's monthly revenue, and 2) Sheriff's monthly revenue.

Payroll and accounts payable claims totaling \$519,611.66 were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. to December 1, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman

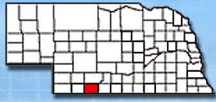
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

December 1, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on December 1, 2014. 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, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Vesta Dack and Earl McNutt. Steve Downer called and said he was fixing a flat tire and would be late. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dack, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt. Absent: Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for citizens' comments. No one was present.

Deputy Clerk Tami Teel had emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review. The Board reviewed the health insurance claim.

Chairman Dack recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:15 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Vice-Chairman Earl McNutt called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Earl McNutt and Vesta Dack. Downer was absent. McNutt informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Treasurer Marleen Garcia presented tax roll corrections for Tax Year 2014. A motion was made by Dack, seconded by McNutt, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 1 which reduced the tax rolls by \$24.34 and No. 2 which increased the tax rolls by \$615.64. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Dack. Absent: Downer.

Vice-Chairman McNutt adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:23 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

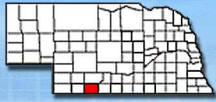
Chairman Dack reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:24 a.m. Downer arrived shortly thereafter.

Gary Dicenta presented a plat of the proposed Gallatin Subdivision. The subdivision is in part of the SW1/4 of Section 6, T3N, R29W, which is within McCook's 2-mile radius. He said there are no roads platted within the subdivision, so the only issue that the County might have would be homeowners' driveways adjacent to County Road 719. Discussion was had regarding the possibility of placing a disclaimer on subdivision plats stating that the County has no responsibility for maintaining roads, but Dicenta said that would be a possible consideration when roads are platted.

The Board discussed the option of keeping the Courthouse open until 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve and closing on the day after Christmas. They agreed that it was a good idea, since Christmas falls on a Thursday this year. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to keep the Courthouse open until 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and close all day on December 26th. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack recessed the meeting and opened a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to consider a conditional use permit submitted by Ronald and Kellie Soden to construct a storage building in the SW/4 of Section 21, T3N, R30W. No one was present from the public. Zoning Administrator Darcy Loop Eckhardt said the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the permit. She said it was noted at the planning commission's public hearing that it was an odd-shaped lot, but it was a lot of record before the zoning regulations were adopted, so it was grandfathered in. Dack closed the public hearing at 10:02 a.m. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the conditional use permit for Ronald and Kellie Soden to construct a storage building in the SW/4 of Section 21, T3N, R30W. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) health insurance claim, 3) Certification of County Highway Superintendent for determining incentive payment for January 1, 2014 to



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December 31, 2014, 4) renewal agreement with city of Indianola for local ordinance enforcement, and 5) declare printer table from County Court as surplus property. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

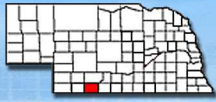
The following claim was allowed: Regional Care, Inc. – health insurance claims - \$1,763.04.

Chairman Dack adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:15 a.m. to December 8, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Steve Downer,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Pauletta Gerver
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 8, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on December 8, 2014, for their regular meeting. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the meeting to order with the following members present: Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

The Board had received a list of the accounts payable claims in their mail packets, so they reviewed the claims on which they had questions. Clerk Gerver had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, 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 \$396,732.99, 3) changes to the pledged securities for the County Treasurer. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Gary Dicenta presented the agreement with Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers for bridge inspections and a storage closing notice from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources regarding the Schlegel Reservoir, effective December 1, 2014. The bridge inspection agreements are set up for two years. They charge \$90 a bridge plus mileage. If anything else needs to be done regarding the bridges they then charge an hourly wage. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer to allow the chairman to sign the agreement with Consulting Engineers for bridge inspections. Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

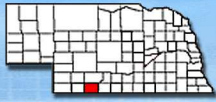
Carol Schlegel and Gary Dicenta were present for the discussion on the Schlegel Reservoir. There is no water in the Schlegel Reservoir at this time and there cannot be any water kept in it. They will have to put in a culvert or get it pumped out. Carol Schlegel expressed her concerns over not being able to have water in this reservoir. After some discussion no action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:35 a.m. to receive public comments on the One and Six Year Road Plan. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer. Gary Dicenta presented a map of the roads involved in the plan. Dicenta wanted to know if any of the projects got built, which did not. He wanted to know if they wanted to keep all of their projects on the plan. Downer thinks that the 182 should be left on since it will need to be done sometime. No other comments or discussion was made. They are going to leave the plan as it is.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:45 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to adopt Resolution No. 1231, Book 20, Page 431, to approve the One and Six Year Road as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Tom Stritt, Gene Witte, Harold McClintic, Paul Wood, and Don Wilson, the county auditor, were present to request approval of an interlocal agreement with Furnas County for veterans' services. Furnas County had an agreement with Phelps County which was terminated effective December 31, 2014. Furnas County is interested in having an interlocal agreement with Red Willow County for their veteran services. The original document was not available, so the Board was not able to decide on the matter. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer to table the interlocal agreement until 10:00 a.m. on December 15, 2014 when the original document is available. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Carol Schlegel joined the Board to present the Tourism Director's report. The Prairie Chicken Dance Tours will be held again this year. She was been working on putting together the southwest Nebraska Tourism Coalition. She received a grant from the Nebraska Tourism Commission to produce brochures, which will be



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done in January and a website which should be finished by February. Her goal is to increase our visibility within the state. Carol has been recommended by the governor to represent NACO on the NACVB board effective December 15, 2014 to finish a term which expires in a year and a half.

The Board reviewed Beckenhauer Construction, Inc.'s final request for payment, No. 19, in the amount of \$230,713.71 for construction of the Law Enforcement Center.

Don Wilson, the county auditor, was present for the discussion. There is enough budget authority to make this payment out of the inheritance fund. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to authorize the Chairman to sign the final request for payment, No. 19 for the Law Enforcement Center, to be paid out of the inheritance fund on the recommendation of Don Wilson. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

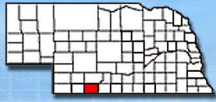
Mark Headrick, of Washington National Insurance, discussed options for supplemental insurance plans for county employees. Missy Nelson of Aflac was also present. They offer cancer, heart/stroke and accident plans. He would like the opportunity to speak to the employees. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to allow Mark Headrick to present his supplemental insurance options to county employees. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The following claims were allowed:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. to December 15, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman

Attest: Tami Teel,
Deputy County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

December 15, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on December 15, 2014. 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, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for citizens' comments. Treasurer Marleen Garcia wanted the Board to know that retiring staff member Nancy Janousek has been a faithful, dedicated employee for almost 28 ½ years. The Board expressed their appreciation to Janousek and congratulated her on her retirement.

The Board had received a list of the miscellaneous accounts payable claims in their mail packets, so they looked at the claims on which they had questions. Deputy County Clerk Tami Teel had also emailed the minutes from the last meeting for their review.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) insurance claim and miscellaneous claims in the amount of \$64,325.76, 3) authorize the Chairman's signature on Engineering International's contract agreement for the Alice Kiplinger Building, and 4) authorize the Chairman's signature on the Cummins Central Power, LLC planned maintenance agreement in the amount of \$5,031.00. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:20 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Steve Downer called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. with the following members present: Steve Downer, Earl McNutt and Vesta Dack. Downer informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Treasurer Marleen Garcia presented motor vehicle tax exemption applications. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dack, to approve the following motor vehicle tax exemptions: 1) Hillcrest Nursing Home and 2) Southwest Area Training Services. Roll call: Ayes: Downer, McNutt, Dack.

Chairman Downer adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:30 a.m.

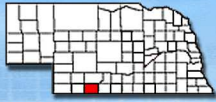
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Dack reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:30 a.m.

In preparation for the January 12 reorganization meeting, the board members reviewed the miscellaneous boards and committees that they will appoint themselves to in the coming year. They needed to find answers to their questions regarding a couple committees and the RC&D board. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to table the matter to December 22, 2014. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Judge Anne Paine and Clerk Magistrate Gretchen Wiebe asked the board if the kitchen and booking room in the old Sheriff's office could be used for attorney/client meetings. Wiebe said that the courthouse lobby becomes a visiting place for defendants and their attorneys. Judge Paine said they also need a place for guardians-ad-litem to visit privately with the children. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to allow space in the old jail to be available for attorneys to meet with their clients and children. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The issue of an inter-local agreement with Furnas County for veterans' services was revisited, as the original document was now available for signatures. Dack asked Stritt how he felt about the arrangement, and he said he thought he could handle the job. County Attorney Paul Wood reviewed the document, which had



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been signed by Furnas County officials. Furnas County had budgeted \$13,525.62 for the fiscal year 2014-2015, half of which will be paid to Red Willow County for the second half of the fiscal year. The County's auditor, Don Wilson, CPA told the Board that the funds could be expended from the Veteran Service Officer's budget, but if his budget went over, the additional budget authority would have to be transferred from another function within the General Fund. He also said the Board could adopt a resolution to increase Stritt's salary to be effective when the new duties start. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the inter-local agreement with Furnas County for veterans services to be provided by Red Willow County Veteran Service Officer Tom Stritt. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) State of Nebraska, Emergency Management Agency – closure of FEMA disaster 4014 that was declared on August 12, 2011 and 2) State of Nebraska, Department of Environmental Quality – permit for Three Valleys Landfill, Inc. Construction & Demolition Waste Disposal Area.

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

The following claims were allowed:

Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SC Services; P Postage; PR Probation; R Rent; I Insurance

GENERAL FUND

Blue Tarp Financial	S	\$616.30
Graphic Screen Printing	S/SC	\$52.00
Total Funds By Hasler	P	\$500.00
Lincoln County Clerk	PR	\$8,776.35
McCook Public Power District	S/SC	\$480.00
NE Dept Health & Human Services	R	\$9,353.00
Source Gas	S/SC	\$1,319.36
US Postmaster	P	\$60.00
	Total	\$21,157.01

SELF-INSURANCE FUND

Regional Care Inc	Insurance	\$43,168.75
	Total	\$43,168.75

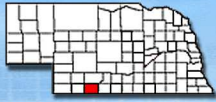
GRAND TOTAL \$64,325.76

Chairman Dack adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:40 a.m. to December 22, 2014.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Steve Downer,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Pauletta Gerver
County Clerk



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COMMISSIONERS AND NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

December 22, 2014

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Noxious Weed Control Authority met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on December 22, 2014. 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 9:00 a.m. Chairman Vesta Dack called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt and Steve Downer. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the agendas as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) payroll and self-insurance claims in the amount of \$270,813.28, 3) changes to the pledged securities for the County Treasurer, 4) Chairman's signature on the management representation letter for the county's audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, 5) declare three computers with Windows XP operating systems and a dual cassette dubbing deck as surplus property and authorize the Clerk to dispose of according to law. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Chairman Dack recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:15 a.m.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING:

Chairman Vesta Dack called the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Vesta Dack, Earl McNutt, Steve Downer, and Weed Superintendent Bill Elliott. Dack informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act. Elliott presented a noxious weed control update. He is planning on hiring someone on a part time basis after the first of the year. Elliott explained they have a GPS system that pinpoints weeds which assists in their spraying efforts. Canadian thistle has been a serious problem this year due to the rainy summer. The Commissioners told Elliott that they would like to have quarterly updates.

Chairman Dack adjourned the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority at 9:46 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

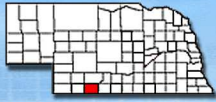
Chairman Dack reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Chris Berry, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, was present to inform the Board that the 2015 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid grant applications were not ready yet. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to authorize the chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the six counties' community based juvenile services aid program. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to table the grant applications until January 5, 2015 at 9:45 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board reviewed the boards and committees that they sit on and which inactive committees should be dissolved. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to eliminate the County Cooperation Committee and to approve the other assignments. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

Patricia Powers from the Red Willow County Health Department presented a letter from the Health Board president recommending a candidate for health director. Approximately 15 applications were received.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 10:20 a.m. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer to come out of executive session at 10:30 a.m.



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A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to approve the appointment of Pam Harsh as Health Director effective February 1, 2015 on the recommendation of the Red Willow County Health Department Advisory Committee. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

The Board reviewed estimates from Commercial Engineering Services for the completion of installation and maintenance of the phone system in the courthouse. The Wi-Fi is hooked up and working. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Downer, to authorize the payment of the final installation costs of \$2,956.60 upon completion of the project. Roll call: Ayes: Dack, McNutt, Downer.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by McNutt, to approve the maintenance support for the phone system in the amount of \$326.00 per month. After some discussion Downer withdrew his motion in consideration of the budget. No action was taken at this time.

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

The following claims were allowed:

Chairman Dack adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:05 a.m. to January 5, 2015.

Vesta Dack,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vesta Dack,
Chairman, Noxious Weed Control Authority

Attest: Tami Teel
Deputy County Clerk