

Red Willow County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

January 9, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on January 9, 2023. A notice of the meeting 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. Vice Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche to approve the agendas. Roll Call: Ayes; Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Vice Chairman Dean offered the floor for citizens' comments. Several landowners were present, as well as representatives for solar power companies. They had brief comments, further outlined below.

Vice Chairman Dean recessed the Board meeting at 9:15 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Kristi Korell, Assessor, joined the Board to present a property tax exemption application from Flying Free, a nonprofit organization. Korell plans on writing the owners to request more information.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to schedule a public hearing March 6, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. to obtain the views of residents regarding the property tax exemption application from Flying Free. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The notice of hearing will be published in the Gazette, and sent to the applicant 10 days prior to the hearing.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented six tax roll corrections for 2022. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Tax Roll Corrections No. 2 through 7 which left the tax rolls the same. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also presented motor vehicle exemption applications. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemptions for Goodwill Industries, SWATS, Community Hospital, Hillcrest Nursing Home, Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska, Peace Lutheran Church, McCook Humane Society, Memorial United Methodist Church, Hillcrest Nursing Home Foundation. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

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

The annual reorganization of the Board was held. Motion made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to have County Clerk Penelope Cooper call for the first motion until a chairman is elected.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to elect Ted Gans as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and that the Chairman delegates his authority to the Vice Chairman in his absence. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to re-elect Randy Dean as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to act as the Chairman in his absence. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to re-elect Randy Dean as Chairman of the Board of Equalization. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

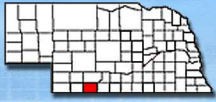
A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to elect Ted Gans as Vice Chairman of the Board of Equalization to act as the Chairman in his absence. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to elect Charles Fritsche as Chairman of Noxious Weed Control Authority. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to elect Ted Gans as Vice Chairman of the Noxious Weed Control Board to act as the Chairman in his absence. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Discussion was had regarding the appointment of County board members to miscellaneous committees and boards.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to nominate Ted Gans to the following positions for representation:



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County Health Board,
Fair Board,
E-911 Committee, and
Board of Trustees of the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, Inc.
Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to nominate Randy Dean to the following positions for representation:

RC&D Board,
Region II Governing Board,
Planning/Zoning Committee,
REWARD Board of Directors, and
Hillcrest Nursing Home Board.
Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to nominate Charles Fritsche to the following positions for representation:

McCook Economic Development Committee,
City/County Cooperation Committee,
Nebraska County Extension Board,
Veteran's Service Committee,
County Visitors' Committee, and
Work Ethic Camp Community Involvement Committee;
Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Chris Miller of Miller & Associates as road superintendent for 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to appoint Kevin Darling as the Emergency Manager for 2023. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Jiles Bowman as the Fair Board Manager for 2023. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Michael Simmonds as the Veterans Service Officer for 2023. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Josh Mullen as the Noxious Weed Superintendent for 2023. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Brandy Bird as the County Health Director for 2023. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Carol Schlegel as the Red Willow County Tourism Director for 2023 at the recommended compensation, and authorize the Chairman's signature on the new agreement. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

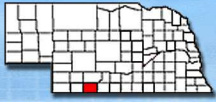
A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to designate the McCook Gazette as the official county newspaper for the year 2023 and the Red Willow County website as an additional method of reporting meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to table Resolution No. 1473, Book 23, Page 68, designating the following banks as depositories for Red Willow County for calendar year 2023: MNB Bank, as well as NPAIT, until January 23, 2023 for further clarification. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed Don Wilson's audit findings from the FY 2021/2022 audit. There are three issues that need to be addressed:

A 2021 Dodge Ram was purchased using Waste grant funds. The original price was \$62,989 less a trade in for a total purchase price of \$42,489. The pickup should have been put out to bid because it is the original purchase price that determines the process. Or, if this was a purchase made under special circumstances, that should have been noted in the Board meeting minutes.

A computer server was purchased for the jail in the amount of \$15,000. The Board meeting minutes did not reflect that informal bids were obtained, nor that the purchase was approved by the Board.



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An administrative clerk was hired for the Veterans Service Office. She was hired as contract labor as opposed to an employee. Her amount earned surpasses the IRS guidelines for contract labor. This issue has been corrected by hiring the clerk as a regular employee beginning January 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche to distribute purchasing and bidding regulations to old and new officials and appointees. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Management Representation Letter for Don Wilson, CPA. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and the accounts payable claims.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Abstain: Gans.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve accounts payable claims in the amount of \$406,684.18. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A Notice of Public Hearing from the City of McCook was reviewed and placed on file.

The Sheriff's monthly revenue report, Bridge Inspection reports and the District Court Clerk's report were reviewed and placed on file.

Dee Schilz, Jail Administrator, joined the Board to discuss funding for a faulty water heater at the Law Enforcement Center. Schilz explained that the jail needs two water heaters, but one has been leaking, undetected, for several months. The leak has been stopped, but that has left the remaining one to carry the load. She presented a quote from Volz for a 100-gallon water heater. The Board encouraged Schilz to obtain a couple more informal quotes and bringing the issue back to the Board.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the matter until January 23, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Kristi Korell, Assessor, joined the Board to present a contract with Prichard & Abbott for oil appraisals for the Chairman's signature. The amount in the contract is based on oil production and increased \$320.00 to \$4,420.00 for this year.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract with Prichard & Abbott for oil appraisals. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Craig Bennett with Miller & Associates (via phone), David Blau, also with Miller & Associates, Luke Olson, John Palic, Kerry Unger, Linda Henthorn, Ron Soden, Dick Cappel, Andi Cappel, Joel Urling, Bill McConville, Jeff Cook-Coyle with Premier Solar, and Brice Barton with 39 North Solar were present for the discussion on Zoning Regulations for renewable energy sources. Gans read aloud a letter to the Planning Zoning Commission that the Board of Commissioners plan to send. The letter states, in part, "*The County Board intends to place a temporary moratorium on alternate energy development and upon the issuance of any conditional use permits under Article 5 of the zoning regulations for alternate energy development until such time as the planning commission can study this issue. We would request that the planning commission consider regulations regarding the size of such developments, including but not limited to settings limits on both the physical size and capacity of alternate energy developments.*"

Attendees had several questions, such as: Clarification on the limits for size and capacity; why they hadn't been invited to the informational meetings; property value changes for homes close to the project; short- and long-term effects; who profits in the long term; will the lines connecting different solar fields be overhead or underground?

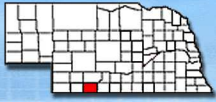
The Board addressed the concerns as best they could, and Gans assured all that they would be kept informed as the County Zoning and Planning researched the situation.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, that a request be made by letter to the County's Planning & Zoning Commission requesting a study of the County's zoning regulations regarding alternate locations & requirements. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsch, to enact a moratorium on renewable energy sources in Red Willow County for the of lessor six months or approval of new zoning regulations, with option to renew in order to complete updates to the regulations. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Acme Printing S 435.00 Deanna Allacher C 112.50 Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 675.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,116.44 AT&T Mobility SC 362.42 Blake's Service S 20.00 Bob Barker Company Inc S 153.20 C & K Distributors S 48.76 City Of McCook SC 5,826.84 Clerks Of District Court Assoc D 50.00 Community Hospital SC 1,576.35 Consolidated Management Company S 681.52 Penelope Cooper S 1,296.88 Crowne Plaza M 259.90 D & S Hardware S 4.95 Justin M Daake LF 2,460.00 Crystal Dack M 143.63 Deveny Motors LLC SC 268.17 Eakes Office



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Solutions S 783.96 Election Systems & Software Inc S 28.77 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 1,991.03 Furnas County Sheriff SF 6.00 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 311.20 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 1,715.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,698.20 Hampton Inn Kearney M 2,279.05 Hometown Leasing R 1,397.17 Honorbound IT SC 3,281.11 Nancy Janousek C 232.50 Janssen Kool Honda S 67.66 Kristi Korell M 151.75 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 37.97 Vicky Leibbrandt C 648.75 Lincoln County Sheriff SF 9.28 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 450.00 McCook City & Volunteer Fire Dept SC 500.00 McCook Gazette SC 159.00 McCook Humane Society Inc D 350.00 McCook Utilities SC 438.27 Earl McNutt M 233.75 Med Glove Supply S 710.00 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 196.47 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng. C 600.00 M I P S Inc SC 3,681.19 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 4,647.68 NACO D 300.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,022.62 Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment SC 937.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 331.35 Nebraska State Library Publications SC 195.70 Lori O'Dea M 166.75 Pathology Services PC SC 131.66 Pottawattamie County Sheriff SF 73.00 SRK Enterprise LLC S 400.00 Quality Urgent Care PC SC 3,290.00 Quill Corporation S 198.62 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 394.00 R R Donnelley S 56.73 Red Willow County Court LF 443.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 234.60 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 137.21 Red Willow County Treasurer S 1,558.59 Andrea N Seefus C 150.50 Shred-It USA SC 85.21 Michael T Simmonds M 307.52 Tammy Solomon M 2.50 Teresa Thomas M 11.25 Robert Tigner M 1.88 Tim Bradley Electric LLC SC 339.99 Tinker Tom SC 24.00 Urbom Law Offices PC LF 75.00 U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply S 26.57 US Bank S 2,589.64 Verizon Wireless SC 148.91 Walmart S 185.95 Ryan R Wilcox LF 6,500.00 Melissa Wilcox M 125.00 Tracy Zink M 15.00 Total 64,686.07 ROAD FUND Akrs Equipment S 10.32 Barco Municipal Products Inc S 955.52 B W Telcom SC 44.39 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.65 City Of McCook SC 18.48 CNH Industrial Accounts S 23,362.41 Fastenal Company S 74.18 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 41.61 Kully Pipe & Steel Supply S 1,240.53 McCook Utilities SC 72.46 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng. C 3,097.50 Modern Farm Equipment S 1,042.71 Nebraska Public Power District SC 104.13 Overton Sand & Gravel Co S 616.43 Paulsen Inc SC 8,988.40 PowerPlan SC 814.21 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 50.00 Titan Machinery S 81.55 US Bank S 778.07 Village Of Danbury SC 672.00 Weaver Bros Tree Service LLC SC 600.00 Welding Plus SC 517.87 Westside Welding SC 112.20 Total 43,346.62 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT Flagship Publishing Inc D 570.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Economic Development Corp C 1,924.38 Miles Partnership C 7,000.00 Carol E Schlegel C 7,700.00 US Bank S 58.84 Total 17,278.22 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 207.09 American Electric S 35.43 Cardmember Services S 169.00 D & S Hardware S 915.79 Chas Fritsche M 26.25 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.31 Hometown Leasing R 54.17 John Deere Financial S 358.04 Robert Logan M 30.00 McCook Chamber Of Commerce D 315.00 McCook Gazette SC 4.22 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 308.45 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,310.33 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 137.69 Gail Rippe M 28.13 Jo Teter M 63.75 Verizon Wireless SC 42.76 Walmart S 60.48 Total 5,925.39 INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 98,390.59 Total 98,390.59 ARENA FUND Akrs Equipment S 424.78 Bamford Inc S 1,903.00 Cardmember Services S 230.51 Central Nebraska Bobcat S 100.15 Heartland Theatre Services LLC D 45,841.50 McCook Utilities SC 441.09 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,165.41 Anytime TriState Towing LLC SC 40.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 59.42 Paul L Sutton S 83.50 Total 50,289.36 ARPA FUND Chipperfield Ag Erectors LLC SC 91,686.32 JM Stevens Painting SC 2,347.00 Total 94,033.32 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 121.20 Brandy Bird M 36.07 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 127.07 Eakes Office Solutions S 174.37 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 211.55 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pam Klug M 6.88 Pathology Services PC SC 1,320.53 Pfizer Inc S 4,613.08 Kristen Puckett M 102.38 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 711.76 US Bank S 213.58 Total 7,724.59 WASTE FUND Great Plains Communications Inc SC 170.34 McCook Utilities SC 46.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 324.65 Veolia Environmental Services SC 24,426.55 Verizon Wireless SC 42.28 Total 25,010.02 Grand Total 406,684.18.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:15 a.m. to January 23, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, AND NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETINGS January 23, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Equalization, and the Noxious Weed Control Authority met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on January 23, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Dale Cotton spoke about the McCook Airbase. He is working on getting the Airbase on the National Register of Historic Places.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$307,132.13, 3) renew the contract with Craig Bennett with Miller & Associates as the Zoning Administrator for 2023, 4) appoint Doug Terry as Flood Plain Manager for 2023-2026, 5) Resolution 1473, Book 23, Page 68, Designating Banks as Depositories for Red Willow County for Calendar Year 2023, 6) Oversized Load Permit for Williams Midwest House Movers, 7) Call Special Meeting February 22, 2023 to Approve Payroll, with Timecard Deadline of February 16, 2023, 8) set March 6, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. as date and time for Public Hearing regarding exemption application for Flying Free, 9) meet on fifth Monday (January 30th) for Motor Vehicle Exemption Applications. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Linda Parde, Deputy Treasurer, presented motor vehicle exemption applications. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemptions for McCook Christian Church: 3, St. John's Lutheran Church: 1, St. Patrick's Church: 6, YMCA: 1, Evangelical Free Church: 2. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING:

Chairman Charles Fritsche called the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority to order at 9:25 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Fritsche informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Weed Superintendent Josh Mullen joined the Board to go over the annual noxious weed control report. He explained the procedures involved in the County's noxious weed control.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to authorize the Chairman's and Mullen's signatures on the noxious weed report. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Fritsche adjourned the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority at 9:45 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:47 a.m.

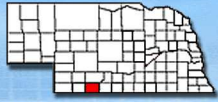
Carol Schlegel, Visitors Bureau Director, was unable to join the Board at this time.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, presented bids for heating units at the Kiplinger Arena. The building currently has tube heating, which will be replaced by forced air. Two bids were received: Walter Hearing & Air - \$97,500, Five Star Service - \$63,519.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to go into executive session.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to come out of executive session.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to table the decision. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.



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Dee Schilz, Jail Administrator, joined the Board to present bids for a water heater at the jail. The original bid from Volz for \$20,200, Alexander for \$22,500, Sowell's \$26,650.50, Five Star for \$16,314.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the bid from Five Star, funded by ARPA funds. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed the need for an additional Road employee to haul gravel for all three districts. The county can afford an employee for the remainder of this budget year, and build the position into the 23/24 budget year.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to hire a truck driver to begin employment April 16, 2023. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The County's fuel contract with Frenchman Valley expires January 31, 2023. Sheriff Darling, Diana Wilkinson and Josh Mullen were present for a discussion on future fuel purchases. Wilkinson will check with the City of McCook on an interlocal agreement, and Charles Fritsche will investigate diesel prices.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to contact local fuel suppliers about a new contract. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: 1) Miller & Associates – Road Budget Report FY 2021/2022, 2) Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report, 3) Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report, 4) Monthly Collections Reports for Road and Waste.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 129,931.06 AFLAC 2,574.34 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 20,842.94 Black Hills Energy 1,574.27 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,720.00 Clerks Of District Court Assoc 75.00 DAS State Accounting 56.88 Discover Bank 415.44 Empower Retirement 650.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,668.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 680.00 MASA Global Building 182.00 McCook Gazette 264.10 MNB Bank 38,321.13 MNB Bank 46.13 Nebraska Child Support 1,022.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,863.87 Quadient Finance USA, Inc 546.72 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,950.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,165.00 Vision Service Plan 357.31 YMCA 78.00 Total 217,034.19 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 27,660.98 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,358.90 Black Hills Energy 413.64 Decatur Co-Op Association 815.71 Empower Retirement 100.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 1,990.49 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,414.00 Lingo Communications 71.88 MASA Global Building 56.00 MNB Bank 8,874.21 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,369.59 Red Willow County Self Insurance 850.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 131.45 Village Of Bartley 116.15 Vision Service Plan 34.18 Total 48,857.85 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,915.72 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,189.20 Black Hills Energy 1,715.94 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 37.96 MNB Bank 2,170.84 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 325.83 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Vision Service Plan 56.34 Total 13,811.83 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,739.24 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 498.03 Black Hills Energy 5,481.92 McCook Gazette 38.66 MNB Bank 1,006.63 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 129.67 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 807.84 Vision Service Plan 28.17 YMCA 48.00 Total 11,978.16 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 7,622.23 AFLAC 340.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,067.01 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 2,087.51 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 233.71 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Vision Service Plan 8.51 Total 11,799.26 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,277.50 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 353.48 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 73.76 MNB Bank 618.98 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 98.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 3,650.84 Grand Total 307,132.13.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:33 a.m. to January 30, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Charles Fritsche
Chairman, Noxious Weed Control Authority

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County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve items 1 through 5 on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$136,256.67, 3) appoint Charles Fritsche to the City/County Fuel Advisory Committee to replace Alan Kotschwar, 4) Oversized Load Permit for Ward Craft Homes, 5) surplus items for Red Willow County Corrections. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to pull item 6, reappoint Misti Soderlund to the Health Board, term to expire February 28, 2026 for further clarification regarding paperwork needed. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to approve item 6, reappoint Misti Soderlund to Health Board, term to expire February 28, 2026. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

There were no issues to be considered by the Board of Equalization.

Treasurer Dack presented for the Board's approval Resolution No. 1474, Book 23, Page 69 to advertise delinquent taxes.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Resolution No. 1474, Book 23, Page 69 to advertise delinquent taxes. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, Deb Lafferty, Deb Korte, Jesse Chmiel and Keenan Coady joined the Board clarify an ongoing situation. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter executive session. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to leave executive session. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

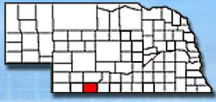
Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, asked the Board to clarify the County Purchasing Act. Chairman Gans referred to a memo from Paul Wood, County Attorney. Bowman asked exactly what must be bid and what shouldn't be bid. Gans explained that entertainment at the Fair is excluded from the bidding process. Bowman also explained "Cars Under the Stars" expenses. He followed Don Wilson's advice for adding a line item for that group. He also explained the difference between the Kip Foundation, Fair Fund, and Arena Fund. The Arena is self-supporting. Gans said we need to be careful how we spend tax and non-tax funds.

The following claims were allowed: Lucent Health – 135,757.18, Brandy Bird – 499.49.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:45 a.m. to February 6, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

February 6, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on February 6, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Don Klein spoke about the differences between Fair Boards and Ag Societies.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$9,306.80, 3) contract with Marvin Planning Consultants, 4) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Great Plains Communications, 5) reappoint Ann Barger to Hillcrest Board, term to expire December 31, 2028. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented one tax roll correction for Jerda Garey Vickers. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 8 which decreased the tax rolls by \$78.52. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also presented motor vehicle exemption applications. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve motor vehicle exemptions for Community Hospital and Assembly of God Church. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, joined the Board to report the decision from the Kiplinger Foundation regarding heaters in the Arena. He presented a letter from Debra Christy offering the County a gift of heaters and installation for the project.

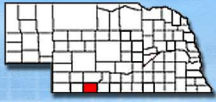
A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the gift from the Kiplinger Foundation of updated heaters in the Kiplinger Arena. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to set April 10, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time to open insurance: property and casualty, vehicle liability, workers compensation, general liability, umbrella, linebacker, law enforcement liability, inland marine and inmate medical insurance bids. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Carol Schlegel, Tourism Director, presented her annual report to the Board. Dan Stramel was also present. Schlegel briefly explained how the Visitors Bureau works and how the lodging tax supports the tourism effort. She listed several projects they assisted with over the past year. She has expanded the birding tours to year-round. Social media has become very effective. The Board had several questions, and Schlegel discussed the future of the programs. She spoke of the Passport Nebraska program. Stramel gave some more details on how lodging tax works, and mentioned how lucky Red Willow County is to have Carol running the programs.

The Board reviewed several options for fuel purchases in the coming months. The City of McCook went with Shell Oil, but their location isn't set up for trucks and heavy equipment. The County has a good relationship with Frenchman Valley. The Board debated whether to sign a contract or pay at the pump. A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to accept option one presented by Frenchman Valley, which is 0.13 off per gallon. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed a newspaper clipping from Carroll County, Virginia, sent by Sherrie Dack, showing that solar farms are shopping for land all over the country.



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The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: Sheriff's and District Court Clerk's monthly revenue reports.

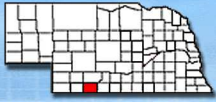
The following claims were allowed: Lucent Health – 9,131.54, Clerk of District Court - 175.26.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:00 a.m. to February 13, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk



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These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board February 27, 2023

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 13, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on February 13, 2023. 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 9:02 a.m. Chairman Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Dale Cotton spoke about the McCook Airbase. He would like to proceed with a grant to create jobs and promote the Airbase.

Donald D. Wilson, CPA, joined the Board to review the 2021/2022 Annual Audit Report. Wilson summarized the financial statements. The Board asked Wilson about needed expenditures in the Road Department. Wilson said it is possible to use the inheritance fund for capital improvements.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the 2021/2022 annual audit as presented by Don Wilson, CPA. Roll call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed purchasing a truck and trailer to haul gravel. Gans has been shopping for a used trailer, as well as checking into new trailers. The County does own two truck/trailers, however the truck at District 1 is underpowered for hauling gravel.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to purchase a Brazos trailer, using the inheritance fund, for \$40,550, with a \$1,500 deposit. Roll Call: Ayes, Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to waive the bidding process and advertise for a special purchase of a semi-truck, 500,000 miles or less, 450 HP, 3.70 ratio gears. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to set May 1, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time to open health insurance bids for County employees. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed hiring a part-time truck driver for the road department to haul gravel, in addition to a full-time driver.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to advertise for a part-time driver for Road. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Charlie McPherson with McCook Economic Development Corp joined the Board to request support for the expansion of their Early Childcare Program. They would like the County to contribute \$2,500 to \$5,000 annually for the next three years. Gans asked about childcare shortage, and unlicensed facilities.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to table the support of the MEDC's childcare program indefinitely. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed a letter from District Court Judge Cindy Volkmer, outlining proposed changes to the court-appointed attorney rates. The rate would remain at \$100 per hour for most cases but would increase to \$125 per hour for complex and difficult matters. Judge Volkmer welcomes discussion or questions regarding the issue.

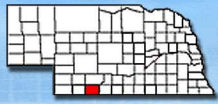
The Board discussed contracting for delivered diesel at district road shops. A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to contract with Farmers Co-op in Trenton for 9,000 gallons of tank wagon red diesel delivered to the McCook road shop for \$3.39 per gallon. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$281,539.51, 3) \$15,000 donation to MEDC in support of rural housing, 4) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Moorhous Inc., 5) Special Designated Liquor License for HoJo's Hideaway. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A Thank-You from the McCook Economic Development Corp and the Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report were reviewed and placed on file.

The Board performed the quarterly jail inspection. Everything was found to be satisfactory.

The following claims were allowed:



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GENERAL FUND Acme Printing S 19.00 Deanna Allacher C 30.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 3,276.38 Appliance Repair Tag LLC SC 320.00 AT&T Mobility SC 362.82 Blake's Services SC 65.00 Black Hills Energy SC 3,211.64 Brico Pest Control SC 80.00 Brouillette Dugan Troshynski & Bell LF 30.00 Carrot-Top Industries S 244.74 Central Plains Valuation LLC SC 10,869.50 City Of McCook SC 5,776.84 Community Hospital SC 615.98 Consolidated Management Company S 15,966.38 Justin M Daake LF 5,700.00 Crystal Dack M 134.28 Randy Dean M 131.04 Jasmine Dimas M 299.14 Eakes Office Solutions S 1,849.17 Electronic Systems Inc SC 164.00 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 784.05 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 1,103.60 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 2,090.37 Glass Express SC 297.05 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 2,190.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,694.57 Holiday Inn M 389.85 Hometown Leasing R 1,126.14 Honorbound IT SC 7,079.10 Kristi Korell M 99.33 Lincoln County Sheriff SF 9.43 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook City & Volunteer Fire Dept SC 250.00 McCook Gazette SC 833.08 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 350.00 McCook Utilities SC 462.50 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 1,375.96 Miller & Associates PC C 1,500.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng. C 600.00 MIPS Inc SC 4,975.81 MNB Insurance Inc I 41,549.81 Modern Cleaners SC 33.17 Dorisa Muffy Morris SC 223.75 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 2,720.30 Ne Assoc Of County Treasurers D 50.00 NEACDEP D 90.00 Ne Health & Human Services System SC 318.00 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center SC 100.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,791.49 Ne State Fire Marshal SC 120.00 Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment SC 652.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 178.03 Lori O'Dea S 838.81 Phelps County Sheriff SF 24.50 SRK Enterprise LLC S 400.00 Psychological Resources S 150.00 Quadient Leasing USA, Inc R 242.97 Quill Corporation S 905.66 Redwood Toxicology Lab Inc SC 95.48 Region II Services SC 5,431.00 Red Willow County Corrections SC 28.00 Red Willow County Court LF 405.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 108.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 127.65 Red Willow Health Dept Petty Cash S 110.00 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 375.44 Secretary Of State Election Div. S 20.00 Shred-It USA SC 175.39 Michael T Simmonds M 337.73 Tim Bradley Electric LLC SC 322.47 University Of Nebraska SC 2,876.24 US Bank S 4,150.88 US Bank Equipment Finance S 297.79 US Postmaster S 70.00 Verizon Wireless SC 149.35 Village Of Bartley SC 180.00 Volz Inc SC 750.00 Walmart S 166.93 Walter Plumbing LLC SC 221.48 Abraham Weber C 759.00 West Central District D 25.00 Ryan R Wilcox LF 6,500.00 Window Artisans SC 300.00 Witness Fees - Co Court WF 20.00 Paul Wood LF 16.00 Delton Young SC 375.00 Total 151,763.07 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 3,927.95 Akrs Equipment S 223.50 Black Hills Energy SC 354.24 BW Telcom SC 44.39 C & K Distributors S 635.17 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.65 Carquest Auto Parts S 121.08 Danbury Storage Units LLC R 1,200.00 Decatur Co-Op Association SC 2,534.79 Fastenal Company S 34.92 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 4,276.94 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 41.90 John Deere Financial S 160.95 Kully Pipe & Steel Supply S 133.33 Lords Inc S 114.14 McCook Utilities SC 74.38 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 110.39 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng. C 853.75 MNB Insurance Inc I 27,542.09 NMC Exchange LLC S 796.63 Nebraska Public Power District SC 65.93 Newman Traffic Signs S 1,017.67 PowerPlan S 199.22 Prairie States Comm Inc SC 144.39 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC S 280.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 424.66 Village Of Bartley SC 123.45 Total 45,487.51 BUY-BACK FUND Miller & Associates Consulting Eng. C 13,500.00 Total 13,500.00 VISITORS FUND Honorbound IT S 25.00 McCook Chamber Of Commerce DN 2,500.00 McCook Economic Development Corp R 935.83 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 58.84 Total 7,194.67 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 73.98 Akrs Equipment S 163.04 Black Hills Energy SC 1,424.63 Cardmember Services S 2,043.78 Electronic Systems Inc S 95.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 99.96 Gabriel S 557.38 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.31 Hometown Family Radio SC 500.00 Hometown Leasing R 54.17 John Deere Financial S 593.18 McCook Gazette SC 8.44 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 318.65 Mead Lumber S 10.28 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,362.61 Nicks Distributing Inc S 1,287.16 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Regalia Manufacturing Co S 834.37 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S 16,910.50 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 18.20 Tinker Tom SC 80.00 Verizon Wireless SC 42.78 Walmart S 134.91 Walter Heating Cooling & Cons SC 98.00 Total 28,569.83 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Greg Holthus I 150.00 Diana Wilkinson I 100.00 Total 250.00 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 4,445.80 C & K Distributors S 170.23 Cardmember Services S 1,113.00 Central Nebraska Bobcat S 130.85 Electronic Systems Inc SC 95.00 McCook Utilities SC 410.89 Modern Farm Equipment S 75.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,058.17 Star Enterprises SC 1,000.00 Total 8,499.14 ARPA FUND Five Star Service LLC SC 16,314.00 Prairie States Comm Inc SC 1,082.42 Samway Floor Covering & Furniture SC 3,918.22 Total 21,314.64 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 196.20 Brandy Bird M 20.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 187.38 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 210.63 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Susan Ihrig SC 20.00 Pam Klug SC 20.00 McCook Gazette SC 10.95 McKesson Medical Surgical S 122.18 Pathology Services PC SC 381.15 Kevin Potthoff M 17.03 Kristen Puckett M 20.00 Darin Seligman M 6.55 Misti Soderlund M 34.06 Cheryl Stewart M 18.34 US Bank S 1,076.28 Wal-Mart S 17.04 Jaymie White M 20.00 Total 2,463.91 WASTE FUND Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 165.11 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 170.34 Honorbound IT S 999.99 McCook Utilities SC 46.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 428.71 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 64.15 US Bank S 90.94 Verizon Wireless SC 42.70 Volz Inc SC 488.60 Total 2,496.74 Grand Total 281,539.51.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:35 a.m. to February 22, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 22, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on February 22, 2023. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 8:30 a.m. Chairman Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$304,459.08. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to set February 27, 2023 at 9:30 p.m. as the date and time to open bids for a semi-truck. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 122,281.01 AFLAC 2,260.72 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 18,880.59 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,560.00 Das State Accounting 56.88 Discover Bank 415.44 Empower Retirement 650.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 4,195.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 680.00 MASA Global Building 182.00 MNB Bank 34,700.05 MNB Bank 45.62 Nebraska Child Support 1,022.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,249.06 Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment 448.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 5,000.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,165.00 Shred-It USA 84.23 Vision Service Plan 411.08 Total 199,336.68 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 27,751.35 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,358.90 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 Lingo Communications 36.16 MASA Global Building 56.00 MNB Bank 8,777.12 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,351.31 Red Willow County Self Insurance 850.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 138.98 Vision Service Plan 34.18 Wagner Ford-Mercury-Toyota 54.22 Total 45,547.89 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,078.19 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,213.50 MNB Bank 2,224.53 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 332.47 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Regalia Manufacturing Co 1,213.13 Vision Service Plan 56.34 Total 13,518.16 INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 21,156.71 Total 21,156.71 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,315.22 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 501.82 Bamford Inc 250.00 MNB Bank 917.07 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 123.23 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,204.16 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 6,539.67 INHERITANCE FUND Brazos Trailers Sales Colorado LLC 1,500.00 Total 1,500.00 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 8,765.74 AFLAC 340.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,173.47 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 2,300.86 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 254.02 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Vision Service Plan 8.51 Total 13,282.89 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,277.50 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 353.48 MNB Bank 618.98 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 98.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 3,577.08 Grand Total 304,459.08.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:00 a.m. to February 27, 2023.

Ted Gans _____
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper _____
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

February 27, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on February 27, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the February 13 and 22, 2023 Board of Commissioners meetings, 2) there were no miscellaneous accounts payable claims, 3) Memorandum of Understanding for Community-Based Juvenile Services, 4) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Norton Motor & Electric, DBA KC Motor & Electric. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented motor vehicle exemption applications. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve motor vehicle exemptions for Southwest Area Training Services, who replaced one of their vehicles. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also presented two tax roll corrections for 2022. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 9 which decreased the tax rolls by \$213.96, and tax roll correction No. 10 which increased the tax rolls by 79.96. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

The Board reviewed informal bids for a semi-truck tractor. Randon Peters presented a bid for a 2018 Western Star with a sleeper cab, 330,500 miles for \$110,000. There were also bids for a 2016 Peterbilt 567 out of Washington state, 500 hp, 18 spd trans, 280,000 miles for \$76,500, a 2015 Peterbilt with 200,000 miles and several known problems for \$59,900 from Rush Truck Center, and two 2015 Freightliner Coronados, from Missouri Truck Sales. One has 372,000 miles for \$69,950, the other has 398,000 miles for \$65,950, but there is very little service history on either one.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to purchase the 2016 Peterbilt out of Washington state (British Columbia) if it is still available. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to set April 10, 2023, at 9:45 a.m. as the date and time to open Life, Health and Dental insurance bids. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

John Webster with Murphy Tractor & Equipment introduced himself to the new Board.

The Board reviewed Resolution No. 1476, Book 23, Page 71 to Increase Clerk of District Court's Petty Cash to \$250.00. She had explained that postage and passport costs have increased and that she has had to write personal checks to keep up.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve Resolution No. 1476, Book 23, Page 71 to Increase Clerk of District Court's Petty Cash to \$250.00. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed fuel contracts with Farmers Co-Op in Trenton, Decatur Co-Op in Oberlin, Kansas and Frenchman Valley Co-Op in Imperial. Decatur will give the County .06 off the pump price without a contract.

The Board authorized the Chairman's signature on the contract with Farmers Co-op in Trenton for 9,000 gallons for 3.39 per gallon delivered to the McCook shop, and on the contract with Frenchman Valley for .13 per gallon off the pump price.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement – Notice of Jail Inspection; 2) Figgins Construction – Introduction.

Judge Heng joined the Board to comment on the increase of per hour pay for court appointed attorneys.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:15 a.m. to March 6, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

March 6, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on March 6, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$41,306.57. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to enter into a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. to receive comments on applications for Tax Exemptions on Real and Personal Property. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Andrea Pennock and Kristi Korell, Assessor, joined the Board for the public hearing. Pennock said that Flying Free was established in 2018 to shelter horses and dogs. There is a building for sheltering, training and exercising. They are hoping for a tax exemption on the building and some pastureland where the horses are grazed.

Korell explained the meaning of "charitable" regarding the State of Nebraska's property laws. Being a 501(c)3 does not automatically qualify an entity for tax exemption. Her recommendation is to deny the exemption because the property is privately held and does not belong to the charity.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn from the public hearing at 9:40 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to disapprove the application for Tax Exemptions on Real and Personal Property for the Flying Free as recommended by the County Assessor. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Kevin Darling, County Sheriff, joined the Board to discuss the funding needs of his department. The County's pay scale for law enforcement does not compete with surrounding cities and counties. The Board went over incentives to attract top applicants.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean to include uniforms, overtime pay, vacation after probation, bi-weekly payroll, and an hourly rate range from \$23.00 to \$30.00 per hour depending on experience to the benefits offered to applicants to the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

David Blau and Kevin Petross (via phone) with Miller & Associates updated the Board on three bridges in the County. The Board took no action on this issue.

Treasurer Crystal Dack presented Resolution No. 1475, Book 23, Page 70, to Direct County Attorney to Foreclose on Uncollected County Tax Sales Certificates.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Resolution No. 1475, Book 23, Page 70, to Direct County Attorney to Foreclose on Uncollected County Tax Sales Certificates as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The District Court Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

Clerk of District Court Petty Cash - \$100.00; Ideal Linen - \$296.64; Family Resources - \$6,500.00; Lucent Health - \$34,409.93. Total \$41,306.57.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:48 a.m. to March 13, 2023.

Ted Gans

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean

Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper

County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 13, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on March 13, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A letter of resignation from the Planning & Zoning Commission from Mike Sides was reviewed and placed on file.

The Sheriff's and Clerk's Monthly Revenue Reports were reviewed and placed on file.

Mike Boden, Benefit Service Manager for NACO joined the Board to discuss the County employee's health insurance. Boden explained that many counties take advantage of the pooled costs on fully funded plans. He will present both fully and partially funded plans.

Brett Warren and Tyler Kotschwar with 20/20 Technologies joined the Board to discuss IT services for the County Law Enforcement Center. Their monthly charges would be \$2,200 when the jail and office are fully staffed. They do not provide hardware; the county would save money by purchasing equipment, but 20/20 would service it.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the proposal from 20/20 to take over IT services at the Law Enforcement Center after a 30-day notice to the current provider. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to purchase 2018 Western Star 4700 from RVA Truck Sales in Midlothian Virginia for \$82,750 and delivery by Bennett Driveaway in Georgia for \$3,200. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsch, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$314,486.10. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Acme Printing SC 689.06 Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 1,485.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,124.00 AT&T Mobility SC 362.82 Blake's Service S 16.00 Black Hills Energy SC 1,681.37 Boarders Inn & Suites M 288.00 Bob Barker Company Inc S 714.54 City Of McCook SC 7,036.84 Comfort Inn M 129.95 Consolidated Management Company S 9,476.87 Justin M Daake LF 1,210.00 Kevin Darling S 675.00 Deveny Motors LLC SC 1,250.41 Double D Lawn & Landscaping SC 394.59 Eakes Office Solutions S 692.89 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 1,195.33 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 516.22 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 280.00 Ted Gans M 164.22 Glass Express SC 510.37 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 3,740.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,729.23 Tammie Hilker C 228.75 Brandi Hilton-Hagemann M 661.63 Hitchcock County Sheriff SF 6.00 Hometown Leasing R 1,126.14 Honorbound IT SC 3,281.11 Janssen Kool Honda SC 525.58 Donna Kircher M 221.72 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 City Of McCook SC 250.00 McCook Gazette SC 2,861.86 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 350.00 McCook Utilities SC 469.05 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Midwest Special Services Inc SC 180.25 Midwest Connect SC 223.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 600.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,723.19 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 2,714.53 NACDEP D 535.00 Ne Assoc Co Clerks-Reg Deeds-Elect D 50.00 Nebraska Department Of Labor SC 849.08 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center SC 75.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,790.72 Nebraska Weed Control Association D 150.00 Nebraska Public Health Environment SC 210.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 380.25 Karla Polly M 259.17 Pottawattamie County Sheriff SF 37.00 SRK Enterprise LLC S 400.00 Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc R 191.97 Quality Urgent Care PC SC 5,441.37 Quill Corporation S 157.53 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 918.00 Red Willow County Court LF 346.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 288.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash M 203.28 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 261.01 Shred-It USA SC 163.86 Michael T Simmonds M 99.74 Bailee Springer S 78.96 Teresa Thomas M 34.06 University Of Nebraska Lincoln SC 1,200.00 Urbom Law Offices PC LF 75.00 US Bank S 2,094.07 US Postmaster S 59.00 Verizon Wireless SC 149.35 Volz Inc SC 491.86 Walmart S 184.96 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 790.50 Weathercraft Co Of North Platte SC 220.00 Weiss Construction SC 1,656.00 Ryan R Wilcox LF 6,500.00 Donald D Wilson CPA SC 9,600.00 Tasha Wulf M

650.49 TOTAL 91,000.75 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 3,366.31 AKRS Equipment S 277.12 Bartley Lumber S 3.70 BW Telcom SC 44.39 C & K Distributors S 113.24 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 61.65 City Of McCook SC 5.39 Decatur Co-Op Association S 3,081.38 Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply S 2,379.30 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 1,177.61 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 41.09 Jantzen Equipment LLC SC 9,795.00 John Deere Financial S 19,608.53 Lords Inc S 288.56 McCook Gazette SC 277.42 McCook Utilities SC 73.34 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 409.17 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 Modern Farm Equipment S 29.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 61.78 Paulsen Inc S 402.40 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 1,264.17 Village Of Bartley SC 114.77 TOTAL 43,375.52 VISITORS FUND Flagship Publishing Inc SC 2,251.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Economic Development Corp DN 853.15 Mid-Plains Community College DN 1,750.00 Nebraska Game & Parks S 1,050.00 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 642.91 TOTAL 10,247.06 FAIR FUND AKRS Equipment S 1,615.22 Black Hills Energy SC 1,259.27 C & K Distributors S 33.09 Cardmember Services S 675.32 City Of McCook SC 30.03 D & S Hardware S 100.11 Fastenal Company S 2.76 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 95.57 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.54 Hometown Leasing R 54.17 John Deere Financial S 399.04 Kohls Auto Parts S 5.39 Nebraska Rural Radio Association SC 400.00 Mc Cook Gazette SC 3.90 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 327.01 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,416.04 Anytime Tri State Towing LLC SC 195.69 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Clarice Shields SC 111.84 Verizon Wireless SC 42.78 Walmart S 24.88 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 780.75 TOTAL 9,431.90 INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 2,614.65 TOTAL 2,614.65 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 3,947.77 Cardmember Services SC 391.00 McCook Utilities SC 446.10 Modern Farm Equipment SC 97.66 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,160.77 Raynor Garage Doors SC 23,215.00 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 642.40 Weathercraft Co Of North Platte SC 1,130.00 TOTAL 31,030.70 ARPA FUND Chipperfield Ag Erectors LLC SC 18,442.25 James M Stevens SC 3,367.00 TOTAL 21,809.25 INHERITANCE FUND Bennett Driveaway SC 3,200.00 RVA Truck Sales S 82,750.00 TOTAL 85,950.00 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 129.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 Cornhusker State Industries S 252.00 GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals S 7,367.12 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 278.69 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pathology Services PC SC 1,107.02 Pfizer Inc S 2,415.52 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 373.83 US Bank S 389.43 Wal-Mart S 59.98 TOTAL 12,565.14 NURSING HOME BOND BOKF Na B 5,177.50 TOTAL 5,177.50 WASTE FUND Great Plains Communications Inc SC 170.80 McCook Utilities SC 46.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 361.50 U S Bank S 174.17 Verizon Wireless SC 42.70 Volz Inc SC 488.26 TOTAL 1,283.63 GRAND TOTAL 314,486.10.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:25 a.m. to March 20, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 20, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on March 20, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$5,318.11, 3) Revise: "A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean to include uniforms, overtime pay, vacation after probation, *bi-weekly payroll*, and an hourly rate range from \$23.00 to \$30.00 per hour depending on experience to the benefits offered to applicants to the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche." to . . . *semi-monthly payroll*. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel with NACO, joined the Board to update them on NACO activities. She hopes that the officials take advantage of the training offered by NACO. County Board of Equalization workshop is June 7, followed by the County Board workshop on June 8-9. The Clerk's workshop is June 14-16. The September fall meeting will be in North Platte or Ogallala. The National Association of County Officials meeting will be in July in Austin Texas. The Nebraska Association of County Officials will be December 13-15 in Kearney.

Legislative issues are contentious at this time. Inheritance tax will not be ending this year. A survey of taxpayers revealed that they like that inheritance tax is distributed on the county level and helps reduce property tax. The question of unfunded mandates is on the docket currently.

Menzel defined Professional Services as regards to the County Purchasing Act. She explained it is the use of specialized knowledge, labor or skill predominantly mental or intellectual that would qualify as "professional".

The Board reviewed a Memo from Paul Wood regarding leasing equipment as it applies to the County Purchasing Act. Leasing falls under the same rules as purchasing. The Board would need to sign any lease or contract.

Tasha Wulf and Brandi Hilton-Hagemann, from the County Extension Office, presented their annual report. They spoke about the services offered by the Extension employees all over southwest Nebraska.

The following claims were allowed:

Black Hills Energy – 1,468.51, DAS State Accounting – 56.88, Twin Valleys Public Power District – 124.09, Lucent Health Solutions – 3,668.63, Total – 5,318.11.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:05 a.m. to March 27, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 27, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on March 27, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. John Donohue asked about road repairs in the Pearson Addition.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table item 3) Amendment #1 to Medical and Dental Plan this close to opening health insurance bids. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$277,973.92. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Larry Pelan with Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association joined the Board via phone to explain the benefits of becoming part of NIRMA, including insurance. He explained that 83 of 93 counties are already members. They provide loss-prevention services. No member has ever withdrawn. There are no additional fees or dues on top of insurance premiums if you become a member. He will provide numbers on Monday, April 10, 2023.

Brett Warren, with 20/20 Technologies and Phil Corey with Verizon explained GPS for county employees. Either the equipment would be hardwired, which would leave breadcrumbs (where it has been over the past few days), if the equipment leaves the county, and if it the equipment is moved before or after hours. The other option is to have employees carry a cell with GPS trackers. They also offer a program with which employees could clock in and out.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation with County Attorney, Paul Wood. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to exit executive session at 10:40 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter into executive session to discuss applicants for a truck driver. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to exit executive session at 11:15 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Clerk will contact applicants for interviews.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) MEDC – Annual report and invitation to meeting, 2) Nebraska Department of Natural Resources – Bridge inspections.

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

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 121,513.29 AFLAC 2,260.72 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 18,867.73 Bighthouse Financial 50.00 CHI Health Clinic 1,151.00 Cooperative Extension Division 225.00 Discover Bank 415.44 Empower Retirement 1,350.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 4,808.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 MASA Global Building 182.00 MNB Bank 34,515.06 MNB Bank 45.23 NACO 160.00 NACO 140.00 Nebraska Child Support 435.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,256.76 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,750.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,165.00 Vision Service Plan 385.48 Total 198,075.71 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 27,751.35 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,358.90 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 MASA Global Building 56.00 MNB Bank 8,777.12 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,351.31 Red Willow County Self Insurance 850.00 Vision Service Plan 34.18 Total 45,318.53 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,078.19 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,213.50 MNB Bank 2,224.53 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 332.47 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Vision Service Plan 56.34 Total 12,305.03 ARENA FUND

Net Salaries 3,315.22 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 501.82 MNB Bank 917.07 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 123.23 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,099.90 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 6,185.41 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 8,211.17 AFLAC 300.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,105.42 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 2,195.25 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 251.52 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Vision Service Plan 8.51 Total 12,512.16 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,277.50 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 353.48 MNB Bank 618.98 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 98.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 3,577.08 Grand Total 277,973.92.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:20 a.m. to April 3, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

April 3, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on April 3, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Rick Spencer spoke about the condition of Road 378. Members of the Personnel Committee presented their concerns regarding changing health insurance.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to enter into executive session to interview applicants for a truck driver. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to exit executive session at 10:35 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to offer the position to the top candidate. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, joined the Board to discuss gravel for the Fairgrounds. Bowman passed out informal bids from Lakeside, EIA and Richards. After some discussion, it was decided to do a gradation test on all producers. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to purchase mud rock for \$21.48 per ton from Richards Gravel from Hayes Center. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to table the purchase of gravel until the testing comes back. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ryan Wilcox, Public Defender, joined the Board to present his contract renewal. Wilcox has been the public defender for Red Willow County for nearly 20 years. This county is 70% of his business. Methamphetamine accounts for most of his cases.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean to approve the contract with Ryan Wilcox as public defender from June 2023 through May of 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$24,868.93, 3) appoint Brenden Funk to the Planning Commission, term to expire April 30, 2025, 4) surplus items for the County Assessor, 4) Resolution No. 1477, Book 23, Page 72, to Transfer Funds from Child Support Incentive Fund 0985 to General Fund 0100. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Treasurer's Close of Tax Sale report was reviewed and placed on file.

A claim from Lucent Health for \$24,868.93 was allowed.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:20 a.m. to April 10, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 10, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on April 10, 2023. A notice of the meeting 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present. The Board briefly discussed several bridge projects.

The District Court Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report was reviewed and placed on file.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$408,846.36. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

At 9:30 the Board opened bids for property and casualty insurance. Joe Townsley with the Gary Thompson Agency and Larry Pelan with Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association were present for the opening of the bids. The first bid opened was from MNB Insurance with an annual premium of \$294,750.00. This includes commercial, liability, workers comp, auto, inland marine, umbrella, crime, linebacker and law enforcement.

The next bid was from NIRMA, a pooled insurance. Their annual premium quoted is \$121,646.00. The proposal includes all above coverages plus cyber insurance. Pelan explained that he could quote at a lower rate because of the pool of participating counties.

Joe Townsley represented Gary Thompson Agency. Their annual premium for a similar plan is \$246,723.00.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the bid from NIRMA for \$121,646.00 annually. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

At 9:45 the Board opened proposals for life, health and dental insurance. The first proposals opened were from the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Mike Boden recommends fully funded plans, and presented both self and fully funded options. The maximum expected exposure for partially self-funded was \$1,350,400.52 and the premium for fully funded was \$1,370,360.

The next proposals were from Svoboda Benefit Solutions. Chad Svoboda and Kevin From were present and presented both self and fully funded options. The maximum expected exposure for partially self-funded was 1,357,152.24 however their proposal did not have a Terminal Liability Option or the twenty-thousand-dollar aggregate. Their fully funded proposal was \$1,115,720.16.

Mitch Lyster, Brad Swiggert, and Amber Anderson with the Olson Group were present to present the current plan renewal and proposals for both self and fully funded options. Their partial self-funded maximum exposure was 1,252,789.80. They presented several options for fully funded plans using different carriers with a range of \$1,112,432.88 to \$1,472,694.60.

Cornerstone Insurance did not have a representative present but did supply proposals, however their information appeared to be incomplete. The board will seek additional information from them.

The Board discussed choosing a broker, and will make that choice at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the health insurance choice. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to amend the agenda to add an emergency item in order to potentially save money. The item is signing a disclosure that the Board has no knowledge of any health problems not yet submitted to the health insurance company. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the disclosure of knowledge of health problems not submitted to the health insurance company. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

Accounts Payable Claims – April 10, 2023

Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg. or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; RF Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF Witness Fees

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Grand Total 408,846.36.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:50 a.m. to April 17, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper

County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, AND NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL
AUTHORITY MEETINGS

April 17, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Equalization, and the Noxious Weed Control Authority met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on April 17, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Dean mentioned that he is researching a FEMA grant that would provide security for District Court.

A Notice of Claim from EMC Insurance, and an informal bid from Applied Connective for Law Enforcement Center IT services were reviewed and placed on file.

The Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report and the City of McCook Tax Increment Financing Annual Report were reviewed and placed on file.

Chairman Gans recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:15 a.m. for the Board of Equalization and Noxious Weed Control.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented a motor vehicle exemption application from SWATS for a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemption application from SWATS for a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:19 a.m.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING:

Chairman Charles Fritsche called the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Fritsche informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Weed Superintendent Josh Mullen joined the Board to review the annual noxious weed control Reports and Requirements from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the Chairman's and Mullen's signatures on the Reports and Requirements from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Fritsche adjourned the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority at 9:43 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:43 a.m.

The Board discussed the County's insurance broker. Chad Svoboda and Kevin From with Svoboda Benefit Solutions, Mitch Lyster with Northwestern Mutual, and several County employees were present for the discussion. The Board wants to remain fluid if they decide to move from self-insured to fully-insured. Lloyd Ogorzolka questioned prescription drug coverage. Howard and Hamilton counties recommend Medica insurance and Svoboda Benefits. Dean had spoken to each broker independently.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to appoint Svoboda Benefits Solutions, Inc. as our exclusive agent of record for Red Willow County's group medical, dental, and life insurance plan effective immediately. Svoboda Benefits, Inc. will continue to negotiate our renewal and plan options and will present at our next board meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to pull item no. 3) carpet replacement on the east side of the second floor of the Courthouse for additional bids and no. 5) Amendment #1 to Health Plan for further review. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable in the amount of \$17,067.17, 4) Resolution Nos. 1478 and 1479, Book 23, Pages 73 and 74 to join the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), 6) Oversized Load Permit Application for Ward Craft Homes, 7) MASA Membership Agreement renewal. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

After review, a motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsch, to approve item No. 5) Amendment No. 1 to health plan. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

Black Hills Energy 5,354.90 City of McCook 1,300.00 DAS State Accounting 56.88 Quadiant Finance USA, Inc 500.00 Quill Corporation 133.21 Decatur Co-Op Association 4,408.20 Twin Valleys Public Power District 121.40 Red Willow Chemical 1,007.65 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 4,168.05 Mead Lumber 25.88 Total 17,076.17.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:33 a.m. to April 24, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Charles Fritsche
Chairman, Noxious Weed Control Authority

Attest: Penelope Cooper
Deputy County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 24, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on April 24, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

The Board reviewed quotes for a mower for District 3. There were two quotes: A John Deere mower from Akrs for \$23,200 and a Schulte mower from Heartland for \$36,500. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to purchase a John Deere FC10R Flex Wing Rotary mower from Akrs for \$23,200. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Abstain: Fritsche.

The Board discussed road conditions. David Blau with Miller & Associates was present. He provided a map of recent road projects. There are several roads that would benefit from armor coating. There are also some that need crack sealing and cold patch as well.

B&H Construction and Figgins Construction will probably bid on the project.

Gans suggested armor coating Federal Avenue and the Perry Grain road. The road going north on West 3rd Street is in bad shape, as well as the one going north past C&K.

The Board tentatively decided to crack seal and/or armor coat 3 miles of Federal Avenue, aka Road 384, from city limits west and south to Drive 713; 1.3 miles of Road 380, from Highway 6/34 south to Drive 715; and 2.5 miles of East 11th Street, aka Road 386, from city limits north to Road 719.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to set June 5, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time to open bids to crack seal and/or armor coat approximately seven miles of county roads. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to set June 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time to open bids for FOB and delivered road gravel. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners, Board of Equalization and Noxious Weed Control Authority meetings, 2) accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$387,161.82. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice – Inspection Results, 2) Jim Pillen, Nebraska Governor – Lift Fire Ban.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 118,720.87 AFLAC 2,212.75 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 18,547.87 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Discover Bank 415.44 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Kristi Korell 54.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 4,808.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 MASA Global Building 196.00 MNB Bank 34,633.09 MNB Bank 45.20 Mid States Organized Crime Info 100.00 Nebraska Child Support 435.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,191.81 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center 165.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,600.00 Regional West Medical Center 538.30 Red Willow County Clerk 1,090.00 Vision Service Plan 365.82 Total 193,619.15 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 27,343.12 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,358.90 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 MASA Global Building 56.00 MNB Bank 9,095.18 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,441.48 Red Willow County Self Insurance 850.00 Vision Service Plan 34.18 Total 45,318.53 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,605.26 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,210.80 MNB Bank 2,310.34 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 340.73 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Vision Service Plan 56.34 Total 12,923.47 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 67,562.30 Red Willow County Health Dept 115.00 Total 67,677.30 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,312.39 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 501.40 MNB Bank 916.14 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 123.11 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,411.00 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 6,492.21 INHERITANCE FUND Brazos Trailers Sales Colorado LLC 40,550.00 Total 40,550.00 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 8,910.20

AFLAC 300.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,225.10 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 2,411.39 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 265.14 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Vision Service Plan 8.51 Total 13,560.63 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 4,488.17 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 692.12 MNB Bank 1,378.61 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 233.46 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 7,020.53 Grand Total 387,161.82.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:25 a.m. to May 1, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS May 1, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on May 1, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$38,728.88, 3) Special Designated Liquor License for HoJo's Hideaway, 4) Certification of Bridge Ownership for Bureau of Reclamation. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented a motor vehicle exemption application from Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska for a 2019 Dodge Caravan. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemption application from Community Action Partnership for a 2019 Dodge Caravan. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also presented a tax roll correction for 2022. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 11 which increased the tax rolls by \$205.80. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Michael Simmonds and Vicki Leibbrandt from the Veterans Service Office joined the Board to explain a centralized vet service program that they are pursuing. Many veterans attended the mobile unit last week. The plan is for a team to come out on a regular basis to a place that the community provides. There are many federal grants for veterans' services. The Board agreed that this is a very worthwhile project.

Chad Svoboda with Svoboda Benefits presented benefit options. The Lucent renewal with terminal liability maximum cost is \$1,237,284.00. Dental will have a network of providers for an additional 30% savings. All employees would be covered by life insurance and have the option of purchasing additional coverage. Vision insurance would be pooled with Principal insureds rather than NACO VSP.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to renew with Lucent with the terminal liability option, and move life, dental and vision to Principal. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed further details on the armor coat project. They made a couple of changes to the notice to bidders and the gravel specs.

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

The following claims were allowed:

NIRMA - \$23,661.00, Lucent Medical - \$15,067.88 Total: \$38,728.88.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:22 a.m. to May 8, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 8, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on May 8, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to pull four invoices from NMC for further research.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, 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 and payroll claims in the amount of \$279,534.41, 3) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Cambridge Telephone, 4) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for McCook Public Power District, 5) appoint Ron Soden and Joan Koch to the Planning Commission to replace Jan Gilbert and Greg Hoffman, terms to expire April 30, 2026, 6) reappoint Chuck Tines to the Planning Commission, term to Expire April 30, 2026. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

John Rundel with Southwest Weed Management introduced himself to the Board. He is requesting a letter of support for a grant from the State Department of Agriculture. Gans proposed an interlocal agreement for liability purposes. Rundel will work on it.

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

The Board reviewed their decision on a mower for District 3. It had been agreed to purchase a mower from Akrs, however it won't be here until December. The other bid was from New Holland and it can be here by July.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table a decision on a mower for District 3 until May 15, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, joined the Board to discuss armor coat and gravel for the fairgrounds. The Board discussed the availability of gravel in order to complete the project before the county fair.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize Bowman's purchase of gravel from Lakeside Sand and Gravel for the fairgrounds for \$11,250. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Josh Mullen joined the Board to explain the Household Hazardous Waste process. Mullen explained that he has hazmat ops and hazmat awareness training through the State. The County's new property and casualty insurance company may request further training. Gans will The Board would like regular reports from Mullen. They also want regular noxious weed reports.

Notices of Public Hearings regarding Re-Zoning were reviewed and placed on file. The Clerk's and the District Court Clerk's monthly revenue reports were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS – May 8, 2023

Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg. or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; RF Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF Witness Fees

GENERAL FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,101.60 AT&T Mobility SC 265.56 Brico Pest Control SC 80.00 B Street Auto Spa SC 12.75 Buffalo County Sheriff SF 19.00 Cartridge Center Inc S 212.00 City Of McCook SC 5,776.84 Cobblestone Hotel & Suites M 285.00 Community Hospital SC 2,859.44 Consolidated Management Company S 10,442.76 Penelope Cooper M 90.39 Justin M Daake LF 4,360.00 Crystal Dack M 104.02 Douglas County Sheriff SF 10.74 DP Lawncare SC 85.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 2,323.27 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 698.48 Bree Frazier SC 250.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 561.25 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF

1,680.34 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 5,009.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,734.70 Tammie Hilker C 78.75 Kim Holliday SC 375.00 Hometown Leasing R 984.27 Janssen Kool Honda SC 170.12 K-C Motor & Electric Inc S 35.00 Jessi Keslin S 3.66 Dawn Kinne S 47.07 Donna Kircher M 70.74 Kristi Korell M 89.08 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 18.69 Lexipol S 1,124.76 Lincoln County Sheriff SF 19.70 Lips Printing Service S 766.84 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 Maximus Inc SC 2,600.00 McCook Gazette SC 708.56 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 350.00 MNB Bank SC 25.00 McCook Utilities SC 438.08 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Midwest Special Services Inc SC 1,321.47 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 600.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,681.19 MNB Insurance Inc I 71.00 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 897.30 NACO D 1,781.85 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,599.66 Nicks Distributing Inc S 259.56 Pride N Joy SC 174.00 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 500.00 Pritchard & Abbott Inc C 4,450.00 Psychological Resources SC 150.00 Radiology Services P C SC 143.11 Red Willow County Court LF 331.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 144.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 162.95 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 1,635.55 Scottsbluff Corporate SC 120.94 Shred-It USA SC 133.92 Michael T Simmonds D 454.31 Adriann Smith M 32.75 Teresa Thomas M 29.80 Tinker Tom SC 25.00 Urbom Law Offices PC LF 150.00 US Bank S 2,437.86 U S Postmaster S 66.00 Verizon Wireless SC 68.38 Wagner Ford-Mercury-Toyota SC 86.05 Walmart S 128.44 Ryan R Wilcox LF 6,500.00 Window Artisans SC 300.00 Witness Fees - Co Court WF 120.00 Total 76,047.55 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 6,404.81 Akrs Equipment SC 123.47 American Agricultural Lab SC 170.00 Bartley Lumber S 19.75 BW Telecom SC 44.39 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.31 Carquest Auto Parts S 95.70 Croell Inc S 35,496.75 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 380.80 EIA LLC S 18,465.00 Fastenal Company S 15.91 Fowlers LLC SC 672.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 12,404.67 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 40.87 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 2,231.76 McCook Utilities SC 75.43 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 Mittens SC 1,850.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC 79.36 Nebraska Peterbilt SC 982.93 Paulsen Inc S 1,263.04 PowerPlan S 835.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 462.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 723.75 Titan Machinery SC 958.33 Village Of Bartley SC 99.65 Total 84,447.08 VISITORS FUND Bison Alumni Newsletter SC 400.00 Central Brochure Distribution SC 400.00 Flagship Publishing Inc SC 615.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 Maly Marketing SC 630.00 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 1,085.01 Power Play Marketing SC 1,500.00 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 555.38 Total 8,885.39 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 214.92 Akrs Equipment SC 705.40 Cardmember Services S 1,662.27 Fastenal Company S 21.26 Chas Fritsche M 27.51 Gore Oil Company S 360.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.32 Hometown Leasing R 54.17 John Deere Financial SC 1,192.71 Kohls Auto Parts S 39.50 McCook Gazette SC 3.90 McCook Utilities SC 330.83 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,133.66 Nicks Distributing Inc S 1,698.92 Anytime Tri State Towing LLC SC 116.92 Tanner Powell M 28.82 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,657.50 Brian Reynolds M 19.65 Richards Gravel Pit, Inc S 3,442.98 Gail Rippe M 29.48 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 194.98 Jo Teter M 89.08 Joel Uerling M 9.83 Van Diest Supply Company SC 424.50 Walmart S 94.32 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 572.50 Total 14,282.93 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 48,972.80 Total 48,972.80 ARENA FUND Black Widow Arena Drag S 1,604.00 D & S Hardware S 48.21 McCook Utilities SC 482.63 Mead Lumber S 25.88 Modern Farm Equipment S 168.70 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,085.72 Quality Irrigation S 159.92 Total 3,575.06 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 129.00 Brandy Bird S 261.90 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 55.58 GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals S 5,534.89 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 295.03 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pam Klug M 118.65 McCook Gazette SC 21.90 McKesson Medical Surgical S 3,262.55 Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp S 5,773.07 Kevin Potthoff M 17.03 Kristen Puckett S 229.90 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 1,875.70 Darin Seligman M 6.55 Misti Soderlund M 34.06 Matt Springer M 15.46 US Bank S 1,152.93 Total 18,870.32 JAIL BOND FUND BOKF, Na BP 20,995.00 Total 20,995.00 WASTE FUND Fastenal Company S 73.13 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 170.73 Holiday Inn M 124.95 Jones Barrel Company S 1,450.00 McCook Utilities SC 68.11 Nebraska Public Power District SC 202.66 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 23.99 US Bank S 1,302.03 Verizon Wireless SC 42.68 Total 3,458.28 Grand Total 279,534.41.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:00 a.m. to May 15, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 15, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on May 15, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to pull a bill from Frenchman Valley for \$12,404.67 due to double payment.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) the remaining accounts payable claims in the amount of \$48,392.13, 3) Special Designated Liquor License for Ambriz Ventures, LLC, 4) Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreements with Furnas and Frontier Counties, 5) Dispatch Agreement with City of McCook. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed their decision on a mower for District 3. Fritsche said Akrs Equipment won't hold the County to purchase their mower since it won't be here until December.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to purchase a Schulte mower from Heartland New Holland for \$36,500. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Abstain: Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter executive session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to exit executive session at 9:43 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to make changes to Brian Wells' duties and salary as agreed. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter executive session at 9:45 a.m. to discuss potential litigation. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to exit executive session at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A Notice of Public Hearing regarding a Plat was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

Black Hills Energy 2,351.82 City Of Mc Cook 1,080.00 DAS State Accounting 56.88 Eakes Office Solutions 440.34 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 1,553.74 Hometown Leasing 145.04 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 1,772.90 Nebraska Weed Control Association 125.00 Quadient Leasing USA, Inc 242.97 Ravenswood Electric LLC 65.72 Regional West Medical Center 291.00 Shred-It USA 85.92 Urbom Law Offices PC 352.40 US Postmaster 66.00 Gretchen Wiebe 101.44 Ag Valley Coop 358.40 Croell Inc 787.21 Decatur Co-Op Association 5,212.61 Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply 11,811.53 Lords Inc 169.73 NMC Exchange LLC 10,759.15 Overton Sand & Gravel Co 3,234.48 C & K Distributors 42.59 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 69.22 Nebraska Rural Radio Association 400.00 McCooknet Internet Service 44.00 Van Diest Supply Company 325.25 Verizon Wireless 43.27 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 6,403.52 Total 48,392.13

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:22 a.m. to May 22, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS May 22, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on May 22, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$318,432.54. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented seven homestead corrections for 2020. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Homestead Correction Nos. 21-27 which increased the tax rolls by \$3,210.19. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also presented a tax roll correction for 2022. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve tax roll correction No. 12 which increased the tax rolls by 173.94. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Brandy Bird, Health Department Director, presented quotes for flooring and cabinets. She recapped the ongoing situation regarding improvements to her office. She had a quote from Samway for floor tiles for \$7,875.00. She also had a quote from Bryn's Floorcovering in Elwood for \$9,737.40. The floor is a tripping hazard currently. The Board reviewed photos of the floor.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to replace the flooring at the health department for \$7,875.00 quoted by Samway using ARPA funds. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Bird also presented a quote for new cabinets. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the cabinet purchase so Brandy can get additional quotes. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ronda Graff and Cindy Huff with the McCook Community Foundation joined the Board. Brandy Bird had applied for a grant for a vaccine freezer, and was approved by the Foundation. Huff spoke briefly about the partnership they have with local businesses.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the grant funds for a vaccine freezer with appreciation. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter executive session at 10:00 a.m. to discuss pending or potential litigation. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to exit executive session at 10:15 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to rescind the motion of March 13, 2023 to cancel the contract with Honorbound, and reinstate their contract until it's conclusion. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to rescind approval of the proposal from 2020 Technologies made March 13, 2023 for law enforcement IT Service. Roll Call: Ayes:

Judge Heng joined the Board to discuss court appointed attorney fees. The fees were increased for high-level cases earlier this year. Attorneys from around the state are now proposing that all court appointed attorneys be paid at the higher level as well. All attorneys will be paid \$125 per hour beginning July 1, 2023.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission – Findings that the Levels of Value for Real Property in Red Willow County for Tax Year 2023 Meet the Requirements of Law 2) Nebraska Department Environment & Energy – Notification of Application Received for NA Timmerman.

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

The following claims were allowed:

PAYROLL CLAIMS – MAY 22, 2023

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 120,263.93 AFLAC 2,075.73 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 18,766.86 Black Hills Energy 1,346.53 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Discover Bank 415.44 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 4,808.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 MASA Global Building 196.00 MNB Bank 35,385.05 MNB Bank 45.08 NACO 10.00 Nebraska Child Support 728.50 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,230.28 Quality Urgent Care PC 5,895.46 Ravenswood Electric LLC 100.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,500.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,090.00 Vision Service Plan 337.65 Total 202,694.51 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 33,535.43 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,866.31 EIA LLC 19,364.40 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 Lingo Communications 34.84 MASA Global Building 56.00 MNB Bank 10,294.67 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,647.40 Red Willow County Self Insurance 850.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 94.29 Vision Service Plan 34.18 Total 72,917.19 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,999.97 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,201.80 MNB Bank 2,198.66 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 329.28 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Vision Service Plan 56.34 Total 12,186.05 SELF INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 4,723.66 Total 4,723.66 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,965.56 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 587.74 MNB Bank 1,032.39 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 145.37 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,105.00 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 7,064.23 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 7,606.92 AFLAC 300.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,181.46 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 2,178.16 Nebraska Department of Revenue 257.92 Pathology Services PC 814.08 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Vision Service Plan 8.51 Total 12,787.34 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 3,859.30 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 597.63 MNB Bank 1,174.60 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 199.86 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 6,059.56 Grand Total 318,432.54.

The Board performed the quarterly jail inspection. Everything was found to be satisfactory. Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:00 noon to June 5, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS June 5, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on June 5, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Terry Pinkal came and explained that his neighbor built up their road and blocked a natural drainage route. The Board will research the issue and get back.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to remove item 5) Resolution No. 1481, Book 23, Page 76 setting dates and times for Property Valuation Protest Hearings, for further deliberation.

LATER A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$46,002.72, 3) Resolution No. 1480, Book 23, Page 75 to accept the Final Plat of the Nellie Ryan Estate Subdivision, 4) engagement letter for Daniel D. Miller CPA for budgeting services, 6) surplus heaters and windows for Fair Board. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:24 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Kristi Korell, Assessor, presented a list of overvalued, undervalued and omitted properties to the Board. She explained that the list reflects commercial properties. The previous appraiser caused a delay in valuations, and the assessor's office had to make numerous corrections. The Board has to approve these changes, and the property owners have an additional period to protest.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the overvalued, undervalued and omitted properties presented by Assessor Korell. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:44 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:44 a.m.

The Board opened armor coat bids for the 2023 armor coat project at 9:45 a.m. Figgins Construction Company of Red Cloud, Nebraska, and B & H Paving from Scott City, Kansas, both submitted bids using different grades of oil. Figgin's bids were \$164,555.86 using MC3000 oil and \$166,366.60 using MC800 oil.

B&H's bids were \$129,337.50 using MC3000 oil and \$140,962.50 using MC800 oil.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the bid from B&H using MC800 oil for the 7.5 mile 2023 armor coat project for \$140,962.50. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Sue Doak was unable to join the Board due to a personal matter.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the issue until Sue can join the discussion. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Several Officials and employees joined the Board for the discussion of the cash-in-lieu of medical insurance coverage program. Gans referenced the minutes from May 8, 2017 outlining the program. After much discussion, a motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, prepare a resolution to change the cash-in-lieu program to \$500 per month for employees not electing to participate in the County's health insurance. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board continued the discussion of possible uses of the remaining ARPA funds. There were two informal bids for carpeting for the second floor. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the bid from McCook Floor Covering for \$16,960.00 using ARPA funds. Roll Call: Ayes, Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The District Court Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

Marvin Planning Consultants Inc 1,312.50 Peter Dailey 160.00 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 39514.57 Principal Life Insurance Company 5,015.65 Total 46,002.72.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:32 a.m. to June 12, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 12, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on June 12, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Roger Moreau was present to ask about flood damage repairs to county roads.

A motion was made by Gan, seconded by Dean, to pull item 6) Surplus Items for Sheriff from the consent agenda until Sheriff Darling had a chance to explain further. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to pull the bill from Honorbound IT in the amount of \$6,562.22 until we receive user names and passwords. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans to approve the remaining accounts payable claims in the amount of \$253,623.81. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 3) Resolution No. 1481, Book 23, Page 76 Setting Dates and Times for Property Valuation Protest Hearings, 4) Resolution No. 1482, Book 23, Page 77, to Update Cash-In-Lieu Program, 5) Resolution No. 1483, Book 23, Page 78, to Correct a Transfer Error in April 2023. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

After speaking with Sheriff Darling, a motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve item 6) Surplus Items for Sheriff. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Gretchen Wiebe, Clerk Magistrate, and Lori O'Dea, Clerk of District Court joined the Board to present improvements for both courtrooms. The State would provide the equipment, and own it for five years, then the County would take ownership. Adam Johnson has reviewed the project, and will provide a quote for necessary electrical work. This is a statewide effort provided by the Judicial Branch.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, authorize the necessary changes to electrical systems to accommodate the Courtroom Technology equipment. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the chairman's signature on a Memorandum of Understanding – Nebraska Courtroom Technology Transfer of Ownership. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Val Jansante with Adrian Smith's Office updated the Board on legislative activities in Lincoln. Congressman Smith is on an international trade committee, and recently met with president of Taiwan. Some of Smith's current projects include supporting home dialysis, allowing nurses and PAs to order cardio treatment and rehab, and removing tariffs on infant formula. Jansante will be in the Courthouse until 11:00 holding a remote office.

Brett Warren and Tyler Kotschwar with 20/20 Technologies and Phil Corey and Susan ??? with Viaero joined the Board to discuss GPS for the road crews using cell phones. Warren presented a quote \$4,678.32 for 10 phones and the Scalefusion fleet management program.

Warren also presented a timeclock program called Lanthom Payclock Online, which allows employers and employees to track time worked, vacation and comp time, etc. It can be accessed by computer or cell phone. The annual contract for this program would be \$1,920.00 for up to 100 employees.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to implement the Scalefusion and Lanthom Payclock systems for the Road Department; set up charges paid for with ARPA funds. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A resolution will be prepared to outline the employer and employee responsibilities with regards to the new systems.

Kevin Petross with Miller & Associates called the Board to update them on flood damage to county roads and bridges. The damage must have occurred on major collection roads indicated on the map as locations 1 – 5. Damages must equal \$1M for all counties affected by the flood waters. The Governor's office has not yet declared this flooding a natural disaster. Emergency funds would be an 80/20 match. Petross will continue the process of applying for emergency relief. He also mentioned a concrete box culvert that was damaged, but not included in the quotes. He will have an update by the end of the week.

Kathy Haas and Terry Pettit with Family Resources joined the Board to present their annual report and request support for the 23/24 fiscal year. Family Resources began providing services in Red Willow County in 1996. Their budget is under \$60,000 annually, and yet they manage to assist with parenting support, clothing exchange, support foster families, school supplies, baby food and formula, medical emergencies, and much more.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to continue supporting the Family Resource Center in the amount of \$7,000 for the fiscal year 2023/2024. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche. Contract with them change wording

Kylie Joyce and Mary Lawson with Region II Services joined the Board to present their annual report as well. Region II is certified by the State of Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services. They serve 17 counties in southwest Nebraska. 161 individuals were provided assistance as of June 5, 2023. Red Willow County has 36 individuals in day services, and 17 in the residential program.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to change the oil used from MC800 to MC 3000 for the armor coat project. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed an invitation to comment on Court-Appointed Attorney Rate Increases from the Judges of the 11th District.

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

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 1,140.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,118.40 AT&T Mobility SC 265.56 Black Hills Energy SC 1,614.15 Staci Blomstedt M 1.31 City Of Indianola SC 120.00 City Of McCook SC 5,776.84 Community Hospital SC 1,974.50 Consolidated Management Company S 8,963.17 Justin M Daake LF 1,440.00 Crystal Dack M 224.93 Deveny Motors LLC SC 587.97 Douglas County Sheriff SF 38.27 Eakes Office Solutions S 7,855.48 EMC Insurance Companies I 2,500.00 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 833.63 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 1,008.28 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 793.06 Ted Gans M 45.19 Gworks SC 5,650.00 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 1,490.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,546.36 Tammie Hilker C 30.00 Hitchcock County Sheriff SF 32.41 Hometown Leasing R 1,129.31 Jacks Uniforms & Equipment SC 334.13 Johnson Controls SC 1,812.72 Kristi Korell M 161.93 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 33.43 Laquinta Inns & Suites M 707.70 Philip Lyons M 48.08 City Of McCook SC 250.00 McCook Gazette SC 750.70 McCook Economic Development Corp DN 15,000.00 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 350.00 McCook Utilities SC 502.69 Mead Lumber S 274.08 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Midwest Connect S 431.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 1,642.90 MIPS Inc SC 3,681.19 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 839.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,737.56 Nebraska Public Health Environment SC 105.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 279.46 Kay Oltmer M 19.65 Srk Enterprise LLC SC 300.00 Quadient Leasing USA, Inc R 1,194.97 Quill Corporation S 2,443.73 Radiology Services PC SC 8.36 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 1,366.00 Regional West Medical Center SC 371.00 Red Willow County Clerk Petty Cash S 17.49 Red Willow County Court LF 461.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 72.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 92.68 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 739.34 Scottsbluff Corporate SC 120.94 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 420.32 Shred-It USA SC 176.06 Snell Services Inc SC 2,611.00 Tammy Solomon M 2.62 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 47.98 Teresa Thomas M 27.51 University Of Nebraska - Lincoln S 28.29 Urbom Law Offices P C LF 50.00 US Bank S 3,823.74 US Postmaster S 178.00 Verizon Wireless SC 68.36 Village Of Bartley SC 40.00 Volz Inc SC 434.42 Walmart S 117.53 Walter Plumbing LLC SC 208.00 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 450.00 Western Pathology Consultants PC SC 1,000.00 Gretchen Wiebe S 76.08 Ryan R Wilcox C 6,500.00 Witness Fees - Co Court WF 40.00 Total 99,756.86 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 5,366.72 Akrs Equipment SC 100.17 American Agricultural Lab SC 42.50 Bryan Hauxwell Farms SC 5,925.00 BW Telcom SC 44.39 C & K Distributors S 49.88 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.31 Carquest Auto Parts S 132.62 Croell Inc S 3,158.12 Decatur Co-Op Association SC 4,555.40 EIA LLC S 20,343.24 Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply SC 9,007.35 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 197.78 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 40.87 Inland Truck Parts Company S 683.69 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 16,619.76 McCook Gazette SC 103.47 McCook Utilities SC 75.88 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 NMC Exchange LLC SC 7,023.85 Nebraska Public Power District SC 40.20 Overton Sand & Gravel Co S 5,815.28 Paulsen Inc S 1,049.92 PowerPlan SC 4,910.53 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 7,518.10 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 484.41 Titan Machinery S 41.63 Unitech Inc S 194.50 Village Of Bartley SC 100.34 Westside Welding SC 85.00 White's Auto Glass Inc SC 937.00 Total 95,198.91 VISITORS FUND Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Gazette SC

300.00 McCook Economic Development Corp DN 927.35 Nebraska Game & Parks SC 525.00 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 59.11 Total 5,511.46 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 89.52 Black Hills Energy SC 162.21 Cardmember Services S 3,828.77 D & S Hardware S 98.69 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 446.40 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.32 Hometown Leasing R 54.17 John Deere Financial S 162.13 Nebraska Rural Radio Association SC 400.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 4,698.54 McCook Gazette SC 3.90 Mc McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 323.08 Nebraska Public Power District SC 882.82 Nicks Distributing Inc S 1,522.42 Anytime Tri State Towing LLC SC 25.00 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 1,698.83 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 490.32 Tinker Tom S 25.00 Tko Pest Control LLC SC 150.00 Van Diest Supply Company S 325.00 Verizon Wireless SC 42.75 Capital One/Walmart S 995.09 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 2,581.00 Total 20,864.46 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 316.22 Total 316.22 ARENA FUND Akrs Equipment S 363.25 Black Hills Energy SC 221.15 Cardmember Services S 1,617.90 McCook Utilities SC 466.24 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,032.13 Total 3,700.67 ARPA FUND Chipperfield Ag Erectors LLC SC 21,216.97 Total 21,216.97 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 204.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 Eakes Office Plus S 299.94 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 295.03 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Susan Ihrig I 109.00 Pam Klug I 133.00 McCook Gazette SC 21.90 Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp S 463.19 Pathology Services PC SC 563.62 Kevin Potthoff M 17.03 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 1,749.06 Darin Seligman M 6.55 Matt Springer M 15.46 Cheryl Stewart M 18.34 US Bank S 1,718.53 Wal-Mart S 44.49 Total 5,851.69 WASTE FUND Great Plains Communications Inc SC 170.73 McCook Utilities SC 47.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC 143.09 U S Bank S 802.67 Verizon Wireless SC 42.68 Total 1,206.57 GRAND TOTAL 253,623.81.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:45 a.m. to June 26, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

June 26, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on June 26, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to add an emergency agenda item requesting Hitchcock County to cost share repairs to the Meeker Canal Bridge. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

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

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$513,510.36, 3) extend moratorium on renewable energy sources in Red Willow County for the lessor of six months or approval of new zoning regulations, with option to renew in order to complete updates to the regulations, 4) appoint Tricia Wagner to Health Board to replace Jana Kmoch, term to expire April 30, 2026, 5) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Twin Valleys Public Power District. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Kristi Korell, Assessor, presented a list of overvalued, undervalued, and omitted properties to the Board. Korell explained that Northpointe Properties were valued incorrectly as improved, which they are not yet. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the overvalued, undervalued, and omitted properties presented by the County Assessor. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented tax roll correction No. 28 for 2020 which decreased the tax rolls by \$753.12, and tax roll correction No. 13 for 2023 which decreased the tax rolls by \$132.60. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the tax roll corrections as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

The Board opened gravel bids for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Kelly McCoy with Paulsen joined the Board to present the only bid. Paulsen's bid included delivered prices ranging from \$12.80 to \$16.78 per ton, with an FOB price of \$9.75 per ton.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reject all gravel bids for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, rejoined the Board to update them on interest rates. The County is getting 5.13 percent daily from Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT), but local banks are competitive as well: MNB is offering 4.84 percent weekly. The State Auditor recommends that entities earn as much interest as they can, and the Board agreed that Dack is making the correct choice using NPAIT.

Dack also informed the Board that her office will be closed July 26, 2023, as she and her staff must attend training in North Platte with the motor vehicle fraud division.

Brandy Bird, County Health Director, presented quotes for new cabinets in the treatment room and foot care area of the Health Department. Dan Hartwell quoted \$9,155.06 for the project, using materials from Mead Lumber; Corky's Cabinetry quoted \$7,597.00; and Kitchen Solvers quoted \$9,869.00.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the quote from Corky's Cabinets for \$7,597.00 using ARPA funds. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Penelope Cooper, Clerk, relayed what she learned at Clerk's training regarding charitable donations. Counties are not allowed to use public funds for any reason that is not found specifically in statute. The Board agreed that this is unfortunate, and will put many of our worthwhile organizations at risk.

Cooper also updated the Board on property valuation protest hearings. 32 protests have been received to date, with eight being commercial properties. The commercial protests will be heard on July 18, as that is the date Central Plains Valuation can attend. June 30th is the last day we can accept protests.

The Board would like to set the hearings on July 17, 18, 19 and possibly 20, 2023, to consolidate the process.

The Board discussed Household Hazardous Waste and the program's future. The program has been in existence for 27 years. Dean feels that the program has become too large, as our service area has expanded from southwest Nebraska to all over the state. Gans is concerned about liability for spillage and/or leakage. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table this issue until the County Attorney reviews the contracts and grant documents in question and see what the ramifications would be to suspend or reduce the program. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to formally request cost sharing from Hitchcock County with the Meeker Canal bridge repairs. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, dean, Fritsche.

An email from Margaret Pollmann outlining Hitchcock County's decision to share costs of Meeker Canal Bridge repairs, and a letter from Miller & Associates offering to inspect the 2022 Armor Coat Project were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 122,018.78 Acme Printing 360.00 AFLAC 2,075.73 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 19,232.83 AT&T Mobility 265.56 Black Hills Energy 106.37 Bob Barker Company Inc 256.75 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,240.00 Penelope Cooper 1,156.74 Crowne Plaza 139.95 Cummins Sales And Services 334.60 Crystal Dack 518.66 DAS State Accounting 56.88 Discover Bank 415.44 Eakes Office Solutions 2,156.17 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,196.23 Tammie Hilker 60.00 Honorbound IT 6,562.22 Jacks Uniforms & Equipment 450.49 Johnson County Sheriff 20.62 Justice Data Solutions Inc 7,500.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 4,808.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 Lips Printing Service 372.84 Marketing Signs Print 165.00 MASA Global Building 196.00 Masonic Temple Craft Inc 495.00 MNB Bank 36,854.34 MNB Bank 45.35 Midwest Special Services Inc 190.55 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 1,644.20 MNB Insurance Inc 8,772.00 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 1,250.00 NACO 175.00 Nebraska Child Support 1,022.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,413.77 Principal 481.88 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,750.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,090.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash 57.90 Saylor Screenprinting 128.00 Michael T Simmonds 184.62 Ashley K Spahn 560.00 US Bank 209.19 Vision Service Plan 416.16 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC 492.00 Total 237,397.82 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 33,339.09 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,921.66 Black Hills Energy 142.15 City Of McCook 8.47 EIA LLC 6,769.08 Empower Retirement 100.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.02 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 13,692.00 Lingo Communications 70.30 MASA Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,232.70 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 500.00 MNB Insurance Inc 239.00 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,638.89 PowerPlan 2,001.64 Principal 591.11 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 8,492.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 94.03 Vision Service Plan 81.35 Total 86,114.16 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,022.89 Acme Printing 406.50 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,212.60 Brico Pest Control 890.00 Haas & Wilkerson Insurance 6,859.00 Hotsy Equipment Co 5,745.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 4,366.28 MNB Bank 2,223.70 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 332.47 Paulsen Inc 1,050.00 Principal 52.45 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Vision Service Plan 52.10 Total 31,612.99 INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 123,887.73 Total 123,887.73 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 6,564.68 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 624.52 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 2,000.00 MNB Bank 1,514.68 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 216.44 Ravenswood Electric LLC 2,542.44 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,449.76 Vision Service Plan 26.05 Total 15,138.57 ARPA FUND Chipperfield Ag Erectors LLC 2,188.06 Total 2,188.06 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 8,757.95 AFLAC 300.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,248.93 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 2,385.16 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 271.08 Principal 18.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Total 13,421.66 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,293.65 Retirement Plans

Division Ameritas 353.48 Great Plains Communications Inc 170.73 MNB Bank 623.79 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 99.85 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Vision Service Plan 7.87 Total 3,749.37 Grand Total 513,510.36.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:15 a.m. to July 3, 2023.

**Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners**

**Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization**

**Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS July 3, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 3, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Dick Trail and Dale Stritt were present to ask about the future of the Household Hazardous Waste program. Gans explained the problems with the current practices.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$15,650.52, 3) revised request for funds from June 26, 2023 payroll claims. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented tax roll correction No. 14 for 2023 which increased the tax rolls by \$19.04. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the tax roll correction as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

The Board discussed waiving the bidding requirements to make a special purchase of motor grader for District 2 through the State of Nebraska bidding or Sourcwell pricing. Representatives from Murphy Tractor and Caterpillar were present with pricing. Murphy Tractor quoted \$296,161 including trade-in; Caterpillar's quote is 243,240 including trade-in. The Board discussed which district needs a new grader the most.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to table the issue until it is decided which district needs has the most need. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

City Clerk Lea Ann Doak asked the Board to review a Special Designated Liquor License application for an event at the Fairgrounds. Doak usually approves any application within City limits, however, this event is outside. She wonders how this Board feels about outdoor events, and if this application would have their approval.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to give consent to the City to approve the application. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

The following claims were allowed:

Lucent – 10,634.87, Principal – 5,015.65, Total 15,650.52.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:30 a.m. to July 10, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS July 10, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 10, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, 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 \$272,099.41, 3) Special Designated Liquor License for HoJo's Hideaway. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to enter a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. to receive comments on an application for Tax Exemptions on Real and Personal Property. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Lori Stevens, Deputy Assessor, joined the Board for the public hearing. Stevens presented an application from MyBridge, a Christian radio station, who is applying for tax exemption on the SW/4 of 15-3-30, where their broadcast tower is located.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn from the public hearing at 9:20 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the application for Tax Exemptions on Real and Personal Property for MyBridge as recommended by the County Assessor. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:20 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Dan Miller joined the Board to introduce himself and explain what he does for the County at budget time.

Charlie McPherson and Amanda Engell with McCook Economic Development Corp joined the Board to review their latest projects. McPherson told the Board that the Rural Workforce Housing project funds were at over \$1M after a 2-1 match. The money can be spent on new construction or refurbishing old. Engell reported on a revolving loan project for townhomes. They are hoping to move on to apartment development in the future.

The McCook Business Park is expanding with four additional lots for business and/or light industry.

The Board reviewed additional quotes for motor graders from Murphy Tractor and Nebraska Machinery.

A motion was made by Dean to purchase two Caterpillar motor graders using ARPA funds. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to trade in District 3's motor grader for a new Caterpillar 140 using ARPA funds. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board worked on the budgets for which they are responsible.

Two Notice of Public Hearings from the City of McCook: 1) Modification to Redevelopment Plan, 2) Declaration of Area as Blighted and Substandard, were reviewed and placed on file.

The District Court Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS – JULY 10, 2023

Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg. or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; RF Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF Witness Fees

GENERAL FUND American Electric SC 135.30 Anytime Tristate Towing SC 609.75 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,128.40 City Of McCook SC 5,776.84 Consolidated Management Company S 8,603.52 Culligan Of McCook S 855.50 Randy Dean M 614.81 Deveny Motors LLC SC 185.40 Eakes Office Solutions S 659.01 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 821.18 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 778.90 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 220.00 Ted Gans M 218.77 Gworks C 13,200.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 729.18 Hometown Leasing R 809.59 Honorbound IT SC 3,281.11 Donna Kircher M 135.59 Kim Korgan SC 145.00 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 25.38 Nichole Lawson SC 848.35 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 City Of McCook SC 250.00 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 350.00 McCook Utilities SC 458.74 Mead Lumber S 65.97 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,756.67 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 963.00 Marvin Planning Consultants Inc C 1,312.50 NACO D 135.00 Nebraska Co Attorneys Association D 1,540.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,712.21 Nicks Distributing Inc S 324.45 NIRMA I 95,000.00 Pathology Services PC SC 21.41 SRK Enterprise LLC S 400.00 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 1,130.00 Region II Services DN 5,565.00 Red Willow County Court LF 398.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 389.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 81.95 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 555.07 Scottsbluff Corporate SC 125.76 Shred-It USA SC 258.37 Michael T Simmonds M 153.12 TKO Pest Control LLC SC 150.00 University Of Nebraska S 68.42 US Bank S 3,022.17 US Postmaster S 92.00 Verizon Wireless SC 54.87 Wal-Mart S 70.18 Weathercraft Co SC 588.00 Ryan R Wilcox C 7,500.00 Total 168,897.44 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 5,176.62 Akrs Equipment SC 3,912.25 Brazos Trailers Sales Colorado LLC SC 716.33 BW Telcom SC 44.39 C & K Distributors S 34.43 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.32 Danbury Storage Units LLC R 1,200.00 EIA LLC S 9,765.00 Extreme Ag Inc S 590.00 McCook Utilities SC 76.01 Modern Farm Equipment S 715.68 Nebraska Public Power District SC 40.51 NIRMA I 46,557.00 Platte Valley Communications Inc SC 922.72 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 9.99 Titan Machinery S 297.12 Total 70,109.37 VISITORS FUND Flagship Publishing Inc SC 651.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Chamber Of Commerce D 3,079.08 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 831.00 Nebraska Travel Association SC 300.00 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 59.11 Total 8,620.19 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 116.96 Bluffs Facility Solutions S 198.53 Cardmember Services S 1,070.06 D & S Hardware S 15.99 Deveny Motors LLC S 89.23 Gary's Inc S 1,854.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.32 Hometown Leasing R 54.17 Hotsy Equipment Co SC 132.50 John Deere Financial S 782.64 Kugler S 400.00 McCook Gazette SC 3.90 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 359.19 Mead Lumber S 77.53 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,137.39 Paulsen Inc S 1,226.50 Anytime Tri State Towing LLC SC 25.00 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,657.50 Rapid Fire Protection Inc D 250.00 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 48.60 Clarice Shields SC 127.65 Van Diest Supply Company S 950.00 Capital One S 7.98 Total 10,786.64 SELF INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 3,251.15 Total 3,251.15 ARENA FUND Akrs Equipment S 852.15 Cardmember Services S 1,239.09 McCook Utilities SC 493.85 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,153.32 Rapid Fire Protection Inc SC 500.00 Westside Welding SC 336.60 Total 4,575.01 ARPA FUND Corky's Cabinetry SC 4,300.00 Total 4,300.00 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 109.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 55.58 Eakes Office Solutions S 112.34 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 295.84 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 US Bank S 115.79 Total 774.67 WASTE FUND Deveny Motors LLC SC 563.48 McCook Utilities SC 47.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC 144.88 Verizon Wireless SC 29.18 Total 784.94 Grand Total 272,099.41.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:45 p.m. to July 17, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

July 17, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 17, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$64,742.89, 3) surplus items for Sheriff, 4) designate State Print Shop as vendor for Joint Hearing postcards. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Kristi Korell, Assessor, joined the Board to present her three-year plan of assessment. Next year she plans on inspecting village properties. Her office will not be doing commercial assessments for the next five years. Korell also reported on County cemeteries. There are 18 cemeteries, including those in the city of McCook that had no change of ownership or use.

Dean recessed the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:25 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Jeff Parker with TEK 84 joined the Board for a presentation of a Full Body Scanner for the Jail. It is a compact x-ray machine that shows not only what is hidden in the clothing, but also inside the body. Full training is supplied, and online training is offered for new employees. TEK84 has over 950 customers world-wide.

Two Notices of Public Hearing from the City of McCook were reviewed and placed on file.

The Clerk's monthly revenue report and the One- & Six-Year Road Improvement Plan were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

Black Hills Energy 473.39 City of McCook 1,120.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 549.62 McCook Gazette 2,898.71 US Bank 3.59 Decatur Co-Op Association 5,746.37 Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply 11,972.59 Lingo Communications 70.94 20/20 Technologies LLC 4,020.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 93.11 Village of Bartley 107.63 High Plains Radio KBRL 2,250.00 Nebraska Rural Radio Association 400.00 Verizon Wireless 42.75 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 34,729.14 United States Treasury 265.05 Total 64,742.89.

Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:00 a.m. to July 24, 2023.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Dean reconvened the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:00 a.m. in order to hold property valuation protest hearings.

	NAME	PROPERTY	redwillow.gworks.com	PROTEST #	NOTIFY BY	v	ATTEND/CALL
10:00 A.M.	Randy R & Darla K Jordan	71903 Rd 382	00217600	73-23001	7/7/2023		
10:15 A.M.	Darin Morgan	Lots @ Countrysides Estate	00492000, 00491900	73-23002.03	7/7/2023		
10:30 A.M.	Ryan Wilcox	3 Parkview	001470200	73-23004	7/7/2023		
10:45 A.M.	Richard H Linnemeyer	1508 E Fairacres Dr	001051200	73-23005	7/7/2023		
11:00 A.M.	Clark Bates	902 W 1st St	000781100	73-23006	7/7/2023		
11:15 A.M.	Kathleen Tracy	1601 Norris Ave	001360600	73-23007	7/7/2023		
11:30 A.M.	RECESS						

Dean recessed the Board of Equalization meeting at 11:25 a.m. for lunch.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Dean reconvened the Board of Equalization meeting at 12:00 a.m. in order to hold property valuation protest hearings.

	NAME	PROPERTY	redwillow.gworks.com	PROTEST #	NOTIFY BY	√	ATTEND/CALL
12:00 P.M.	Melanie Goodenberger	1001 Norris Ave 509 East I St	000775100 000788800	73-23011 73-23076	7/7/2023		
12:15 P.M.	Michael Sides	Sides Aviation	000233800	73-23012	7/7/2023		
12:30 P.M.	Tom & Cindy Shields	11 Wedgewood	001103100	73-23013	7/7/2023		
12:45 P.M.	Christopher Hammond	112 West J St	000783100	73-23014	7/7/2023		
1:00 P.M.	Ronald Friehe	lots in Highland Subdivision	000543102, 00540500, 00540600, 00540700, 00540800, 00540900	73-23015-20	7/7/2023		
1:15 P.M.	Jessica Myers	805 West 4th 912 Norris Ave	000863300 000781800	73-23021 73-23065	7/7/2023		
1:30 P.M.	Leigh Hoyt	38664 Road 719	000590000	73-23022	7/7/2023		Attend
1:45 P.M.	Matthew Heskett	411 East 5th St	000796800	73-23025	7/7/2023		
2:00 P.M.	Richard Klug	lot in Countryside Estates	000490500	73-23026	7/7/2023		Attend
2:15 P.M.	BREAK						
2:30 P.M.	Zachary Teel Herrman	Building east of Lords	001780300	73-23029	7/7/2023		
2:45 P.M.	Travis & Kathy Madron	612 West G St	001302800	73-23030	7/7/2023		Attend
3:00 P.M.	John D. Walters	fields east of NPPD	001083000, 001083200	73-23031, 32	7/7/2023		Attend
3:15 P.M.	Mark & Sherri Uerling	SE/4 14-3-29	000287700	73-23033	7/7/2023		Attend
3:30 P.M.	Jay & Kimberly Schilling	5-2-30, 8-2-30	000193100 000193700, 000193900	73-23034-36	7/7/2023		
3:45 P.M.	Nicholas Schilling	E/2-14-2-30	000197400	73-23094	7/7/2023		
4:00 P.M.	Kirk Kilpatrick	10 Clubhouse Dr	001106500	73-23038	7/7/2023		No
4:15 P.M.	ADJOURN						

Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 4:00 p.m. to July 18, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

July 24, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 24, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Rick Spencer joined the Board to discuss county road maintenance. He farms in various parts of Red Willow and Hitchcock Counties. He wonders why the maintenance has declined.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to pull item 3) Lease Agreement with USDA until we can clarify a new requirement. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$383,085.91, 4) County Road Occupancy Agreement with Quality Irrigation, 5) 2023/2024 Agreement with Region II Human Services. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Kristi Korell, Assessor, presented a Homestead Exemption extension application form David Wineland for the Board's review. She recommends approval of the extension.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the Homestead Exemption extension application for David Wineland as recommended. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Phil Lyons, Deputy County Attorney, joined Korell and the Board. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 9:25 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to exit executive session at 9:40 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to direct Lyons to make an offer to settle the TERC case for the agreed upon amount. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed a final property valuation protest. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to adjust the valuation for the property in question.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:40 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Missy Nelson joined the Board to offer Colonial Life Insurance to county employees on a payroll deduction basis. The insurance is similar to AFLAC.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to offer Colonial Life as an option for county employees. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Several Officials joined the Board to discuss raises. It had been suggested that 2.5% raises were sufficient, however, Department Heads do not agree.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to increase full time employees by \$200.00 per month, and part-time employees by .50 per hour. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board resumed working on county budgets.
The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 121,018.76 AFLAC 2,083.73 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 19,168.56 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Consolidated Management Company 98.25 DAS State Accounting 56.88 Discover Bank 415.44 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,308.00 MASA Global Building 196.00 MNB Bank 35,984.96 Nebraska Child Support 1,022.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,277.42 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center 205.05 Principal 905.92 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,900.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,090.00 Ryan R Wilcox 7,500.00 Total 206,330.97 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 33,098.93 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,901.30 EIA LLC 12,445.20 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 MASA Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,000.59 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,587.52 Principal 277.45 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Total 65,570.66 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,940.18 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,198.20 MNB Bank 2,177.52 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 325.29 Principal 104.55 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Total 12,145.74 SELF INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 52,351.02 Total 52,351.02 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 6,951.77 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 610.58 MNB Bank 1,650.93 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 233.71 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 805.80 Principal 26.05 Total 10,478.84 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 8,293.03 AFLAC 300.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,131.68 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 2,207.19 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 239.60 Principal 18.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Total 12,630.04 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,293.65 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 353.48 MNB Bank 623.79 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 99.85 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Principal 7.87 Total 3,578.64 Grand Total 363,085.91.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:50 p.m. to July 31, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 31, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 31, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings with corrections, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$22,291.76, 3) Special Designated Liquor License for Happy's LLC, 4) Special Designated Liquor License for Arapahoe Municipal Golf Course and Country Club, 5) Lease Agreement with US Department of Agriculture, 6) Reappoint Dr. Darin Seligman to the Health Board, term to expire July 31, 2026. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Brandy Bird, Jaymi White and several members of the County Health Department Board joined the commissioners to discuss their 2023/2024 budget. Bird outlined comparable nurse wages in the area. Board members are also in favor of the larger budget in order to keep the department viable.

The commissioners will review the information with Dan Miller and get back to the Health Board.

Kevin Darling, Sheriff, joined the Board to discuss his 2023/2024 budget. He would like to hire additional deputies and replace some of the department's outdated safety equipment, as well as computers.

The Board requested that Darling revise his budget before next Monday for further review.

Dee Schilz joined the Sheriff and the Board to discuss the purchase of tasers with ARPA funds.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to purchase tasers for the Sheriff's Department for \$46,771.35 with ARPA funds. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board continued to work on other County budgets.

The Sheriff's monthly revenue report was reviewed and placed on file. A claim to Lucent Health for \$22,291.76 was reviewed and placed on file.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:50 p.m. to August 7, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 7, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 7, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Andrea Pennock joined the Board to discuss the Sheriff's budget. She feels that too much is being asked for all at once. Gans pointed out that the department has been understaffed for many years.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$49,593.54, 3) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Plains Energy, Inc., 4) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Cambridge Telephone, 5) Letter of Support for Southwest Weed Management. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, and Ronda Graff joined the Board to request acceptance of a gift for the "Cars Under the Stars" Program. McCook Community Foundation Fund is offering to pay for a projection screen for the drive-in movie project. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept \$22,600.00 for the Cars Under the Stars project. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Josh Mullen joined the Board to discuss the Weed and Household Hazardous Waste budgets. Dean asked Mullen if he would be willing to spray weeds in the county right-of-ways. Mullen explained that he is planning to sell both four-wheelers and purchase a sprayer for a pickup.

Mullen and the Board discussed the future of the Household Hazardous Waste program. Dean feels that we need to fulfill the commitments made for the rest of the year. The county can apply for a scaled-down grant for local waste disposal only. Mullens will continue to shop for insurance.

Sheriff Darling and Diana Wilkinson joined the Board to review several budget options for the Sheriff's office. One includes a chief deputy and additional vehicles and the other does not. The Board is leaning toward the second one.

The County's budget preparer, Dan Miller, CPA, joined the Board to go over the budgets he has been given to date. He outlined some options to bring down the levy and final tax request.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to amend the previous motion of a \$200 raise to a 2.5% raise.

Nichole White with 20/20 Technologies instructed the Board, members of the road crew and Hailey Wilkinson, Payroll Clerk, on the use of newly purchased GPS cell phones and the integrated payroll system. Gans explained that this system is not uncommon, and wasn't initiated by distrust.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Resolution No. 1484, Book 23, Page 79 Regarding the Proper Use and Disciplinary Action for Misuse of GPS Cell Phones. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board continued to work on other County budgets.

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

The following claim was allowed: Lucent Health – 49,593.54.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:40 p.m. to August 14, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 14, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 14, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Kevin Potthoff was present to discuss damage to roads.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$320,321.82, 3) informal bid for culvert at the Meeker Canal 4) Fair Grounds skid steer lease agreement. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The County Health Department Board joined the Board to review their budget. They presented new numbers for the Board's review.

Josh Mullen joined the Board to review the weed and waste budgets. Mullen resigned his positions as Weed Supervisor and Waste Director. The Board discussed the need for a Weed Supervisor, and the future of the Waste program.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer presented a report of collected and uncollected distress warrants. There were 53 distress warrants issued on October 31, 2022 for a total of 63,259.58. There was one additional distress warrant issued on December 1, 2022 in the amount \$306.75 There were 48 distress warrants collected in the amount of \$63,566.33, and there were six distress warrants returned uncollected by the sheriff in the amount of \$391.30.

The Board continued to work on other County budgets with Dan Miller.

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

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Acme Printing S 316.86 Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 1,455.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,314.50 AT&T Mobility SC 531.06 Black Hills Energy SC 101.05 Bob Barker Company Inc S 1,051.35 Brico Pest Control SC 80.00 Carpenter Breland Funeral Home Inc SC 967.00 City Of McCook SC 5,950.15 Community Hospital SC 488.78 Consolidated Management Company S 9,107.93 Penelope Cooper S 15.97 Justin M Daake LF 4,450.00 Crystal Dack M 166.91 DAS State Accounting SC 351.25 Sienna Dutton M 14.74 Eakes Office Solutions S 1,627.95 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 575.63 Bree Frazier SC 125.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 1,001.71 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 450.60 Ted Gans M 98.25 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 4,453.75 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,749.12 Tammie Hilker C 67.50 Hometown Leasing R 1,466.26 Honorbound IT SC 3,281.11 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 27.43 Lifetime Eyecare SC 85.00 Lincoln County Sheriff SF 22.28 Lincoln County Clerk SC 16,843.95 Lips Printing Service S 420.82 Lynn Peavey Company S 138.77 Philip Lyons LF 14.21 Pip Marketing S 50.38 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 802.40 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 350.00 McCook Utilities SC 490.60 Mead Lumber S 24.99 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp SC 1,192.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 600.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,756.67 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 6,280.16 Marvin Planning Consultants Inc SC 656.25 NCSEA D 90.00 Ne Assoc Co Clerks-Reg Deeds-Elect D 50.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 3,024.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 374.18 SRK Enterprise LLC S 500.00 Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc R 242.97 Quality Urgent Care PC SC 7,102.55 Quill Corporation S 533.96 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 398.00 Region 51 EMA D 75.00 Red Willow County Court LF 152.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 147.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 115.80 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 318.56 Red Willow Co Treasurer Petty Cash M 125.93 Scottsbluff Corporate SC 125.76 Secretary Of State Election Div S 20.00 Shred-It USA SC 172.40 Michael T Simmonds D 65.68 Adriann Smith M 5.24 Teresa Thomas M 21.94 Tk Elevator Corporation SC 495.33 TKO Pest Control LLC SC 75.00 Twin Rivers Transfer SC 481.00 Urbom Law Offices PC LF 75.00 U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply S 3.27 US Bank S 2,030.59 U S Postmaster S 104.80 Verizon Wireless SC 54.87 Village Of Bartley SC 80.00 Volz Inc SC 462.75 Walmart S 207.76 Abraham Weber SC 261.25 Grant Wells SC 150.00 Ryan R Wilcox LF 100.00 Emily Wood SC 150.00 Total 93,031.93 ROAD FUND Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co S 14,655.96 Ag Valley Co-Op S 7,926.16 Black Hills Energy SC 122.43 BW Telcom SC 44.39 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.32 Croell Inc S 4,060.00 Decatur Co-Op Association S 5,210.19 EIA LLC S 12,613.20 Farmers Cooperative

Grain & Supply S 5,268.30 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 93.49 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 40.87 Lords Inc S 33.16 McCook Utilities SC 80.05 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 Modern Farm Equipment S 1,635.50 NMC Exchange LLC S 477.34 Nebraska Public Power District SC 40.14 Overton Sand & Gravel Co S 20,953.28 Paulsen Inc S 1,251.04 Red Willow County Clerk Petty Cash S 18.00 Sinner's Paint & Body Shop SC 6,300.50 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 696.56 Titan Machinery S 996.28 Twin Valleys Public Power District SC 96.38 Viaero Wireless SC 555.36 Village Of Bartley SC 101.57 Total 83,821.47 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT Acme Printing S 7,487.67 Cox/Johnson Corporation D 780.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 23.76 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 1,870.57 Red Willow County Fairboard D 2,750.00 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 59.11 Total 16,646.11 VISITORS PROMOTION Travelstorysgps LLC S 1,377.00 Total 1,377.00 FAIR FUND Ace SC 397.01 Black Hills Energy SC 146.29 Brico Pest Control SC 200.00 C & K Distributors S 58.27 Cardmember Services S 1,966.18 Carquest Auto Parts S 197.95 City Of McCook SC 113.96 D & S Hardware S 229.46 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 337.88 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 43.94 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.32 High Plains Radio KBRL SC 2,250.00 Hometown Family Radio SC 4,000.00 John Deere Financial S 2,297.38 Nebraska Rural Radio Association SC 400.00 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 427.81 Mead Lumber S 275.52 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,032.11 Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment SC 189.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 455.90 Paulsen Inc S 354.60 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S 59,919.49 Paul L Sutton S 416.00 Verizon Wireless SC 42.76 Walmart S 1,331.00 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 75.00 Total 80,216.33 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 23,929.06 Total 23,929.06 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 109.02 Brico Pest Control SC 200.00 Bryan Hauxwell Farms C 8,200.00 Central Nebraska Bobcat SC 123.38 McCook Utilities SC 480.78 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,060.55 Paul L Sutton S 350.00 Total 10,523.73 ARPA FUND Abraham Weber S 949.50 Total 949.50 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 109.00 Brandy Bird M 26.34 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals S 5,534.89 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 297.47 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Kinship Pointe McCook SC 100.00 McCook Gazette SC 18.69 Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp S 1,052.20 Pathology Services PC SC 945.08 Kristen Puckett M 87.12 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 373.83 US Bank S 543.78 Total 9,280.95 WASTE FUND Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 18.15 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 170.73 McCook Utilities SC 47.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC 243.62 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 174.31 Verizon Wireless SC 29.19 Total 683.40 Grand Total 320,459.48.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:20 a.m. to August 21, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 21, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 21, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Kevin Potthoff was present to discuss weeds and road conditions.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to pull item 5) Letter of Termination for Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D for further review. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$23,032.12, 3) Annual Certification of NBCS & Resolution No. 1485, Book 23, Page 80, 4) Law Enforcement Agreement with Village of Bartley , 6) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Telcom Construction for Lumen, 7) Agreement with Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services for Assisting Victims October 2023 through September 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed D.O.T. random drug testing, which is now required by FMCSA for CDL drivers. The County would have to register on the MEI portal, as would each driver. The drivers would complete a drug test initially, and have random tests thereafter. The Board tabled the issue until further research is conducted.

The Board also discussed appointing a Noxious Weed Superintendent. It is a part-time position, but the Board would like to expand the duties because of the current weed problem.

The Board discussed the future of the Household Hazardous Waste program now that Josh Mullen resigned. The Board would like to keep the facility open on a limited basis.

The Board performed the quarterly jail inspection. Everything was found to be satisfactory.

The Board continued to work on other County budgets.

The insurance settlement for the destroyed 1997 Peterbilt Semi was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

City Of Mc Cook 1,240.00 US Bank 279.24 Great Plains Tire & Service 1,384.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 4,467.00
Hometown Leasing 5,554.17 Superior Sanitation Services Inc 1,000.00 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 9,107.71 Total 23,032.12

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:55 a.m. to August 28, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS August 28, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 28, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$366,590.67, 3) Resolution Nos. 1486-1493, Book 23, Pages 81-88 Allocating Final Levy and Tax Dollars for Subdivisions Subject to the County Levy, 4) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Cambridge Telephone, 5) surplus items for Fair. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING: Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Lori Stevens, Deputy Assessor, joined the Board to clarify the decision on Van Diest's property valuation protest. Dann Watson joined via phone. There was confusion as to what was being decreased by 20%. The Assessor intended that only the improvements would be depreciated by 20%, but management at Van Diest understood that it applied to the entire property. Once explained to Watson, he understood the situation.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, presented several informal quotes for a tractor at the Fairgrounds. Bowman had spoken to AKRS, New Holland and Kubota. The best deal was to rent a John Deere 5130M tractor from AKRS for 450 hours annually at \$20.00 per hour. A new tractor would be provided every October.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to allow the Fair Board to rent a John Deere tractor from AKRS for 450 hours annually at \$20.00 per hour. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Abstain: Fritsche.

The Board approved inventories from all departments, except Weed and HHW. Those inventories will be reviewed and approved September 11, 2023.

Dan Miller joined the Board to continue work on the budgets. The Budget Hearing will be scheduled for September 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:40 a.m. to September 11, 2023.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 124,305.78 AFLAC 2,083.73 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 19,430.08 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Discover Bank 415.44 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 4,908.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 Masa Global Building 182.00 MNB Bank 35,888.93 MNB Bank 48.44 Nebraska Child Support 1,022.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,341.14 Principal Voluntary Child Life 22.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 324.39 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 104.70 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,650.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,090.00 Shred-It USA 27.17 Principal Vision Plan 396.74 Total 201,740.54 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 32,868.14 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division

Ameritas 4,813.66 EIA LLC 7,043.04 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 9,996.36 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,571.24 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 187.11 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Viaero Wireless 879.65 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 60,709.21 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,349.73 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,181.10 MNB Bank 2,230.56 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 330.31 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Total 12,596.25 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 25,391.25 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 32,738.97 Principal Life Insurance Company 3,290.98 Total 61,421.20 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 7,892.18 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 648.85 MNB Bank 1,920.70 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 284.41 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,261.40 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 12,233.59 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 8,282.16 AFLAC 300.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,114.30 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 2,239.57 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 257.41 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Total 12,651.98 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 3,342.99 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 516.65 MNB Bank 991.94 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 178.45 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Principal Vision Plan 7.87 Total 5,237.90 Grand Total 366,590.67.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

September 11, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on September 11, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) accounts payable in the amount of \$565,837.60, 3) Drug & Alcohol Testing Agreement with Medical Enterprises Inc., 4) surplus 1997 Peterbilt Semi for Road District 3. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING: Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Linda Parde, Deputy Treasurer, presented a motor vehicle exemption application from Community Hospital for a 2023 H&H dump trailer. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemption application from Community Hospital for a 2023 H&H dump trailer. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Parde also presented a tax roll correction for 2023. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 15 which increased the tax rolls by \$178.20 and Tax Roll Correction No. 16 for an increase of \$27.24. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

The Board continued their discussion about the future of the Household Hazardous Waste program. Red Willow Western Rural Fire Department has agreed to open the facility several times per month. The facility will have an open house on October 7, then be open once or twice per month.

Dean presented an agreement with Hitchcock County from 1996 to handle their household hazardous waste.

Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D requested a termination letter regarding waste pickup service, which Gans signed.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to appoint Billie Cole and her supporting staff, on a part-time basis to direct the Household Hazardous Waste program. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Tax Equalization and Review Commission – Property Valuation Protest Appeal by Ryan Wilcox, 2) City of McCook – Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Replat of Lot 1, Heritage Pointe Addition No. 2.

The Sheriff's, Clerk's and District Court Clerk's Monthly Revenue Reports, and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources – Reports on Road 722, Schlagel Road and VanVleet Dams were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg., or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; RF Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF Witness Fees

GENERAL FUND Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC \$480.00 American Electric S \$17.12 Applied Connective Technologies SC \$2,268.90 Blake's Service SC \$19.00 Buffalo County Sheriff SF \$25.62 Carquest Auto Parts S \$8.69 City Of Indianola SC \$120.00 City Of Mc Cook SC \$5,950.15 Community Hospital SC \$3,104.89 Consolidated Management Company S \$9,933.79 Crystal Dack M \$112.35 Alexis Davidson LF \$50.00 Jasmine Dimas M \$212.01 Eakes Office Solutions S \$1,744.16 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S \$1,114.42 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC \$1,223.95 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF \$1,600.35 Galls S \$562.70 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF \$525.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC \$1,743.82 Marc Harpham SC \$250.00 Tammie Hilker SC \$56.25 Brandi Hilton-Hagemann M \$440.50 Hometown Leasing R \$1,134.41 Honorbound IT SC \$3,281.11 Jacks Uniforms & Equipment S \$386.59 Margaret Jackson LF \$20.00 Jessi Keslin S \$3.99 Donna Kircher M \$32.08 Kristi Korell M \$191.13 Lincoln County Sheriff SF \$21.43 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R \$495.00 McCook Gazette SC \$925.56 McCook Humane Society Inc DN \$350.00 McCook Utilities SC \$543.69 Mead Lumber S \$318.42 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC \$129.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C \$600.00 MIPS Inc SC \$3,756.67 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF \$3,177.76 NACO D \$950.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC \$3,162.42 Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment SC \$998.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S \$498.86 Prairie States Comm Inc SC \$675.25 SRK Enterprise LLC S \$400.00 Quill Corporation S \$46.77 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC \$980.37 Red Willow Dental LLC SC \$971.00 Region II Human Services DN \$12,519.44 Red Willow County Court LF \$442.00 Red Willow County District Court LF \$109.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S \$70.10 Red Willow County Sheriff SF \$142.29 Samway Floor Covering & Furniture SC \$674.31 Saylor Screenprinting SC \$111.00 Scottsbluff Corporate S \$194.58 Shred-It USA SC \$167.64 Michael T Simmonds M \$10.87 Adriann Smith M \$437.62 Ashley K Spahn LF \$3,584.36 Teresa Thomas M \$46.79 Toxic Graphics SC \$3,611.72 Twin Rivers Transfer SC \$1,028.60 Urbom Law Offices PC LF \$521.15 US Bank S \$3,651.68 Verizon Wireless SC \$54.87 VK Electronics S \$95.00 Volz Inc SC \$152.41 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC \$629.00 West Central District D \$200.00 Ryan R Wilcox C \$8,068.51 Window Artisans SC \$600.00 Emily Wood C \$100.00 Total \$92,836.12 ROAD FUND Net Salaries \$836.82 Ag Valley Co-Op SC \$9,706.74 Akrs Equipment S \$388.28 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas SC \$108.00 B & H Paving Inc S \$24,337.50 Brico Pest Control SC \$100.00 BW Telcom SC \$44.39 Cambridge Telephone Company SC \$61.32 Carquest Auto Parts S \$79.19 D & S Hardware S \$538.98 Extreme Ag Inc S \$735.00 Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply SC \$10,606.80 Great Plains Communications Inc SC \$40.93 Great Plains Tire & Service S \$158.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S \$22,462.92 Rodney G Ellis SC \$50.00 MNB Bank SC \$146.88 McCook Utilities SC \$77.28 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C \$500.00 Modern Farm Equipment S \$111.10 Nebraska Department Of Revenue SC \$6.54 NMC Exchange LLC SC \$5,212.50 Nebraska Public Power District SC \$42.96 PowerPlan SC \$2,428.59 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC S \$80.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S \$1,152.55 Village Of Bartley SC \$105.34 Total \$80,118.61 HIGHWAY BUY-BACK B&H Paving Inc SC \$105,000.00 Total \$105,000.00 VISITORS FUND CD Cutters DN \$1,250.00 Honorbound IT SC \$50.00 McCook Economic Development Corp R \$979.25 Nebraska Game & Parks SC \$625.00 Carol E Schlegel C \$3,675.00 US Bank S \$520.06 Total \$7,099.31 FAIR FUND Akrs Equipment S \$82.23 Brico Pest Control SC \$90.00 Cardmember Services S \$1,294.61 D & S Hardware S \$443.21 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S \$28.59 Extreme Ag Inc S \$137.20 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S \$575.01 Chas Fritsche M \$18.34 Jerda Garey SC \$13.62 Great Plains Communications Inc SC \$157.33 Hometown Leasing R \$54.17 John Deere Financial S \$579.24 Kohls Auto Parts S \$61.70 McCook Gazette SC \$3.90 McCooknet Internet Service SC \$44.00 McCook Utilities SC \$483.68 Nebraska Public Power District SC \$1,878.56 Anytime Tri State Towing LLC SC \$127.49 Tanner Powell M \$21.62 SRK Enterprise LLC SC \$1,657.50 Quill Corporation S \$354.80 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC \$1,701.39 Brian Reynolds M \$19.65 Gail Rippe M \$39.30 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S \$17,571.01 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC \$10.40 Clarice Shields SC \$115.33 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S \$20.99 Jo Teter M \$66.81 Joel Uerling M \$13.10 Verizon Wireless SC \$42.76 Walmart S \$83.50 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC \$98.00 Total \$27,889.04 ARENA FUND Ace-Yuma SC \$657.66 American Electric S \$110.79 C & K Distributors S \$218.64 Cardmember Services S \$395.89 Mayhew Signs Inc SC \$14,000.00 McCook Utilities SC \$463.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC \$1,029.91 Richards Gravel Pit, Inc S \$9,462.73 Westside Welding SC \$70.20 Total \$26,408.97 ARPA FUND Axon Enterprise Inc SC \$9,354.27 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC \$36,500.00 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC \$32,183.60 Samway Floor Covering & Furniture SC \$3,424.12 Total \$81,461.99 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC \$154.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S \$106.43 GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals S \$5,496.69 Great Plains Communications Inc SC \$296.48 Hometown Leasing R \$86.12 Honorbound IT SC \$150.00 Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp S \$288.29 Scietemp Corporation S \$2,216.00 US Bank S \$223.35 Wal-Mart S \$45.10 Total \$9,062.46 HILLCREST BONDS BOFK, Na BP \$135,177.50 Total \$135,177.50 WASTE FUND Great Plains Communications Inc SC \$170.75 McCook Utilities SC \$47.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC \$180.91 US Bank S \$355.35 Verizon Wireless SC \$29.19 Total \$783.60 Grand Total \$565,837.60.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:16 a.m. to September 18, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

September 18, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on September 18, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$15,831.16, 3) County Road Occupancy Agreement for Black Hills Energy, 4) Annual Certification of Federal Aid Expenditures. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING: Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented tax roll correction No. 17 for 2022 which decreased the tax rolls by \$3,630.74. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the tax roll correction as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:20 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter into a public hearing for budget approval at 9:30 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dan Miller, CPA, was present with copies of the proposed budget.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn from the public hearing at 9:45 a.m. and enter into a special hearing to set the final tax request. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn from the special hearing to set the tax request. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to Increase Base of Restricted Funds by an Additional 1%. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1494, Book 24, Page 1 to adopt 2023/2024 Budget as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adopt Resolution No. 1495, Book 24, Page 2 to Set the Final Tax Request at an Amount Different from the Prior Fiscal Year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1496, Book 24, Page 3 to Transfer Designated 2023 Levy Taxes from General Fund to Road/Bridge Fund in the amount of \$371,715.30. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adopt Resolution No. 1497, Book 24, Page 4 to Transfer Designated 2023 Levy Taxes from General Fund to Self-Insurance Fund in the amount of \$1,040,520.53 or .294023. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1498, Book 24, Page 5 to Transfer \$818,500.00 From Inheritance Fund No. 2700 to General Fund No. 0100 As Needed. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed the security cameras in and around the courthouse. Tyler Kotschwar was present from 20/20, and Trevor Taylor was on the phone. The Board reviewed preliminary quotes from 20/20, Intellipro and VK Electronics.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the security camera issue indefinitely. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file. 1) Sheriff Kevin Darling – Law Enforcement Agreement with City of Indianola, 2) City of McCook – Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Replat of Lot 1, Heritage Pointe Addition No. 2.

The following claims were allowed:

Black Hills Energy 463.29 City of McCook 1,140.00 DAS State Accounting 178.75 Daniel D Miller CPA 4,200.00 Quadient Finance USA, Inc 691.97 Decatur Co-Op Association 6,722.01 Lords Inc 82.12 Twin Valleys Public Power District 103.02 The Buddy Trailer 2,250.00 Total 15,831.16.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:32 a.m. to September 25, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

September 25, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on September 25, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to add a billing issue with Frenchman Valley Co-op to the agenda. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$370,903.56, 3) Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan, 4) Move October Accounts Payable Day to the 16th Due to Columbus Day, 5) Restricted Use Pesticide Affidavit for Van Diest, 6) Resolution No. 1499, Book 24, Page 6, to Direct County Attorney to Foreclose on Uncollected County Tax Sales Certificates. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING: Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented a motor vehicle exemption. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve a motor vehicle exemption for McCook Christian Church. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also presented tax roll correction No. 18 for 2022 which decreased the tax rolls by \$992.94. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the tax roll correction as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Sheriff Kevin Darling joined the Board to ask that they review the County's interlocal agreement with the City of Indianola. Current wording states "four uniformed officers must be present at Old Settlers". Sheriff Darling wondered if they would be willing to change it to "law enforcement presence". Darling will contact Indianola's Mayor and get back to the Board.

Darling also discussed the need for new radios, both in cars and hand-held, so no officer is out of contact with dispatch or each other. He has a quote from Prairie States in Imperial, and will get one more to comply with the County Purchasing Act.

Kristi Korell, Assessor, spoke to the Board about commercial appraisals. She had a quote from Brian Hill with Lake Mac in Ogallala, and is expecting one from Central Plains. MIPS is working on an appraisal program, but it may be a year or more before it is viable.

A letter from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources regarding storage allowed in Schlagel Reservoir was reviewed and placed on file.

The Board reviewed past-due letters from Frenchman Valley. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the Frenchman Valley issue until more research is done. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Sheriff's Monthly Revenue Report and the Treasurer's Report of Unsold Parcels at Tax Sale were reviewed and placed on file.

A letter from Marty Anderson showing interest in the Weed Supervisor position was reviewed and placed on file. As the position is seasonal, the Board wants to wait and see what their options are.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 132621.34 AFLAC 2,083.73 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 21,118.01 AT&T Mobility 307.56 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Discover Bank 415.44 Eakes Office Solutions 180.30 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Idemia Identity & Security 5,970.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,240.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 Laquinta Inns & Suites 459.80 Masa Global Building 182.00 MNB Bank 39,463.59 MNB Bank 48.23 Nebraska Child Support 1,022.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 6,181.64 Nebraska Sheriffs' Association 165.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 22.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 324.39 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 104.70 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,750.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,090.00 Toxic Graphics 3,611.72 Principal Vision Plan 404.61 Western Pathology Consultants PC 1,000.00 Total 228,266.06 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 35,263.00 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,194.39 EIA LLC 13,971.72 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 Masa Global Building 230.00 MNB Bank 10,874.54 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,771.31 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 187.11 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 70,772.08 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,271.70 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,251.57 MNB Bank 2,308.32 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 352.37 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Total 12,688.51 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 15,950.01 Principal Life Insurance Company 8,163.48 Total 24,113.49 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 4,716.77 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 666.47 Hillyard 545.15 MNB Bank 1,202.01 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 173.86 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 952.34 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 8,482.65 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 10,623.71 AFLAC 300.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,469.32 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 3,003.89 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 387.01 Pathology Services P C 2,848.22 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Total 19,090.69 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 5,750.48 Dan's R Us Sanitation 708.11 MNB Bank 963.94 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 67.55 Total 7,490.08 Grand Total 370,903.56.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:43 a.m. to October 2, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

October 2, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on October 2, 2023. 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. Vice Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Ted Gans was absent. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$36,915.82, 3) Agreement with McCook Humane Shelter, 4) Skid Steer Lease Agreement for Fairgrounds. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, joined the Board to discuss the lease and possible sale of a tractor. The New Holland has been in the shop for three weeks. He would like to sell the New Holland and rent a second tractor. The rental would be through the Kiplinger Arena. Bowman will contact equipment auction companies to surplus the old tractor.

The Board reviewed three informal quotes for IT services at the Law Enforcement Center. The quotes are from Honorbound IT, with an annual cost of \$31,965; 20/20 Technologies: \$29,988.00; and Applied Technologies at \$25,434.00. Greg Fyn with Honorbound, and Tyler Kotschwar and Tony Schermerhorn with 20/20 were present for the discussion. The Board had questions about cyber security, adjusting to changes promptly, and availability after-hours.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the contract with 20/20 Technologies, using ARPA funds. Roll Call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

A letter from the City of McCook regarding Transfer Station fees increasing was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed: Lucent Health - \$36,915.82.

Vice Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:40 a.m. to October 16, 2023.

Randy Dean
Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

October 16, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on October 16, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Abstain: Gans. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$247,605.24, 3) NACO Voter Registration. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING: Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. to receive public comments on the 2023/2024 final levies. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Clerk Cooper 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 Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:20 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to levy the necessary taxes for 2023 and certify all levies as presented for said political subdivisions. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:20 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Sheriff Kevin Darling joined the Board to discuss new radios for the Law Enforcement Center. He submitted two bids; Platte Valley Communications for \$39,586.82, and Prairie State Communications \$36,450.10.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the quote from Prairie States Communications to upgrade the Sheriff's radios, using ARPA funds. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Darling also went over the interlocal agreement with the City of Indianola for law enforcement with the Board. The city revised the agreement to exclude the specific coverage for Old Settlers Days.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the interlocal agreement with the City of Indianola for law enforcement. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented Resolution No. 1500 Book 24 Page 7 to Issue County Sales Certificates. A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve Resolution No. 1500, Book 24 Page 7 to Issue County Sales Certificates. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed informal quotes for security cameras in and around the Courthouse. 20/20 Technologies presented three different quotes: \$4,972.00, \$5,956.00, \$9,955.00. The quotes reflected the capabilities of the cameras. Video Kingdom's bid was \$7,440.00, and Intellipro's was \$7,095.00

Brett Warren and Tyler Kotschwar from 20/20 were present to explain the difference in their bids.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to accept the quote of \$5,956.00 from 20/20 Technologies using ARPA funds. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Kristi Korell, Assessor, presented a contract for commercial appraisals from Central Plains Valuation. It is for a maintenance program including setting growth values in Red Willow County and pick-up valuations.

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

The Board reviewed a proposal from Nebraska Department of Transportation for CCTV cameras in the area. The DOT is requesting assistance identifying effects of proposed projects on historic properties that could be affected by the project. The Board could not think of any in the proposed area.

The Board reviewed the County's Drug & Alcohol Testing procedures. It was decided that Chairman Gans would take the lead on this project. Gans called MEI to get direction on how to proceed.

A Certification of Resolution Setting Property Tax Request from The City of McCook was reviewed and placed on file.

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

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 330.00 American Electric SC 17.90 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,751.40 Black Hills Energy SC 97.12 B Street Auto Spa SC 86.70 Carquest Auto Parts S 57.96 City Of McCook SC 6,790.15 Ruby Collins SC 14.00 Community Hospital SC 941.40 Consolidated Management Company S 9,897.10 Penelope Cooper S 36.90 Country Inn & Suites M 249.00 Cranmore Fire Protection LLC SC 165.00 Justin M Daake LF 4,480.00 Crystal Dack S 90.13 DAS State Accounting SC 178.75 Alexis Davidson LF 1,100.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 402.34 ESRI Inc SC 440.00 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 583.26 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 1,875.95 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 1,097.60 Galls S 444.63 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 918.75 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,718.82 Heads Up Sprinklers SC 83.70 Brandi Hilton-Hagemann SC 192.57 Holiday Inn M 278.85 Hometown Leasing R 1,137.63 Honorbound IT SC 1,640.56 Jessi Keslin D 164.00 Kristi Korell D 75.00 Kim Korgan M 96.00 Abby Larington M 90.00 Lincoln County Veteran Service SC 495.60 Lips Printing Service S 77.69 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 Maximus Inc SC 2,600.00 City Of McCook SC 500.00 McCook Gazette SC 1,281.90 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 350.00 McCook Utilities SC 506.84 Mead Lumber S 109.97 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 380.43 Midwest Special Services Inc SC 194.25 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 600.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,756.67 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 4,890.35 NACO SC 1,766.73 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,500.54 Ne Secretary Of State S 30.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 232.56 Lori O'Dea D 150.00 Kay Oltmer M 19.65 Physicians Laboratory PC SC 5,521.00 Prairie Plains CASA DN 10,000.00 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 500.00 Psychological Resources SC 150.00 Quill Corporation S 396.95 Radiology Services PC SC 74.14 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 172.00 Regional West Medical Center SC 34.00 Region II Services C 5,565.00 Red Willow County Court LF 259.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 288.15 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 433.85 Red Willow Co Treasurer Petty Cash S 20.00 Scottsbluff Corporate SC 125.76 Shred-It USA SC 177.48 Cody E Siegfried LF 150.00 Michael T Simmonds M 469.50 Adriann Smith M 95.00 Tammy Solomon M 2.62 Teresa Thomas M 95.00 TK Elevator Corporation SC 495.33 TKO Pest Control LLC SC 75.00 Tyler Technologies SC 898.00 University Of Nebraska SC 30.56 Urbom Law Offices PC LF 458.65 U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply S 41.04 US Bank S 1,774.77 Verizon Wireless SC 54.98 Walmart S 181.64 Rebecca Wiemers LF 150.00 Ryan R Wilcox LF 6,771.29 Witness Fees - Co Court WF 111.25 Tracy Zink S 15.72 Total 95,178.03 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 9,257.45 Akrs Equipment S 109.81 Black Hills Energy SC 122.47 Bryan Hauxwell Farms SC 1,600.00 BW Telcom SC 44.39 C & K Distributors S 75.16 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.83 City Of McCook SC 30.03 Decatur Co-Op Association SC 5,671.94 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 258.37 EIA LLC S 13,302.12 Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply SC 9,707.40 Fastenal Company S 21.69 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 122.11 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 40.88 Great Plains Tire & Service S 157.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 11,790.12 Lingo Communications SC 36.18 McCook Utilities SC 77.70 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 Mittens SC 632.50 Modern Farm Equipment SC 1,387.49 NMC Exchange LLC SC 1,675.32 Nebraska Public Power District SC 41.69 Nebraska Peterbilt S 46.64 NKC Tire S 151.26 Overton Sand & Gravel Co S 6,793.04 Paulsen Inc S 1,775.46 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,371.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 572.64 Titan Machinery S 309.34 Twin Valleys Public Power District SC 92.09 Village Of Bartley SC 111.58 Total 67,936.70 VISITORS FUND Flagship Publishing Inc SC 615.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 Maly Marketing SC 630.00 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 1,699.52 Prairie Roots Festival DN 2,012.50 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 420.18 Total 9,077.20 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 122.95 Akrs Equipment S 154.71 Black Hills Energy

SC 142.37 Brico Pest Control SC 400.00 Cardmember Services S 473.50 D & S Hardware S 237.92 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 416.64 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 69.45 Glass Express SC 60.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.33 Hometown Leasing R 6,000.00 John Deere Financial SC 716.97 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 340.39 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,749.87 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 720.56 Scottsbluff Corporate S 5.00 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 105.00 Tinker Tom S 40.00 Verizon Wireless SC 42.84 Walmart S 103.26 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 464.00 Total 14,227.97 ROD FUND Penelope Cooper S 213.59 Total 213.59 INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 7,442.80 Red Willow County Health Dept I 1,455.00 Total 8,897.80 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 101.11 Brico Pest Control SC 400.00 Cardmember Services S 2,919.90 Central Nebraska Equipment SC 6,150.00 Kully Pipe & Steel Supply S 3,604.72 McCook Utilities SC 502.30 Mead Lumber S 448.49 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,121.46 Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment SC 250.00 Schaffert Mfg. And Sales S 352.64 Total 15,850.62 ARPA FUND Mike Kreiling SC 2,251.25 Samway Floor Covering & Furniture S 5,689.88 Total 7,941.13 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 249.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 Community Hospital SC 107.71 Eakes Office Solutions S 138.04 Marlen Flores SC 150.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 295.67 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 McCook Gazette SC 106.40 Pathology Services PC SC 4,693.41 Pfizer Inc S 2,464.18 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 11,640.13 US Bank S 1,299.63 Wal-Mart S 30.37 Total 21,367.09 WASTE FUND Billie Cole C 5,675.27 Dan's R Us Sanitation SC 414.50 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 197.35 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 170.75 McCook Utilities SC 48.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC 87.12 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 292.49 Verizon Wireless SC 29.23 Total 6,915.11 Grand Total 247,605.24.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:55 a.m. to October 23, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 23, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on October 23, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans and Randy Dean. Charles Fritsche was absent. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Tara Koetter, Assistant City Manager of the City of McCook was present.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$344,095.40, 3) Nine-County Juvenile Services Aid Program, 4) SSAR Roads and Streets Certification, 5) surplus three Elkay drinking fountains for Building & Grounds 6) appoint Sonya Prentice as Noxious Weed Supervisor. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Gans. Absent: Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 124,735.86 AFLAC 2,083.73 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 20,595.35 AT&T Mobility 358.66 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Consolidated Management Company 8,907.92 Discover Bank 415.44 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Tammie Hilker 187.50 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,240.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 Masa Global Building 182.00 MNB Bank 36,975.55 MNB Bank 51.94 Dorisa Muffy Morris 613.25 Nebraska Child Support 1,022.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,619.03 Principal Voluntary Child Life 20.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 312.29 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 104.70 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,600.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,090.00 20/20 Technologies LLC 2,975.00 Principal Vision Plan 385.19 Total 217,975.41 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 33,341.22 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,011.14 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 Masa Global Building 230.00 MNB Bank 10,224.00 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,636.16 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 187.11 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 53,909.64 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,189.68 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,238.11 Hometown Leasing 54.17 MNB Bank 2,276.77 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 342.39 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Total 12,605.67 SELF INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 14,156.23 Total 14,156.23 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 4,482.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 658.46 MNB Bank 1,148.73 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 163.30 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,159.06 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 7,837.60 ARPA FUND Figgins Construction Co Inc 7,722.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 539.10 Total 8,261.10 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 14,657.59 AFLAC 300.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,886.64 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 3,997.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 507.39 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Total 21,807.16 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 6,006.45 MNB Bank 1,058.06 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 72.73 Total 7,137.24 Grand Total 344,095.40.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:23 a.m. to November 6, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 6, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on November 6, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to approve minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Abstain: Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$44,486.11, 2) Resolution No. 1501, Book 24, Page 8, Year-End Certification of Highway Superintendent, 3) move next month's payroll on December 18, 2023, due to the Christmas Holiday, 4) Oversized Load Permit for JB Hunt. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

Teresa Thomas and Tasha Wolf joined the Board to introduce Ruby Collins, the new Water and Cropping Systems Extension Educator. The Extension Office is now fully staffed for the first time in several years.

Charlie McPherson and Amanda Engell joined the Board to discuss available membership levels in the McCook Economic Development Corp. In a few weeks there in be groundbreaking on the rural housing project that the County contributed to. It will be duplexes near Our Savior's Lutheran Church on the Reservation. The units will have an HOA so mowing and snow removal will be included. The next project will be north of Q Street and Paulsen will be working on the streets and utilities next spring

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to continue membership at the current level of \$2,500. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: County Treasurer – Certification for Issuance of Distress Warrants.

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

The following claims were allowed: Viaero 99.04, Lucent Health 44,387.07.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:00 a.m. to November 13, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 13, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on November 13, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Kevin Potthoff complimented the Board on ditch mowing.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$568,032.47, 3) Agreement with Maximus, 4) Emergency Replacement for Bridge Number C007324705 on Road 401. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Brandy Bird, Health Department Director, joined the Board to request the use of ARPA funds for vaccine purchase. Bird outlined the vaccine needs for the public and the high costs. The Health Department does get reimbursed for the cost. RSV, Covid, shingles and flu vaccines are in high demand.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to authorize the use of \$40,000.00 in ARPA funds for vaccine purchases. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A note from Karen Ziebell regarding possible Solar Farms, and the Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Acme Printing S 460.00 Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 410.00 American Electric S 20.86 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,324.82 Black Hills Energy SC 565.92 Carpenter Breland Funeral Home Inc SC 672.00 Carquest Auto Parts S 9.60 City Of McCook SC 5,950.15 Community Hospital SC 2,314.06 Penelope Cooper S 368.60 Justin M Daake LF 1,568.00 Crystal Dack M 214.99 Alexis Davidson LF 50.00 Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Serv SC 10,601.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 597.79 EMC Insurance Companies I 620.00 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 507.59 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 1,574.11 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 900.00 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 1,150.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,706.54 Holiday Inn M 359.85 Hometown Family Radio SC 200.00 Hometown Leasing R 997.62 Honorbound IT SC 1,640.55 Donna Kircher M 11.79 Kristi Korell M 89.08 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 6.00 Lincoln County Sheriff SF 42.86 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 647.65 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 2,500.00 McCook Police Department SC 306.83 McCook Utilities SC 515.73 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 600.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,756.67 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 4,138.50 NACO SC 1,626.85 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,644.39 Ne State Fire Marshal S 120.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 367.30 Prairie States Comm Inc SC 420.00 SRK Enterprise LLC S 400.00 Quadient Leasing USA, Inc R 742.97 Quill Corporation S 447.51 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 1,692.00 Red Willow County Corrections SC 32.00 Red Willow County Court LF 320.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 295.85 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 93.45 Scottsbluff Corporate S 125.76 Shred-It USA SC 354.34 Adriann Smith M 29.02 Ashley K Spahn LF 2,450.00 Tami Teel C 555.00 Teresa Thomas M 53.75 Tinker Tom S 22.50 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 3,416.50 Urbom Law Offices PC LF 792.30 US Bank S 5,363.53 US Postmaster S 103.00 Verizon Wireless SC 55.05 Village Of Bartley SC 140.00 Volz Inc S 696.55 Walmart S 277.32 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 3,228.00 Ryan R Wilcox LF 8,500.00 Witness Fees - Co Court WF 22.25 Emily Wood LF 50.00 Total 83,331.35 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op S 9,185.41 Black Hills Energy SC 163.66 BW Telcom SC 44.39 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 61.83 Decatur Co-Op Association SC 5,789.84 EIA LLC S 29,499.72 Extreme Ag Inc S 551.25 Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply S 6,297.88 Ted Gans SC 161.25 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 40.88 Great Plains Tire & Service SC 1,421.50 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 2,373.84 Rodney G Ellis SC 75.00 Lords Inc S 66.99 McCook Utilities SC 75.98 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 Modern Farm Equipment SC 2,769.34 NMC Exchange LLC SC 3,159.64 Nebraska Public Power District SC 37.12 Nebraska Peterbilt S 442.29 Overton Sand & Gravel Co S 12,403.68 Paulsen Inc S 412.64 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 120.00 Michael Sis R 1,800.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 259.34 Village Of Bartley SC 98.71 Total 77,812.18 VISITORS FUND Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 939.84 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 126.10 Total 4,765.94 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma S 65.52 Akrs Equipment SC 711.67 Black Hills Energy SC 475.47 Brico Pest Control SC 90.00 Cardmember Services S 208.34 D & S Hardware S 76.23 Deveny Motors LLC S 132.84 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 65.87 Eakes Office Solutions S 30.77 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 117.51 Glass Express S 120.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.33 Hometown Family Radio SC 500.00 Hometown Leasing R 49.17 John Deere Financial SC 363.32 McCook Gazette SC

4.38 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 514.36 Nebraska Public Power District SC 983.60 Nicks Distributing Inc S 1,827.25 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S 6,832.75 Red Willow County Health Dept S 416.70 Verizon Wireless SC 42.87 Walmart S 54.17 Total 15,541.62 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 695.63 McCook Utilities SC 443.92 Mead Lumber S 224.47 Nebraska Public Power District SC 839.77 Pepsi Beverages Company S 640.00 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 828.25 Total 3,672.04 ARPA FUND Corky's Cabinetry SC 3,297.00 GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals S 5,496.69 US Bank S 69.31 Total 8,863.00 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 105.00 Brandy Bird M 56.79 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 295.88 Rhea Hernandez SC 35.00 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 McCook Gazette SC 20.06 Mc Kesson Medical Surgical S 15,803.17 Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp S 2,152.45 Pathology Services PC SC 2,665.73 Pfizer Inc S 14,027.54 Kevin Potthoff M 17.03 Kristen Puckett M 96.29 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 24,646.13 Darin Seligman M 6.55 Misti Soderlund M 34.06 US Bank S 1,197.47 Wal-Mart S 43.62 Total 61,395.32 JAIL BOND FUND BOKF, Na BP 310,995.00 Total 310,995.00 WASTE FUND Billie Cole S 184.54 Dan's R Us Sanitation SC 197.29 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 292.07 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 4.08 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 170.75 K-C Motor & Electric Inc S 69.02 McCook Utilities SC 48.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC 83.82 Odiss Enterprises LLC S 570.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 6.78 Verizon Wireless SC 29.27 Total 1,656.02 Grand Total 568,032.47.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:31 a.m. to November 27, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Jasmine Dimas
Deputy County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

November 27, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on November 27, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$328,642.78, 3) surplus items for Clerk of District Court, 4) surplus items for Clerk Magistrate, 5) County Roadway Occupancy agreement for Telcom/Century Link. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING: Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented tax roll correction No. 29 for 2020 which increased \$187.18, and tax roll correction No. 30, which also increased the tax rolls by \$187.18. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the tax roll corrections as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:20 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:20 a.m.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to postpone the December 11, 2023 meeting until Tuesday, December 12, 2023, in order to accommodate the Planning & Zoning Commission. Dean also moved to hold a public hearing regarding the approval of a Livestock Feedlot Operation for Mike Daffer at 9:30 a.m., and a public hearing regarding approval of updated zoning regulations regarding solar farms as recommended by Planning & Zoning Commission at 9:45 a.m., both on December 12, 2023. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

An advertisement from Road Groom, an update of property value adjustment from NIRMA, and approval from NDEE for Ruggles feedlot were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 123,787.48 AFLAC 2,035.76 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 20,352.45 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,460.00 Crowne Plaza 243.90 DAS State Accounting 178.75 Discover Bank 491.80 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,240.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 Masa Global Building 182.00 MNB Bank 36,549.47 MNB Bank 48.79 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc 129.00 NACO 150.00 Ne County Assessors Association 25.00 Nebraska Child Support 1,022.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,513.67 Nebraska Weed Control Association 125.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 15.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 317.74 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 104.70 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,950.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,090.00 Secretary Of State Election Div 60.00 Timeclock Plus LLC 370.92 Principal Vision Plan 373.64 Total 206,317.07 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 33,299.78 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,029.14 Empower Retirement 100.00 Glass Express 35.50 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,212.89 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,634.29 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 187.11 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 86.32 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 53,835.04 FAIR FUND

Net Salaries 9,152.30 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,317.76 MNB Bank 2,712.03 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 428.37 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Richards Gravel Pit, Inc 601.20 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Total 14,516.21 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 11,377.20 Principal Life Insurance Company 3,037.53 Total 14,414.73 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,618.76 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 546.27 MNB Bank 993.40 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 153.21 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,042.10 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 6,579.79 ARPA FUND 20/20 Technologies LLC 5,956.00 Total 5,956.00 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 15,366.06 AFLAC 300.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,925.00 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 4,313.93 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 586.89 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Principal Vision Plan 15.81 Total 23,116.23 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 3,291.68 MNB Bank 578.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 38.03 Total 3,907.71 Grand Total 328,642.78.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:43 a.m. to December 12, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

December 12, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on December 12, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, 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 \$402,684.23, 3) Road Budget as prepared by Miller & Associates for Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, 4) Annual Tax Exempt Certificate for Ag Valley Co-op, 5) Resolution No. 1502, Book 24, Page 9, to Transfer Interest from the ARPA Fund 2580 to the General Fund 0100, 6) Resolution No. 1503, Book 24, Page 10, to Transfer \$759.00 from General Fund 0100 to ARPA Fund 2580 to Correct Error in Prior Fiscal Year, 7) Resolution No. 1504, Book 24, Page 11, to Transfer \$34,771.06 from Child Support Fund 0985 to General Fund 0100, Allowing Fund 0985 to Close as Directed by Stephanie Lofton of Nebraska Health and Human Services, 8) reappoint Jo Teter to Fair Board, term to expire December 31, 2026, 9) appoint Jessica Myers and Joseph Robinson to Fair Board, to replace Deb Korte and Garrett Rippen, respectively, terms to expire December 31, 2026. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING: Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented tax roll correction No. 1 for 2023 which increased \$35.54. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the tax roll correction as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:20 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:20 a.m.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to receive comments regarding the Mike Daffer Livestock Feeding Facility.

Mike Daffer was present, as well as Craig Bennett, the County's Zoning Administrator. There are no objections from neighbors to the expansion.

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the Mike Daffer Livestock Feeding Facility as recommended by Planning and Zoning Board. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:45 a.m. to receive comments on regarding the Solar Farm Regulations.

Joe Arb and Thadd Barker with Birchcreek Development called in to the meeting. They appreciate all the hard work; however, the new regulations are not workable for solar development. The setbacks are also problematic, so they are abandoning their efforts in Red Willow County. They will continue to pursue other sites that are not in the County's jurisdiction.

Harold Pearson questioned how much the county spent to stop solar farms in the County. He feels that the County is not looking at the tax revenue associated with the projects.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:50 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the Solar Farm Regulations as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Board Manager, joined the Board to discuss new heaters in the Community Building and improvement to the Ag Building interior.

The exterior of the Ag Building is completed, but the interior now needs some work. Bowman asked if there were ARPA funds available for four heaters in the Ag Building and three heaters in the Community Building. The Board had questions about damage due to leakage, and age. They recommended that Bowman get informal estimates for all projects.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Department of Transportation – Bridge Inspection Reminder, 2) City of McCook – Notice of Hearing, 3) Chad Engle, NIRMA – Required Training for CDL Supervisors.

The District Court Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg. or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; RF Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF Witness Fees

GENERAL FUND Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 285.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,347.10 AT&T Mobility SC 323.20 Ann Barger M 50.00 Blake's Service SC 16.00 Carquest Auto Parts S 73.47 City Of Indianola SC 120.00 City Of McCook SC 5,950.15 Consolidated Management Company S 8,708.43 DAS State Accounting SC 2,529.80 Dawson County Sheriff SF 35.53 Randy Dean M 180.00 Doyle Auto Repair SC 533.38 Eakes Office Solutions S 1,024.00 Mike Eklund M 48.00 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 357.03 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 1,202.08 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 929.52 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 1,237.50 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,701.14 Tammie Hilker C 90.00 Brandi Hilton-Hagemann S 14.69 Hitchcock County Sheriff SF 25.00 Hometown Leasing R 897.67 Donna Kircher M 137.88 Konexus SC 4,900.00 Kristi Korell M 99.36 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 18.69 Lopez Service & Repair LLC SC 1,449.59 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 346.07 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 700.00 McCook Utilities SC 448.98 Mead Lumber S 13.79 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Midwest Special Services Inc SC 841.75 Midwest Connect SC 223.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,756.67 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 4,733.50 Nebraska Co Op Extension Assoc D 125.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,774.92 Nebraska Public Health Environment SC 105.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 370.18 Naomi Olson M 45.00 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 400.00 Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc R 191.97 Quality Urgent Care SC 500.00 Quill Corporation S 498.41 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 576.00 R R Donnelley S 70.35 Red Willow County Court LF 380.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 205.50 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 1,199.01 Red Willow Co Treasurer Petty Cash S 39.00 Scottsbluff Corporate SC 125.76 Shred-It USA SC 267.01 Michael T Simmonds M 76.18 Mike Skolout M 27.50 SW Nebraska Leadership Institute D 575.00 Ashley K Spahn LF 2,225.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 8,171.08 University Of Nebraska S 256.41 US Bank S 4,336.35 US Postmaster S 264.00 Verizon Wireless SC 55.05 Walmart S 139.51 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 375.00 Ryan R Wilcox LF 7,500.00 Window Artisans SC 300.00 TOTAL 78,146.16 ROAD FUND Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co SC 13,811.25 Ag Valley Co-Op S 8,836.32 Akrs Equipment SC 768.64 Bartley Lumber S 2.99 BW Telcom SC 44.39 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.83 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 322.26 EIA LLC S 10,011.84 Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply S 8,977.94 Fowlers LLC SC 5,584.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 41.33 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 5,926.20 Lingo Communications SC 71.52 McCooknet Internet Service SC 150.00 McCook Utilities SC 76.43 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 Modern Farm Equipment SC 3,853.33 NMC Exchange LLC S 4,055.44 Nebraska Public Power District SC 44.82 Nebraska State Fire Marshal SC 120.00 NKC Tire S 337.16 Paulsen Inc S 5,532.83 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,070.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 602.72 Titan Machinery S 181.79 Viaero Wireless SC 330.11 Village Of Bartley SC 106.00 Welding Plus SC 147.14 TOTAL 71,558.28 ROAD BUY-BACK Chipperfield Ag Erectors LLC SC 5,835.00 TOTAL 5,835.00 VISITORS FUND Flagship Publishing Inc SC 651.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 2,030.48 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 59.11 TOTAL 6,440.59 FAIR FUND Black Hills Energy SC 939.65 David Bunnell C 500.00 Cardmember Services S 389.02 Central Nebraska Bobcat S 37.55 Deveny Motors LLC S 118.98 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 275.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 29.72 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.67 John Deere Financial S 156.34 Kohls Auto Parts S 60.57 McCook Gazette SC 4.04 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 331.98 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 413.50 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,186.00 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 217.50 Clarice Shields M 134.68 Walmart S 54.17 TOTAL 6,707.87 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 101,515.38 TOTAL 101,515.38 ARENA FUND Akrs Equipment SC 1,063.58 Black Hills Energy SC 2,711.82 John Deere Financial S 832.97 McCook Utilities SC 426.53 Mead Lumber S 53.15 Modern Farm Equipment SC 9,035.67 Nebraska Public Power District SC 981.00

Weathercraft Co Of North Platte SC 545.00 TOTAL 15,649.72 ARPA FUNDS Mc Kesson Medical Surgical S 2,312.88 Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp S 837.94 Pfizer Inc S 8,673.00 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 1,147.92 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 5,956.00 Abraham Weber SC 363.59 TOTAL 19,291.33 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 105.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 296.69 Rhea Hernandez I 62.00 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pathology Services PC SC 1,242.08 US Bank S 1,134.95 TOTAL 3,033.27 WASTE FUND Great Plains Communications Inc SC 171.43 Hazardous Waste Experts SC 93,436.80 McCook Utilities SC 48.40 Nebraska Public Power District SC 149.09 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 671.64 Verizon Wireless SC 29.27 TOTAL 94,506.63 GRAND TOTAL 402,684.23.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:25 a.m. to December 18, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 18, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on December 18, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Assessor Kristi Korell spoke about security for her staff out in the field. She also asked about identification on the County car. The Board advised her to get some ideas and estimates and they will discuss it further at a later date.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$355,059.85, 3) County Road Occupancy agreement for MPPD, 4) agreement with Maximus. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

Don Wilson, CPA, joined the Board. He has not completed his annual audit, but had several comments. The HHW and Weed inventories have not been turned in yet, and the child support fund was over budget \$11,000 in the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

Wilson also presented a Compliance Examination Engagement for ARPA Disbursements Ending June 30, 2023. Don cannot do a single line audit, but he can do the Compliance Examination Engagement, which is required if a county spends more than \$750,000 of federal funds. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Engagement document with Wilson. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board performed the quarterly jail inspection. Everything was found to be satisfactory.

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

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 123,696.93 AFLAC 2,035.76 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 20,111.81 Black Hills Energy 2,129.05 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Consolidated Management Company 8,914.45 Das State Accounting 178.75 Discover Bank 491.80 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,240.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 MASA Global Building 196.00 MNB Bank 36,323.02 MNB Bank 45.38 Nebraska Child Support 687.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,479.97 Principal Voluntary Child Life 15.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 305.64 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 104.70 Ravenswood Electric LLC 4,512.12 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,850.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,090.00 Principal Vision Plan 385.19 Total 218,292.57 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 32,625.46 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,011.14 Black Hills Energy 288.05 Decatur Co-Op Association 2,902.38 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,439.00 MASA Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,073.84 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,605.50 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 187.11 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 101.54 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 56,145.03 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 9,238.19 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,246.21 MNB Bank 2,562.53 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 395.73 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Total 13,747.21 SELF INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 13,976.45 Total 13,976.45 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,461.14 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 523.32 Mayhew Signs Inc 14,092.50 MNB Bank 963.30 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 130.49 Ravenswood Electric LLC 9,029.28 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 544.68 Paul L Sutton 180.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 29,150.76 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 13,276.27 AFLAC 300.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,709.40 Empower Retirement 150.00 MASA Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,690.46 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 484.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Principal Vision Plan 15.81 Total 20,098.48 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 3,101.68 MNB Bank 518.70 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 28.97 Total 3,649.35 Grand Total 355,059.85.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:55 a.m. to January 8, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk