

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

January 13, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on January 13, 2025. 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. 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. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

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

Gans 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.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented motor vehicle exemption renewal applications. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemptions for First Assembly of God Church, McCook Christian Church, St. Patrick's Church, SWATS, and McCook Humane Society. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

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

The annual reorganization of the Board was held.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to re-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: Dean, Fritsche. Abstain: Gans.

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, Fritsche. Abstain: Dean.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ted Gans:

County Health Board,

Fair Board,

E-911 Committee, and

Board of Trustees of the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, Inc.

Randy Dean:
RC&D Board,
Region II Governing Board,
Planning/Zoning Committee,
REWARD Board of Directors, and
Hillcrest Nursing Home Board.

Charles Fritsche:
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 2025. His County Highway Superintendent License number is S-1091, Class A, professional Engineering license is E-8775. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Kevin Darling as the Emergency Manager for 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche exit executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the appointment of a Fair Board Manager for 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Michael Simmonds as the Veterans Service Officer for 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Sonya Prentice as the Noxious Weed Superintendent for 2025. 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 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Billie Cole as the Director of the Household Hazardous Waste for 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to designate the McCook Gazette as the official county newspaper for the year 2025 and the Red Willow County website as an additional method of reporting meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve Resolution No. 1549, Book 24, Page 56, Designating Banks as Depositories for Red Willow County for Calendar Year 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to amend a motion from the December 23, 2024 Commissioners meeting from "set Monday, January 13, 2025, at 10:00 as the date and time to hold a public hearing regarding the Holliday Subdivision preliminary and final plats" to "set Monday, January 13, 2025, at 10:30 as the date and time to hold a public hearing regarding the Holliday Subdivision preliminary and final plats". Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to receive public comments on the One and Six-Year Road Plan. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Kevin Petross with Miller & Associates joined the Board via phone and David Blau was present as the Board reviewed a map of the roads involved in the plan. Petross told the Board that Structure C007323810 needs repair. It was built in 1935, and may or may not have been built with reinforced concrete. Petross recommended repair by using an open-ended rail car.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1551, Book 24, Page 58 to Adopt the 2025 One and Six-Year Road Plan, with the addition of Project C73(190) for Structure C00732810. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 10:15 a.m. to receive public comments on the Application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by McCook Concrete Sand and Gravel Dredging Pit, located in part of SW/4SW/4 of Section 21, Range 3, Township 30 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche. Roger Henthorn was present to answer the Board's questions.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the public hearing at 10:20 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to adopt Resolution No. 1553, Book 24, Page 60, to approve the Conditional Use Permit for McCook Concrete Sand and Gravel Dredging Pit, located in part of SW/4SW/4 of Section 21, Range 3, Township 30 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. to receive public comments on the Preliminary and Final Plats for Holliday Subdivision located in part of the NE/4 of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 30 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the public hearing at 10:40 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1554, Book 24, Page 61, to approve the Preliminary and Final Plats for Holliday Subdivision located in part of the NE/4 of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 30 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

David Hoyt joined the Board to express concerns regarding his neighbors filling Dry Creek and the resulting flooding. Gans referenced a letter from Craig Bennett, the County's Zoning Administrator, that outlines the regulations and violations.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to forward the information to Paul Wood, County Attorney, for further action. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to remove item 5) Reappoint Brian Reynolds and Gail Rippe to Fair Board, Terms to Expire December 31, 2027; Appoint Galen Perry to Fair Board to Replace Chas Fritsche, Term to Expire December 31, 2027 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the item until a later date. 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 and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$251,113.52, 3) Management Representation Letter for Donald D. Wilson, CPA, 4) Oversized Load Permit for Wardcraft Homes. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Miller & Associates – New Requirements from NDOT on Bridges, 2) NACO – Required Education for Weed Control Superintendent.

The Sheriff's, Clerk's and the District Court Clerk's monthly revenue reports 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 Acme Printing S 1,152.00 AF Solutions & Services LLC SC 240.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,507.60 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC S 532.75 Black Hills Energy SC 977.23 City Of McCook SC 50.00 Clerks Of District Court Assoc D 50.00 Ruby Collins M 253.93 Consolidated Management Company S 4,369.54 Culligan Of McCook SC 28.86 Justin M Daake LF 3,125.00 Crystal Dack M 174.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 436.97 FGH Law Office, LLC LF 238.50 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 737.90 Garner Law Office LLC LF 187.50 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 912.50 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 735.69 Marc Harpham SC 350.00 Hitchcock County Sheriff SF 67.51 Hometown Leasing R 1,063.55 Ideal Linen Supply SC 195.47 Donna Kircher M 87.10 Kristi Korell M 136.24 Mike Kreiling SC 306.00 Language Line Services SC 12.98 Pip Marketing Signs Print S 98.95 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 1,169.00 McCook Utilities SC 320.79 Mead Lumber S 30.98 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 3,564.85 MIPS Inc SC 3,792.92 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 291.90 Ne County Assessors Association D 100.00 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center SC 24.50 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,870.17 Ne State Fire Marshal SC 120.00 Nebraska State Bar Assoc D 280.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 294.29 Lori O'Dea M 163.32 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Psychological Resources SC 150.00 Quill Corporation S 305.98 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 1,118.29 Region II Services SC 5,699.00 Red Willow County Clerk Petty Cash S 21.44 Red Willow County Court LF 235.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 240.00 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 33.10 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 94.20 Red Willow County Treasurer SC 481.32 Samway Floor Covering & Furniture S 1,595.00 Saylor Screenprinting S 90.00 Shred-It USA SC 87.45 Lori Stevens M 18.01 Teresa Thomas M 17.42 Tk Elevator Corporation SC 3,175.93 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,624.00 University Of Nebraska - Lincoln S 45.22 US Bank S 1,393.35 US Bank Equipment Finance SC 214.48 Verizon Wireless SC 25.80 Verizon Wireless SC 63.69 Walmart S 135.25 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 80.00 Westfield Pharmacy S 702.48 Window Artisans SC 300.00 Total 51,140.90 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op S 248.11 Akrs Equipment SC 124.03 B W Telcom SC 44.41 C & K Distributors S 8.40 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 52.02 CNH Industrial Accounts S 23,362.41 D & S Hardware S 19.74 Danbury Storage Units LLC R 1,200.00 Fowlers LLC SC 3,880.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 2,895.65 McCook Utilities SC 85.15 Mittens SC 2,420.77 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 982.58 NMC Exchange LLC SC 5,104.99 Nebraska Public Power District SC 50.14 Nebraska State Fire Marshal SC 120.00 NKC Tire S 713.04 Paulsen Inc S 10,060.55 PowerPlan SC 2,658.64 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,556.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 258.38 Viaero Wireless SC 322.25 Village Of Danbury SC 720.00 Total 56,887.26 VISITORS PROMOTION Dreamshare Productions LLC SC 660.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Economic Development Corp R 2,500.66 McCook Farm & Ranch Expo DN 2,000.00 US Bank S 182.49 Total 5,368.15 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT Carol E Schlegel C 9,001.67 Total 9,001.67 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 81.56 Akrs Equipment SC 163.22 Black Hills Energy SC 850.33 Cardmember Services S 268.89 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 2.48 Chas Fritsche M 27.51 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.76 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial SC 38.17 McCook Gazette SC 4.04 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 64.72 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 6,250.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,373.88 Tanner Powell M 21.62 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,657.50 Brian Reynolds M 19.65 Gail Rippe M 39.30 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 20.99 Jo Teter M 89.08 Joel Uerling M 9.83 Total 11,297.98 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 30,740.48 Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 59,829.75 Total 90,570.23 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 2,756.36 Bradley Machine & Pump Repair LLC SC 390.00 C & K Distributors S 182.02 D & S Hardware S 15.99 Maris General Construction LLC SC 2,500.00 McCook Utilities SC 473.68 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 12,500.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,044.33 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 650.00 Raynor Garage Doors Of Ce. Ne. SC 185.32 Total 20,697.70 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 113.00 Brandy Bird SC 215.80 Eakes Office Solutions S 335.73 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 303.78 Rhea Hernandez SC 98.34 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pam Klug SC 30.00 Shelly Landry SC 30.00 Mc Kesson Medical Surgical S 1,297.50 Pathology Services PC S 863.73 Pfizer Inc S 1,387.68 Kristen Puckett SC 30.00 US Bank S 1,001.40 Jaymie White SC 108.93 Total 5,902.01 WASTE FUND C & K Distributors S 1.04 McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 193.43 Total 247.62 Grand Total 251,113.52.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:53 a.m. to January 27, 2025.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

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

January 27, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on January 27, 2025. 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.

Steve Quigley will not be able to join the Board at 9:45 a.m.

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 and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$351,530.40. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of 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.

Treasurer Crystal Dack presented five motor vehicle tax exemption applications from Hillcrest Nursing Home.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption applications from Hillcrest Nursing Home. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

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

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy – Approved Permit for NA Timmerman, 2) Nebraska Department of Transportation – Request for Review and Comment, Project Jct. US-34 – McCook.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Department of Natural Resources – Republican River Basin-Wide Plan Report, 2) Miller & Associates – Bridge Inspections, 3) HHW 4th Quarter Report.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:33 a.m. for the Noxious Weed Control meeting.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL MEETING:

Chairman Charles Fritsche called the Noxious Weed Control meeting to order at 9:33 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.

Noxious Weed Control Superintendent, Sonya Prentice, joined the Board to present her annual reports. Prentice shared photos of recent inspections. A landowner south of town is refusing to cooperate with the weed warnings. Prentice has been advised not to approach or treat without law enforcement backup. Gans emphasized that proper channels need to be followed in every situation.

Chairman Fritsche adjourned the Noxious Weed Control meeting at 9:55 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Carol Schlegel, Visitors Bureau Director, presented her annual report. Board members, Dan Stramel, Tyler Loop, Andrea Harms, and Kerri Unger were also in attendance to recommend her

reappointment for the upcoming year, with an increase in compensation. Gans and Dean confronted them about advertising a quorum, so Harms and Unger left.

Schlegel explained two new programs she has developed; an audio tour and a downloadable app. Dean asked if a project in Indianola could be included.

Gans asked if the community is getting a fair return for the salary and bonus paid to Schlegel. Dan Stramel explained what good the program does. He also pointed out that no commissioner has attended a Visitors Board meeting in years, and how that could keep the information flowing.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Carol Schlegel as the Red Willow County Tourism Director for 2025 at the recommended compensation, and authorize the Chairman's signature on the new agreement. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Nay: Gans.

The Board revisited the Fair Board members and Fair Board Manager position.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, Jo Teter, Fair Board President, Don Klien, Fair Board Member, Deb Lafferty, Past Fair Board Manager, and Deb Korte, Past Fair Board President, were present. The Board had several questions before they felt comfortable reappointing anyone.

A motion was made by Dean to table appointing the Fair Board Manager, and to proceed appointing the Board members. The motion died for lack of a second. Discussion continued at length, with no resolution.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to enter executive session at 12:20 p.m. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to come out of executive session at 1:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Jiles Bowman as Fair Board Manager for 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reappoint Brian Reynolds and Gail Rippe to Fair Board, Terms to Expire December 31, 2027. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to appoint Galen Perry to Fair Board to Replace Chas Fritsche, Term to Expire December 31, 2027. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed Don Wilson's audit findings from the FY 2023/2024 audit. There was a duplicate payment to 20/20 Technologies in December 2023 that was missed by the Clerk's Office, 20/20, and all three Board members.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter to Donald D. Wilson, CPA outlining the response "We will endeavor to look more closely at the claims from this point on." Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to approve amended Resolution Nos. 1538 and 1539, cleaning up the wording to make them more understandable. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Crystal Dack, County Treasurer, presented Resolution No. 1552, Book 24, Page 59 to Advertise Delinquent Taxes.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to authorize the Chairman's signature on Resolution No. 1552, Book 24, Page 59 to Advertise Delinquent Taxes. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also clarified several fund transfers that the Board had questions about.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 136,699.57 AFLAC 1,577.99 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 19,661.93 Black Hills Energy 863.72 Bighthouse Financial 50.00 Candlewood Suites Kearney 1,874.25 City Of McCook 1,140.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Cornhusker Marriott Hotel 363.00 Credit Management Services 135.76 DAS State Accounting 357.50 Electronic Systems Inc 198.20 Election Systems & Software Inc 1,071.63 Empower Retirement 1,200.00 FGH Law Office, LLC 938.70 Furnas County Sheriff 78.60 Great Plains Communications Inc 919.89 Lancaster County Sheriff 20.80 MASA Global Building 252.00 McCook Gazette 16.02 MNB Bank 37,267.91 MNB Bank 45.50 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 1,902.46 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,408.48 Casey Nelms 613.91 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 196.92 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 93.12 Quadient Finance USA, Inc 277.11 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 971.67 Principal Vision Plan 276.12 Total 218,961.94 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 34,528.84 AFLAC 231.61 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,161.61 Black Hills Energy 298.77 Brazos Trailers LLC 774.97 Decatur Co-Op Association 2,438.32 Empower Retirement 100.00 Great Plains

Communications Inc 41.31 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 2,557.76 Lingo Communications 72.82 Lords Inc 46.98 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,119.64 Mittens 1,382.80 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,520.44 NMC Exchange LLC 5,092.96 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 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 40.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 110.71 Village Of Bartley 124.97 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 66,441.96 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,967.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,103.99 MNB Bank 2,252.87 McCook Utilities 258.57 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 359.90 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 12,021.12 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 23,399.47 Principal Life Insurance Company 3,780.95 Total 27,180.42 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,727.13 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 549.03 MNB Bank 940.58 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 122.78 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 446.72 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 6,012.29 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 11,023.05 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,542.58 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,092.10 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 400.94 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 15.81 Total 17,009.16 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 3,033.44 Great Plains Communications Inc 205.73 MNB Bank 632.56 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 31.78 Total 3,903.51 Grand Total 351,530.40.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 1:57 p.m. to February 10, 2025.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Charles Fritsche
Chairman, Noxious Weed Control Board

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

February 10, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on February 10, 2024. 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 9:03 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 use of remaining ARPA funds to the agenda. 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. Steve Quigley was present to discuss road conditions. He presented maps showing the problem areas. Dean said he would take a closer look at the road.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Lori Stevens, Assessor, presented tax roll correction No. 3 for 2025 for personal property for an increase of \$123.28.

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

Stevens also presented her recommendations regarding Real Estate and Personal Property Permissive Exemptions. There are many renewals; the hearings on the new applications will be on the 24th.

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

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:18 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:18 a.m.

The Board discussed their meetings start time and the order of the agendas. Gans suggested a meeting start time of 8:30 a.m. to review claims.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to change the meeting start time from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed the future of the Kenworth Semi from Household Hazardous Waste. HHW does not use the truck, but Fair and District 3 do utilize it. Gans reported that it has over a million miles on it and has several mechanical problems. There was lengthy discussion about selling vs. repair. Dean will contact NMC for a second opinion. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the issue until February 24. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

After some discussion of the remaining ARPA funds, a motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to correct the jail/ARPA expenditure in the amount of \$10,505.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche remove consent item 1) approve minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans to pull item 8) authorize Chairman's signature on Lease Contract with AKRS. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans to approve item 8) authorize Chairman's signature on Lease Contract with AKRS. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Abstain: Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$258,743.14, 3) Lease Contract with Nebraska Machinery, 4) Interlocal Agreement with McCook for Law Enforcement, 5) Oversized Load Permit for Indianola Historical Society, 6) Reappoint Cheryl Stewart to Health Board, Term to Expire January 31, 2028, 7) Audit Engagement Letter for Donald D. Wilson, CPA. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter executive session at 10:43 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 10:55 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Bill Rogers – Offer of Continued Service, Benchmark Insurance – Notice of Non-Renewal, City of McCook - Notice of Public Hearing.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: Sheriff's and Clerk of District Court's Monthly Revenue Reports, 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Audit Report, Livestock Friendly County Annual Report, and NIRMA's 2024 Annual Report.

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 Acme Printing S 225.00 American Electric SC 156.25 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,512.60 AT&T Mobility SC 315.33 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC S 705.95 Best Western M 214.00 Black Hills Energy SC 1,577.41 Charles J. Boettcher DDS SC 337.00 Brico Pest Control SC 80.00 Carquest Auto Parts S 166.50 Centec Cast Metal Products S 2,256.02 City Of McCook SC 6,312.50 Ruby Collins M 144.20 Consolidated Management Company S 6,570.92 Corporate Warehouse Supply S 1,679.65 Culligan Of McCook SC 47.86 Randy Dean M 129.98 Eakes Office Solutions S 777.39 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 385.54 FBI National Academy Assoc, Inc D 130.00 Glass Express SC 254.68 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 1,325.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 734.93 Jonathan Heflin S 20.00 Hitchcock County Sheriff SF 38.55 Hometown Leasing R 1,063.55 Ideal Linen Supply S 134.55 Donna Kircher M 112.00 Language Line Services SC 8.85 Lincoln County Detention Center SF 18,595.00 Lips Printing Service S 687.12 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 812.92 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 800.00 McCook Utilities SC 317.87 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 MIPS Inc SC 11,505.32 Modern Cleaners SC 55.50 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 837.50 National Sheriffs Association D 250.00 Ne Assoc Co Clerks-Reg Deeds-Elect D 50.00 Ne Assoc Of County Treasurers D 75.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,062.40 Nicks Distributing Inc S 234.56 Srk Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Quill Corporation S 20.66 Edward Rockenfield SC 1,000.00 R R Donnelley S 77.95 Red Willow County Court LF 708.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 538.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 205.56 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 322.96 Shred-It Usa SC 175.25 Michael T Simmonds M 122.50 Ashley K Spahn LF 525.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,624.00 U S Bank S 3,074.61 Verizon Wireless SC 91.35 Veteran Heating And Air SC 260.75 Village Of Bartley SC 60.00 Volz Inc SC 120.00 Walmart/Capital One S 53.10 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 80.00 Westfield Pharmacy S 411.39 West Central District D 25.00 Ryan R Wilcox C 7,500.00 Donald D Wilson CPA C 10,500.00 Serge Yeboa S 43.72 Delton Young SC 65.00 Total 94,448.20 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 1,019.97 Akrs Equipment SC 1,318.89 B W Telcom SC 44.41 C & K Distributors S 125.41 Carquest Auto Parts S 781.52 Kully Pipe & Steel Supply S 287.39 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 2,241.64 McCook Utilities SC 85.18 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng SC 4,222.43 Mittens S 1,446.33 Modern Farm Equipment Corp S 351.15 NMC Exchange LLC S 1,089.99 Nebraska Public Power District SC 63.91 Nebraska Truck Center Inc SC 4,760.26 PowerPlan SC 1,971.42 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,526.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 159.82 Titan Machinery S 509.16 Viaero Wireless SC 321.77 Village Of Bartley SC 128.50 Winzer S 90.86 Total 22,546.01 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND Flagship Publishing Inc SC 615.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Chamber Of Commerce DN 3,020.00 Nebraska Game & Parks SC 1,250.00 US Bank S 507.47 Total 5,417.47 VISITORS PROMOTION FUND Carol E Schlegel C 4,296.25 Total 4,296.25 FAIR FUND Akrs Equipment S 1,001.76 Joyce Anderson, CPA, LLC SC 200.00 Cardmember Services S 135.07 End-Use Pro, LLC S 447.49 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.76 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 Horn T Zoo SC 1,425.00 John Deere Financial S 192.49 McCook Chamber Of Commerce D 300.00 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 530.23 Jessica Myers M 72.10 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,638.90 Srk Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Rockit Event Pros SC 1,474.59 Walmart S 37.66 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 365.00 Total 9,796.71 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 42,514.75 Total 42,514.75 ARENA FUND Kully Pipe & Steel Supply S 2,107.29

McCook Utilities SC 273.30 NMC Exchange LLC L 13,500.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,151.64 Rapid Fire Protection Inc I 305.00 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 804.00 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 2,121.73 Acuity Specialty Products S 214.95 Total 20,477.91 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 113.00 Brandy Bird SC 92.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 212.86 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 303.78 Rhea Hernandez SC 92.00 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Susan Ihrig SC 30.00 McCook Gazette SC 20.06 Pfizer Inc S 1,387.68 Kevin Potthoff M 18.20 Misti Soderlund M 36.40 Cheryl Stewart M 19.60 US Bank S 1,096.26 Wal-Mart S 6.34 Total 3,514.30 WASTE DISPOSAL FUND Hazardous Waste Experts Dba MCF Env SC 55,372.48 McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 284.20 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 21.67 Total 55,731.50 Grand Total 258,743.10.

The Board performed the quarterly jail inspection. Everything was found to be satisfactory. Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:20 a.m. to February 24, 2025.

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

February 24, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on February 24, 2025. 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 8:35 a.m. Chairman Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

The Board reviewed and accounts payable and payroll claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

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

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to enter a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining the views of the residents of Red Willow County of tax-exempt status to determine whether to allow the exemptions. Assessor Lori Stevens went over the applications and made recommendations for each property: Community Hospital, Kinship Pointe, Willow Christian Church, Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, and Community Action Partnership.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:21 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the Assessor's recommendations to approve as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:26 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Sheriff Kevin Darling joined the Board to discuss the purchase of a vehicle through the Law Enforcement Vehicle Auction. Darling explained that he has hired a Chief Deputy.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to authorize an emergency purchase of a law enforcement vehicle through auction. Roll call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Clerk Penelope Cooper joined the Board to discuss Courthouse safety issues. The recent snows and cold weather created a dangerous situation for employees and customers on the east side of the Courthouse. The Board is going to coordinate with the custodian, the road crew, and possibly a hired snow removal company.

The Board discussed the current membership of the County Fair Board. After the most recent appointments, the Board was reminded by County Attorney Paul Wood that the Fair Board must be representative of the entire county, and only two may be appointed from the same area. Currently, there are three members who reside within the city limits of McCook. Wood's advice is to allow one of the three to resign, and appoint someone from another area of the County.

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 and payroll claims in the amount of \$457,652.58. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy Clarification for Ruggles Farms, 2) Figgins Construction – offer of services, 3) NIRMA – Workmen's Comp Personnel Update.

The Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report and the Road-Street-Highway Budget Report from Miller & Associates were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 143,894.29 Absentee/Canvass 94.50 Accurate Controls Inc 1,041.78 AFLAC 1,532.49 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 20,826.25 Bear Graphics 171.64 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC 531.85 Black Hills Energy 1,125.66 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,220.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Credit Management Services 161.74 Justin M Daake 6,067.50 Empower Retirement 1,200.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 581.87 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,016.88 Hall County Sheriff 19.46 Tammie Hilker 127.50 Lincoln County Sheriff 39.65 Lincoln County Detention Center 9,840.00 Lynn Peavey Company 78.11 MASA Global Building 224.00 City Of McCook 250.00 MNB Bank 39,606.60 MNB Bank 45.86 Midwest Special Services Inc 427.35 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 2,453.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,831.06 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center 175.00 Nebraska Weed Control Association 175.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 196.92 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 93.12 Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc 242.97 Quadiant Finance USA, Inc 1,996.51 Quill Corporation 125.76 Ravenswood Electric LLC 19,066.51 Red Willow Dental LLC 728.21 Red Willow County Self Insurance 3,650.00 Red Willow County Clerk 821.67 Victoria Steffan 75.00 Principal Vision Plan 268.25 Total 266,313.14 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 34,498.84 AFLAC 231.61 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,161.61 Black Hills Energy 350.36 Brooks Construction, LLC 8,737.50 Cambridge Telephone Company 52.02 Decatur Co-Op Association 1,272.12 Empower Retirement 100.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 51.33 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.35 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 1,901.63 Lingo Communications 36.44 MASA Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,149.64 Mittens 1,188.20 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,520.44 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 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 700.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 136.12 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 67,926.66 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,059.82 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,132.62 Black Hills Energy 1,199.78 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 57.79 MASA Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,293.81 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 367.29 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 100.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 13,303.61 Net Salaries Lucent Health Solutions LLC 14,897.08 Principal Life Insurance Company 3,617.22 Jaymie White 20.00 Total 18,534.30 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,725.62 Akrs Equipment 2,400.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 548.80 Black Hills Energy 3,894.26 MNB Bank 940.09 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 122.72 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 816.66 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC 1,028.74 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 13,702.94 ARPA FUND Ravenswood Electric LLC 17,096.95 Total 17,096.95 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 11,814.34 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,650.51 Empower Retirement 150.00 MASA Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,108.02 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 395.79 Pathology Services PC 1,580.10 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Sanofi Pasteur Inc 31,447.20 Principal Vision Plan 15.81 Total 50,946.45 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,291.84 Diamond Vogel Paint Center 290.96 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 185.18 Great Plains Communications Inc 205.81 MNB Bank 452.46 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 16.93 Veolia Environmental Services 6,385.35 Total 9,828.53 Grand Total 457,652.58.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:27 a.m. to March 10, 2025.

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 10, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on March 10, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Board reviewed and accounts payable claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve items 1 through 5 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 \$208,453.48. 3) authorize Chairman's signature on Flood Plain Form 4) approve changes to Health Department's inventory 5) authorize Chairman's signature on Wardcraft Homes Oversized Load Permit. Item 6) authorize Chairman's signature on tractor lease for Fair will be postponed until the next meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

The Board was joined by Jiles Bowman, Fairgrounds Manager, Jo Teter, and Gale Rippe to discuss the Fair Board vacancy and appointment. As only two Board Member can live in a particular area, one must resign and be replaced. Galen Perry, last appointed, has offered to step down and allow the appointment of someone from another area. There are five interested candidates. Andrea Pennock, John O'Dea, Brandon Hoyt, Derek Meyers, Kellie Soden, Todd Thieszen. Teter said the candidates are welcome to come to a Fair Board meeting so everyone can get acquainted. Gans and Dean reiterated that the choice is up to the Board of Commissioners. Teter wanted to go on record that, in spite of over 40 years precedence, the Board of Commissioners will no longer take member recommendations from the Fair Board.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to appoint Derek Meyers to the Fair Board to replace Galen Perry, term to expire December 2027. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Nays: Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Red Willow County Treasurer's update on Public Sales Tax, 2) NDOT – Update on Project NH-83-1 (122).

The Clerk's, Clerk of District Court's and Sheriffs Monthly Revenue Report were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

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GENERAL FUND Ag-News D 119.00 American Electric S 24.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,512.60 Appliance Repair Tag LLC SC 349.95 AT&T Mobility SC 301.70 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC S 500.00 Blake' Service SC 12.00 Capital One S 27.15 Central Plains Valuation LLC C 10,611.25 City Of McCook SC 6,312.50 Ruby Collins M 115.60 Consolidated Management Company S 5,864.35 Culligan Of McCook S 28.86 Culinary Depot SC 3,083.81 Double D Lawn & Landscaping SC 422.08 Doyle Auto Repair SC 1,200.92 Eakes Office Solutions S 671.41 Electronic Systems Inc S 198.20 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 333.15 Bree Frazier SC 125.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 508.71 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 613.55 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 737.23 Hometown Leasing R 1,063.55 Ideal Linen Supply S 134.55 Language Line Services SC 2.36 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 400.00 McCook Utilities SC 384.87 Mead Lumber S 233.00 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,814.95 NACO M 100.00 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center D 75.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,976.47 Nicks Distributing Inc S 40.89 Prairie States Comm Inc SC 501.87 SRK Enterprise LLC S 520.00 Rapid Fire Protection Inc SC 3,617.00 Region II Human Services DN 11,576.12 Red Willow County Court LF 651.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 340.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 98.50 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 125.04 Red Willow County Treasurer S 58.27 Shred-It USA SC 181.83 Michael T Simmonds M 5.60 Tk Elevator Corporation SC 512.43 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,624.00 University Of Nebraska

R 205.00 US Bank S 5,250.56 Verizon Wireless SC 91.39 Walmart S 139.71 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 240.00 Westfield Pharmacy S 87.65 Ryan R Wilcox C 7,500.00 Serge Yeboa M 51.62 Total 77,900.25 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 2,067.27 Akrs Equipment SC 1,069.50 BW Telcom SC 44.41 C & K Distributors S 32.07 D & S Hardware S 26.97 John Deere Financial LP 19,608.53 McCook Utilities SC 85.58 Mittens S 1,582.60 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 3,598.94 NMC Exchange LLC SC 1,269.37 Nebraska Public Power District SC 64.86 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 543.94 Viaero Wireless SC 321.77 Village Of Bartley SC 268.57 Total 30,584.38 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT Honorbound IT SC 25.00 US Bank S 1,010.21 Total 1,035.21 VISITORS PROMOTION Carol E Schlegel C 4,296.25 Total 4,296.25 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma S 24.39 Brico Pest Control SC 90.00 D & S Hardware S 29.99 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 230.55 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.80 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial S 8.98 Kully Pipe & Steel Supply S 61.12 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 146.06 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,641.05 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 883.75 Clarice Shields M 144.55 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 78.99 Walmart S 86.25 Total 5,402.14 INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 75,834.56 Total 75,834.56 ARENA FUND Akrs Equipment S 199.00 McCook Utilities SC 487.69 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 559.29 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,203.17 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 410.00 RWRS, LLC SC 1,200.00 Total 4,059.15 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 113.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 419.91 Community Hospital SC 35.90 GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals S 2,152.92 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 303.90 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 US Bank S 1,246.77 Wal-Mart S 77.62 Total 4,436.14 BOND FUND BOFK, NA BP 4,578.75 Total 4,578.75 WASTE FUND McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 273.50 Total 326.65 Grand Total 208,453.48.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:20 a.m. to March 24, 2025.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

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

March 24, 2025

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 March 24, 2025. 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.

Chairman Gans recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:14 a.m. for the Board of Equalization and Noxious Weed Control.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Dean called the Board of Equalization 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 for comments on a tax exemption application. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Lori Stevens, County Assessor, informed the Board that the approved tax exemption for office equipment for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault was returned by the State for further review. The equipment in question is actually being leased and does not belong to the agency.

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

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to deny the Tax Exemption application as recommended by the Assessor. 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 9:30 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.

Due to Prentice's unavoidable absence, a motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Gans, to table this issue until April 14, 2025.

Chairman Fritsche adjourned the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority at 9:40 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Tasha Wulf, Ruby Collins, and Brandi Hilton-Hageman from the Extension Office joined the Board to give their Annual Report. They are heavily involved in youth education, especially in the summer months. The Extension website has schedules for upcoming events.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to consent agenda postpone item 3) Fair's Tractor lease to the next meeting. 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) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$394,351.39, 4) Miller & Associates bridge contracts, 5) Svoboda Benefits commission agreement. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

An invitation to McCook Economic Development Corporation's annual meeting, and a Letter from Nebraska Department of Natural Resources regarding dam inspections were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 145,741.84 Acme Printing 62.00 AFLAC 1,532.49 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 21,125.49 AT&T Mobility 322.15 Black Hills Energy 2,680.23 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,460.00 Joan Coleman 125.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Penelope Cooper 25.19 Credit Management Services 161.74 Justin M Daake 4,525.00 DAS State Accounting 178.75 Doyle Auto Repair 282.58 Eakes Office Solutions 118.30 Empower Retirement 1,200.00 FGH Law Office, LLC 25.00 Galls 135.39 Goodwin Siegfried LLC 1,062.50 Great Plains Communications Inc 990.74 Tammie Hilker 63.75 Lancaster County Sheriff 18.73 Lincoln County Detention Center 4,455.00 Masa Global Building 210.00 McCook Gazette 2,301.07 MNB Bank 39,932.75 MNB Bank 45.74 McCook Police Department 22.48 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 1,300.00 MIPS Inc 343.00 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 2,042.90 NACO 225.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,773.73 Nebraska Public Health Environment 105.00 Psychological Resources 150.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 196.92 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 93.12 Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc 191.97 Quality Urgent Care 120.00 Quill Corporation 330.75 Red Willow Dental LLC 1,814.86 Red Willow County Self Insurance 3,800.00 Red Willow County Clerk 821.67 Ashley K Spahn 150.00 Victoria Steffan 458.12 Village Of Bartley 20.00 Principal Vision Plan 284.06 Nathan Raffaeli-Window Artisans 300.00 Total 247,614.19 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 34,498.84 AFLAC 231.61 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,161.61 Black Hills Energy 356.16 Cambridge Telephone Company 62.02 Decatur Co-Op Association 971.89 EIA LLC 11,266.38 Empower Retirement 100.00 Fastenal Company 279.94 Gotcha Glass 450.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.35 Lingo Communications 36.50 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,149.64 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp 238.37 Mittens 1,425.66 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,520.44 NMC Exchange L L C 810.52 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 Titan Machinery 170.95 Twin Valleys Public Power District 123.00 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 W Bar Fire Extinguishers LLC 761.10 Les Honeymann 172.81 Total 70,626.24 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,168.12 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,148.82 Black Hills Energy 1,128.01 Cardmember Services 613.31 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,329.61 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 371.73 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 100.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 13,952.10 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 23,323.36 Total 23,323.36 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,752.71 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 552.85 Black Hills Energy 4,536.46 Cardmember Services 2,426.92 MNB Bank 949.03 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 123.82 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,167.06 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 13,734.90 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 11,288.80 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,607.01 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,971.98 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 377.47 Paper Tiger Shredding 106.35 Pathology Services P C 907.45 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 15.81 Total 18,209.55 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,162.91 Great Plains Communications Inc 205.81 MNB Bank 503.28 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 30.45 Veolia Environmental Services 3,988.60 Total 6,891.05 Grand Total 394,351.39.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean to adjourn the Board of Commissioners' meeting at 10:25 a.m. to April 14, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Charles Fritsche
Chairman, Noxious Weed Control Authority

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

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

April 14, 2025

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 14, 2025. 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 8:35 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.

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 Dean called the Board of Equalization to order at 9:12 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Lori Stevens, Assessor, presented four Tax Roll Corrections. The first, No. 4 for 2024, was personal property entered as 2023 in error rather than 2022 for a decrease of \$20.90. Nos. 5 and 7 are address corrections in the North Pointe addition with no change. No. 6 is the sale of a business and prorated taxes for a decrease of \$25.58.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Tax Roll Correction Nos. 4 through 7 for 2024 as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Treasurer Crystal Dack presented a Motor Vehicle Exemption Application for SWATS for a 2000 GMC Sonoma.

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

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

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING:

Chairman Charles Fritsche called the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority to order at 9:22 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 Control Director Sonya Pretince joined the Board to review the State's evaluation of our program. Fritsche recommended that Pretince work more closely with Tim Storrs from the Nebraska Department of the Environment. Pretince informed the Board of a grant available to purchase a pickup for noxious weed. She also stated that she needs law enforcement assistance when approaching some landowners.

Chairman Fritsche adjourned the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority at 9:40 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Earl McNutt joined the Board, along with many supporters, Paul Wood, County Attorney, and McNutt's attorney Mark M. Schorr (via phone), to discuss his possible termination of employment. There was some confusion, as Fritsche denied terminating McNutt. All parties agreed that this was not a hearing of due process. The matter will be taken up at a later date.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to retain Pamela Bourne of Woods Aiken at Paul Wood's urging. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, second by Fritsche, to table discussion of the Lumen claims, as they are part of the previous issue. 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 and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$352,307.14, 3) Tractor Lease for Fair, 4) Public Defender's Agreement, 5) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for McCook Public Power District, 6) Two (2) County Roadway Occupancy Agreements for Great Plains Communications, 7) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Five Star Energy, 8) Appoint Natalie Alred and Chris Wagner to the Visitors Board, to Replace Tyler Loop and Bill Lesko, Terms to Expire December 31, 2025. Dan Stramel asked the Board how they arrived the names of the replacement members, and why people from other areas of the county were not considered. He requested the Board would reconsider these appointments. Stramel and the Board agreed that better communication would help in the future. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

General Permits for NA Timmerman from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and a Notice of Hearing, Final Plat Approval for Walters First Addition City of McCook were reviewed and placed on file.

Monthly Revenue Reports from the Clerk of District Court, County Clerk, and County Sheriff were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,512.60 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC S 434.50 Black Hills Energy SC 897.63 Jessica Bortner M 29.40 Luke Bortner M 23.10 City Of McCook SC 6,312.50 Clerks Of District Court Assoc D 75.00 Joan Coleman SC 250.00 Ruby Collins M 159.60 Consolidated Management Company S 10,067.56 Penelope Cooper S 163.17 Culligan Of McCook S 47.86 Justin M Daake LF 7,875.00 Crystal Dack M 539.55 DAS State Accounting S 357.50 Dr. Drain Rescue SC 1,059.50 Deveny Motors LLC S 29,900.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 1,200.05 Election Systems & Software Inc S 16.89 Tyler Esch M 11.90 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 682.95 FGH Law Office, LLC LF 25.00 Bree Frazier SC 125.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 951.78 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 756.25 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 736.21 Marc Harpham SC 40.00 Hometown Leasing R 1,063.55 Ideal Linen Supply SC 134.55 Jacks Uniforms & Equipment SC 113.89 Jury List - Dist. Ct JF 1,919.40 Donna Kircher M 116.20 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 23.11 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 411.13 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 400.00 McCook Utilities SC 375.84 Mead Lumber S 92.29 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 514.20 MIPS Inc SC 3,792.92 Modern Cleaners SC 58.00 Dorisa Muffy Morris SC 907.15 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 2,304.60 NACEB D 100.00 NACO M 175.00 Ne Assoc Of County Treasurers D 175.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,674.66 Nebraska State Patrol SC 87.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 79.78 Parde Electric SC 120.00 Prairie States Communication SC 35.00 SRK Enterprise LLC S 520.00 Quill Corporation S 296.90 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 848.00 Mayra Real M 205.02 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 526.33 Region II Services DN 5,698.00 Red Willow County Court LF 222.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 540.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 204.52 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 133.30 Red Willow Co Treasurer Petty Cash S 24.45 Shred-It USA SC 742.24 Michael T Simmonds M 253.05 Adriann Smith M 108.94 Teresa Thomas M 36.40 Tko Pest Control LLC SC 75.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,624.00 University Of Nebraska Lincoln SC 4,451.81 US Bank S 2,507.14 US Postmaster S 48.00 Blaine Varney S 41.64 Verizon Wireless SC 91.39 Volz Inc SC 186.91 Tristan Welch SC 207.50 Westfield Pharmacy S 92.74 Ryan R Wilcox LF 7,500.00 Witness Fees - Co Court WF 40.00 Tasha Wulf M 102.34 Tracy Zink M 16.80 Total 108,892.19 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 3,072.09 Akrs Equipment S 216.76 American Electric SC 199.84 Black Hills Energy SC 247.33 BW Telcom SC 44.41 C & K Distributors S 124.34 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 62.05 Croell Inc S 28,260.50 Decatur Co-Op Association SC 3,344.36 Dons Glass Repair SC 50.00 Lords Inc S 275.44 McCook Gazette SC 32.40 McCook Utilities SC 85.89 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 Mittens S 6,946.00 Modern Farm Equipment Corp S 20.60 NMC Exchange LLC SC 1,069.47 Nebraska Public Power District SC 50.91 Paulsen Inc S 20,589.24 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 990.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 437.57 Viaero Wireless SC 321.77 Village Of Bartley SC 271.47 White's Auto Glass Inc S 250.00 Total 67,462.44 VISITORS PROMOTION Eakes Office Solutions S 45.98 Flagship Publishing Inc SC 651.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Chamber Of Commerce R 314.00 McCook Economic Development Corp DN 1,551.00 SW Ne High School Rodeo DN 1,500.00 US Bank S 64.49 Total 4,151.47 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT Indianola Historical Society DN 20,000.00 Carol E Schlegel C 4,296.25 Total 24,296.25 FAIR FUND Black Hills Energy SC 534.11 Cardmember Services S 884.40 D & S Hardware S 159.45 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 328.90 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.80 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial SC 349.76 Kugler S 1,278.95 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 262.25 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,298.04 Nicks Distributing Inc S 1,719.58 Nkc Tire S 32.99 Srk Enterprise LLC S 1,657.20 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 526.29 Walmart S 141.36 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 14,730.00 Total 24,222.24 FAIR SINKING Nebraska Concrete Coatings SC 2,082.00 Total 2,082.00 REGISTER OF DEEDS Amazon S 117.98 Total 117.98 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 71,109.29 Deb Reitz S 89.95 Red Willow County Health Dept SC 1,135.00 Total 72,334.24 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 1,596.65 Cardmember Services S 10,579.88 John Deere Financial SC 14,848.42 McCook Utilities SC 538.85 Modern Farm Equipment Corp S 13,000.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,217.86 RWRS, LLC S 1,800.00 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 170.00 Paul L Sutton S 75.00 Total 43,826.66 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 125.00 Brandy Bird M 1,109.99 Change Healthcare Solutions

LLC SC 222.75 Eakes Office Solutions S 305.57 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 305.53 Rhea Hernandez M 121.27 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Kristen Puckett M 60.62 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 280.66 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 201.41 US Bank S 1,803.98 Wal-Mart S 35.21 Total 4,658.11 WASTE FUND Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 3.27 McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 179.74 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 27.40 Total 263.56 Grand Total 352,307.14.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the Board of Commissioners' meeting at 10:27 a.m. to April 28, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Charles Fritsche
Chairman, Noxious Weed Control Authority

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

April 28, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on April 28, 2024. 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 8:32 a.m. Chairman Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

The Board reviewed and accounts payable and payroll claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Treasurer Crystal Dack presented a motor vehicle tax exemption application from Willow Christian Church for a 2020 Chevrolet van.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption applications from Willow Christian Church. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Lori Stevens, Assessor, presented tax roll correction No. 8 for 2024 for personal property for an accelerated payment of \$3.64.

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.

Chad Svoboda with Svoboda Benefits joined the Board to discuss the County Medical Insurance Renewal. The rates will go down around 5% due to a good claims year.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to renew the current insurance as recommended by Svoboda. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Sheriff Kevin Darling updated the Board on his department's staffing. He introduced his newest deputy and explained that he hopes to be fully staffed by December.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter executive session at 10:00 a.m. to receive advice from Legal Counsel for a personnel matter. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to exit executive session at 11:17 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept Earl McNutt's resignation as of June 30, 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 and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$423,510.62, 3) surplus Dragmaster Rake for Fairgrounds, 4) surplus Items for Health Department, 5) Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreements with Dundy, Furnas and Hitchcock Counties, 6) accept Gift from Kiplinger Foundation of \$14,000 for Tractor Leases. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Membership Certificate from McCook Economic Development Corporation, 2) Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement – Red Willow County Jail Evaluation.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file. 1) Miller & Associates Mandatory Update to County General Highway Map, 2) HHW Quarterly Report, 3) Sheriff's Monthly Revenue Report.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 153,210.76 AFLAC 1,532.49 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 22,556.78 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,080.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Penelope Cooper 61.82 Credit Management Services 161.74 Empower Retirement 1,200.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 980.31 Tammie Hilker 45.00 Masa Global Building 224.00 MNB Bank 42,447.66 MNB Bank 45.83 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 6,170.80 Ne Health & Human Services System 716.63 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 196.92 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 93.12 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,050.00 Red Willow County Clerk 821.67 Ashley K Spahn 600.00 20/20 Technologies LLC 40.00 U S Postmaster 51.20 Principal Vision Plan 297.43 Total 236,873.34 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 34,633.37 AFLAC 231.61 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,976.34 Empower Retirement 100.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.35 Lingo Communications 36.52 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,194.18 Medical Enterprises Inc 36.00 Mittens 3,471.98 Modern Farm Equipment Corp 2,328.32 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,472.76 NMC Exchange LLC 1,932.98 Newman Traffic Signs 95.56 Nkc Tire 62.07 Paulsen Inc 20,469.56 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 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 1,472.00 Titan Machinery 170.95 Twin Valleys Public Power District 100.64 Viaero Wireless 322.06 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 83,945.70 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,543.81 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,145.22 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,388.95 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 377.34 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 100.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 12,647.82 ROD FUND Applied Connective Technologies 1,435.00 Total 1,435.00 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 34,666.06 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 12,631.03 Principal Life Insurance Company 8,123.76 Total 55,420.85 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,746.68 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 551.95 MNB Bank 947.06 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 123.58 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,156.94 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 6,752.26 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 12,305.63 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,682.15 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,214.61 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 410.11 Pathology Services P C 4,849.93 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 15.81 Total 23,412.92 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,246.19 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 92.82 Great Plains Communications Inc 205.81 MNB Bank 452.46 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 25.45 Total 3,022.73 Grand Total 423,510.62.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:45 a.m. to May 12, 2025.

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

May 12, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on May 12, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Lori Stevens, Assessor, presented tax roll correction No. 9 for a 2024 for an address correction.

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 9:12 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:12 a.m.

The Board reviewed maps and discussed options for the 2025 Armor Coat Projects. Dean stated that District 2 only needs cold patch this year, rather than armor coat. Gans wants to investigate a company out of Kansas called Dustrol, Inc. that can grind, recycle, and replace pavement in one pass. The Cambridge Lake Road continues to be a problem. It gets more traffic every year.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to open sealed bids on June 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to armor coat Road 403 from Lebanon to Bartley, Road 383, known as the C & K road, and Drive 716 from Bomgaars west for an approximate total of 11 miles. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Val Jansante with Adrian Smith's Office joined the Board to update them on the Congressman's latest activities. Smith is Chairman of the Trade Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Subcommittee on Health. He sponsored HR3164 insuring community access to pharmacies.

Jansante will host a Mobile Office in the Jury Room after the meeting.

The Board discussed appointing County employees to the Safety Committee. Dean proposed drafting employees rather than asking for volunteers. The Board agrees that the Road department should have their own safety committee. An email will be directed to each office asking about interest in serving on a safety committee for the entire county as well.

Sheriff Kevin Darling joined the Board to review the City's latest Dispatch Service Agreement. The Board has questions about the steep increase in the fees. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the dispatch service agreement for further review. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to pull the Consolidated Corrections Food Service invoice in the amount of \$9,362.32 for research/renegotiation. Roll Call: 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 and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) remaining accounts payable claims in the amount of \$267,686.67, 3) appoint Dennis Berry to Hillcrest Board to Replace Ann Barger, Term to Expire December 31, 2028, 4) Oversized Load Permit for Williams Midwest House Movers, Inc., 5) Special Designated Liquor License for Kahshoe Enterprises. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Department Environment and Energy – Notice and Request for Comments: Haag Land & Cattle Modification Application.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file. 1) District Court Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report, 2) City of McCook – Annual TIF Report, 3) Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 6,168.05 AT&T Mobility SC 301.70 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC SC 270.55 Blake's Service SC 23.00 Black Hills Energy SC 354.85 Brico Pest Control SC 80.00 B Street Auto Spa SC 209.95 Carrot-Top Industries S 219.50 City Of McCook SC 6,312.50 Ruby Collins M 740.50 Comprehensive Pain & Infusion Ctr SC 25.00 Culligan Of McCook SC 46.50 Kevin Darling M 15.17 Doyle Auto Repair SC 439.08 Eakes Office Solutions S 778.39 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 257.85 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 783.40 Gary's Inc S 51.00 GIS Workshop LLC SC 4,725.00 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 831.25 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 738.47 Heads Up Sprinklers SC 131.60 Hometown Leasing R 928.12 Ideal Linen Supply SC 134.55 Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC SC 500.00 Jack's Uniforms & Equipment S 291.69 Dawn Kinne S 61.66 Donna Kircher M 42.00 Jason Kloopping M 31.62 Language Line Services SC 4.13 Laundry Bags.Com S 70.80 Lexipol SC 1,240.98 Lincoln County Detention Center SC 3,630.00 Lips Printing Service S 176.20 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 391.26 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 400.00 McCook Utilities SC 328.67 Mead Lumber S 157.40 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 M I P S Inc SC 3,792.92 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 3,131.05 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,814.86 Nebraska Public Health Environment SC 420.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 362.25 Norfolk Lodge & Suites M 375.00 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Pritchard & Abbott Inc C 4,900.00 Psychological Resources SC 300.00 Quality Urgent Care PC SC 8,778.21 Quill Corporation S 267.54 Red Willow County Court LF 509.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 335.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 102.50 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 145.49 Sayler Screenprinting SC 85.00 Shred-It USA SC 377.06 Michael T Simmonds M 368.90 Adriann Smith M 19.60 Lori Stevens M 8.29 Teresa Thomas M 25.20 Toxic Graphics SC 2,057.22 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,624.00 University Of Nebraska - Lincoln M 513.40 US Bank S 12,327.31 Verizon Wireless SC 91.38 Village Of Bartley SC 60.00 Walmart S 280.15 Webb Body Shop Inc SC 2,000.00 Westfield Pharmacy S 107.85 Ryan R Wilcox C 7,500.00 Total 86,715.57 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 4,191.76 BW Telecom SC 44.41 C & K Distributors S 15.62 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 62.05 Extreme Ag Inc S 588.00 Fowlers LLC S 375.00 McCook Gazette SC 16.20 McCook Utilities SC 86.14 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 1,000.00 Mittens SC 3,470.45 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 7,316.32 NMC Exchange LLC SC 1,726.02 Nebraska Public Power District SC 44.36 NKC Tire S 62.07 Paulsen Inc S 26,253.01 Powerplan SC 6,669.97 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,026.50 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 483.21 Village Of Bartley SC 264.74 Welding Plus SC 13.00 Total 53,708.83 VISITORS PROMOTION Acme Printing SC 965.00 Flagship Publishing Inc SC 1,600.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 Maly Marketing SC 2,713.33 US Bank S 473.29 Total 5,776.62 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT Carol E Schlegel C 4,296.25 Total 4,296.25 FAIR FUND Arnold Motor Supply S 18.26 Black Hills Energy SC 341.07 Brico Pest Control SC 90.00 Cardmember Services S 207.33 D & S Hardware S 49.90 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 68.54 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.80 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial S 180.15 Nebraska Rural Radio Association SC 1,120.00 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 422.53 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,218.66 NKC Tire S 6.60 Tanner Powell M 23.10 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,657.50 Regalia Manufacturing Co S 658.97 Brian Reynolds M 28.00 Gail Rippe M 31.50 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S 618.45 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 125.94 Jo Teter M 71.40 Joel Uerling M 10.50 Total 7,267.36 FAIR SINKING FUND Ace-Yuma SC 171.98 C & K Distributors S 70.50 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 441.96 Mead Lumber S 196.20 Total 880.64 SELF INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 68,077.99 Total 68,077.99 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 873.49 Cardmember Services S 1,928.16 McCook Utilities SC 618.03 Modern Farm Equipment Corp S 559.29 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,165.81 Paul L Sutton S 390.00 Total 5,534.78 HEALTH FUND Acme Printing SC 945.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 125.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 212.86 GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals S 2,098.72 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 304.51 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Susan Ihrig S 118.00 McCook Gazette SC 39.46 Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp S 9,316.18 Kevin Potthoff M 18.20 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 1,154.77 Darin Seligman M 7.00 Misti Soderlund M 36.40 US Bank S 1,267.29 Wal-Mart S 12.88 Total 15,742.39 JAIL BONDS FUND BOKF, Na BP 17,630.00 Total 17,630.00 WASTE FUND McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 139.03 Uline S 1,864.06 Total 2,056.24 Grand Total 267,686.67.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:07 a.m. to May 27, 2025.

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

May 27, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on May 27, 2024. 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 8:35 a.m. Chairman Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable and payroll claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

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

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented tax roll correction No. 10 for 2025 for accelerated personal property due to a business closure with an increase of \$232.76.

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 9:18 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Serge Yeboa, Jail Administrator, joined the Board to discuss increases in fees from Consolidated Food Management. Yeboa has been communicating with Consolidated about the difference in quoted and billed fees. Consolidated has offered a fee schedule of \$270.00 per day, plus \$1.10 per meal. That would equal around \$10,000 per month. Yeboa is going to propose a daily meal fee rather than a per meal rate. He will report his findings to the Board.

Carol Schlegel, Tourism Director, presented her Quarterly Report. The Visitors' Bureau is involved in many upcoming events, including Tour de Nebraska, National Versatility Ranch Association, Noel on Norris and Bash on the Bricks.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Bridge of Hope requesting support for fiscal year 2025/2026. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to continue supporting Bridge of Hope in the amount of \$4,500 for the FY 25/26. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Department of Transportation – Update on Road Project NH-83-1(123) from Kansas State Line, Continuing Seven (7) Miles North, 2) Tax Equalization and Review Commission – Values of Property in Red Willow County Meet the Requirements of Law.

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

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 and payroll claims in the amount of \$467,430.28, 3) reappoint James Coady to Planning Commission, term to expire April 30, 2027, 4) extend Mike Daffer's term through June 5, 2025, then find replacement, 5) reappoint Keith Delano and Brenden Funk to Planning Commission, terms to expire April 30, 2028, 6) reappoint Beth O'Dea, Leigh Hoyt, Terry Pinkal and Phil Bamesberger to Board of Zoning

Adjustment, terms to expire January 31, 2026, April 30, 2026, and (2) April 30, 2027, respectively. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 153,755.35 AFLAC 1,532.49 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 22,550.46 A&T Mobility 370.01 Black Hills Energy 226.95 Bob Barker Company Inc 521.09 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Carpenter Breland Funeral Home Inc 1,050.00 City Of McCook 880.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Consolidated Management Company 9,362.32 Credit Management Services 161.74 Justin M Daake 7,925.00 Crystal Dack 151.20 DAS Sate Accounting 178.75 Dawson County Sheriff 29.13 Eakes Office Solutions 233.85 Eakes Office Plus 2,914.00 Empower Retirement 1,200.00 Fairfield Inn & Suites By Marriott 797.70 Furnas County Sheriff 42.82 GIS Workshop LLC 1,150.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,407.62 Tammie Hilker 93.75 Hometown Leasing 136.62 Jacks Uniforms & Equipment 161.34 Lincoln County Detention Center 2,585.00 Philip Lyons 171.17 Masa Global Building 280.00 Maximus Inc 2,600.00 MNB Bank 42,475.99 MNB Bank 45.95 MNB Bank 50.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp 646.33 NACO 15.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 6,189.96 NKC Tire 27.99 Prairie States Communication 7,674.91 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 224.57 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 86.48 Quadient Leasing USA, Inc 242.97 Quadient Finance USA, Inc 500.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,750.00 Region II Human Services 11,576.13 Red Willow County Clerk 821.67 Ashley K Spahn 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 362.32 Volz Inc 598.62 Woods Aitken LLP 5,615.90 Total 294,712.33 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 36,733.71 AFLAC 231.61 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,177.49 Black Hills Energy 196.85 Decatur Co-Op Association 3,716.43 Empower Retirement 100.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.37 Lingo Communications 36.48 Lords Inc 483.29 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 10,646.54 McCook Concrete, Inc 412.00 Medical Enterprises Inc 36.00 Mittens 2,591.41 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,553.80 NMC Exchange LLC 549.19 Paulsen Inc 26,852.66 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 258.81 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 44.00 Titan Machinery 285.88 Twin Valleys Public Power District 83.82 Unitech Inc 224.50 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 White's Auto Glass Inc 426.50 Total 92,292.68 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,968.76 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,180.32 Glass Express 1,638.53 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,399.18 Nebraska Child Support 410.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 380.34 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 100.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 14,169.63 FAIR SINKING FUND Nebraska Concrete Coatings 2,582.00 Total 2,582.00 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 28,386.62 Principal Life Insurance Company 5,142.56 Total 33,529.18 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 5,229.07 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 711.92 MNB Bank 1,332.04 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 144.98 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,580.97 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 9,225.03 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 11,834.07 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,627.09 Eakes Office Plus 92.00 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,083.16 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 393.14 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 39.49 Total 18,003.63 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,089.04 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 102.94 Great Plains Communications Inc 205.85 MNB Bank 496.38 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 21.59 Total 2,915.80 Grand Total 467,430.28.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. to June 9, 2025.

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 9, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on June 9, 2024. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:10 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 tax exemption application for Southwest Area Training Services. They are adding a 2007 Dodge Caravan to their fleet.

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

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:14 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:14 a.m.

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 \$217,725.41, 3) Special Liquor License for Donna Vlasin. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chief of Police Kevin Hodgson, City Manager Nate Schneider, Dispatch Manager Jen Doucet, and Konnie Larson, Financial Clerk, joined the Board to discuss the City/County Dispatch Agreement. Chief Hodgson explained that the dispatch budget is split by population of the city vs the county. Gans asked if this agreement would increase annually. Schneider replied that it would increase according to the cap on budgets. Doucet spoke about dispatch services around the state and Schneider explained that salaries are where they should be. The City will revise and present a renewal proposal.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to set July 14, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time to open gravel bids. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed the surplus and disposal of a Kenworth Semi and flatbed trailer at HHW and a District 3 Trailer. The costs to repair them are anywhere from \$30,000 to \$55,000 altogether.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to surplus all three items. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board also discussed getting internet and security cameras at the county shops. Gans spoke to BW Telcom about internet at the Danbury Shop for \$52.00 per month.

Gans pointed out that all county buildings have security cameras except the county shops and wondered if it would be worth installation there as well.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: NIRMA billing statement for 2025-2026.

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 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,584.60 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC SC 771.90 Black Hills Energy SC 247.39 Carquest Auto Parts S 19.80 Centec Cast Metal Products S 128.26 City Of McCook SC 6,312.50 Ruby Collins LF 215.60 Community Hospital SC 14,317.88 Consolidated Management Company SC 8,127.60 Culligan Of McCook SC 27.50 Cummins Sales And Services SC 384.79 Double D Lawn & Landscaping SC 120.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 3,346.89 Eakes Office Plus S 30.00 Farrells Pharmacy Inc SC 344.55 FGH Law Office, LLC LF 50.00 Bree Frazier SC 125.00 Garys Inc SC 10.00 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 606.25 Great Plains Health Hospitalists SC 893.03 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 297.34 Hall County Sheriff SF 6.50 Hometown Leasing R 1,064.74 Ideal Linen Supply SC 134.55 James M Stevens SC 435.00 Donna Kircher M 91.70 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 530.87 McCook Humane Society Inc D 400.00 McCook Utilities SC 395.17 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,792.92 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 1,302.50 NACO TR 125.00 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center SF 205.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,767.67 Nicks Distributing Inc SC 259.45 NKC Tire S 840.43 Burton Pianalto RF 17.17 Prairie States Comm Inc SC 7,873.99 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Quadient Leasing Usa, Inc S 191.97 Quill Corporation S 339.37 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 1,978.54 Red Willow County Court LF 664.76 Red Willow County District Court LF 216.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 141.40 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 10.38 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 115.06 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 93.65 Safe Restraints, Inc S 2,814.24 Shades Window Tinting SC 400.00 Shred-It Usa SC 188.33 Michael T Simmonds RF 277.51 Surgical Associates SC 800.00 Teresa Thomas M 54.03 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,624.00 U S Bank SC 2,115.41 Us Bank Equipment Finance SC 128.73 Us Postmaster SC 188.00 U S Postmaster S 1,606.00 Verizon Wireless SC 25.84 Verizon Wireless SC 65.54 Walmart SC 124.25 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 3,123.00 Westfield Pharmacy SC 125.63 Ryan R Wilcox C 7,500.00 Witness Fees - Co Court WF 20.00 Tasha Wulf M 1,272.34 TOTAL 86,551.52 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 4,263.59 AKRS Equipment SC 996.15 B W Telcom SC 44.41 C & K Distributors SC 352.23 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 52.05 Carquest Auto Parts S 150.00 D & S Hardware S 56.52 Extreme Ag Inc SC 506.60 McCook Utilities SC 84.97 Mittens SC 3,395.53 Nebraska Public Power District SC 36.31 Paulsen Inc SC 24,475.02 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 2,063.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 683.68 State Of Ne - Dept Of Labor SC 2,962.72 Titan Machinery SC 49.38 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 100.00 Uline SC 857.88 U S Bank SC 69.86 Viaero Wireless SC 322.06 Village Of Bartley SC 105.57 Winzer SC 175.20 TOTAL 41,802.73 VISITOR FUND Honorbound It SC 25.00 Maly Marketing SC 2,713.33 McCook Chamber Of Commerce SC 2,048.51 McCook Gazette SC 317.59 Miles Partnership SC 500.00 Nebraska Game & Parks SC 625.00 Power Play Marketing SC 1,500.00 6Th Floor Project SC 2,745.26 U S Bank SC 398.76 TOTAL 10,873.45 VISITOR FUND Carol E Schlegel C 4,296.25 TOTAL 4,296.25 FAIR FUND AKRS Equipment SC 165.97 Cardmember Services SC 1,361.68 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 60.53 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.82 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial SC 260.90 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCookNet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 516.26 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,102.72 Nicks Distributing Inc SC 2,041.67 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,657.50 Rapid Fire Protection Inc SC 305.00 Regalia Manufacturing Co SC 1,945.08 Paul L Sutton SC 777.58 Capital One/Walmart SC 340.09 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 85.00 TOTAL 10,938.96 FAIR SINKING FUND Ace-Yuma SC 802.23 C & K Distributors SC 109.18 Cardmember Services SC 627.11 Diamond Vogel Paint Center SC 95.21 Mead Lumber SC 510.19 TOTAL 2,143.92 SELF INSURANCE Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 45,813.85 TOTAL 45,813.85 HORSE ARENA FUND Cardmember Services SC 973.94 Extreme Ag Inc SC 145.75 McCook Utilities SC 585.11 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,217.41 Rapid Fire Protection Inc SC 610.00 Superior Sanitation Services Inc SC 180.00 TOTAL 3,712.21 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 125.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC SC 106.43 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 303.96 Rhea Hernandez SC 273.80 Hometown Leasing SC 86.12 Pam Klug SC 28.00 McCook Gazette SC 139.60 National Business Furniture LLC SC 3,588.21 Pathology Services P C SC 831.98 Pfizer Inc SC 2,355.78 Sanofi Pasteur Inc SC 388.67 U S Bank SC 3,057.88 Wal-Mart SC 46.44 Jaymie White M 90.23 TOTAL 11,422.10 HAZARDOUS WASTE McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 117.27 TOTAL 170.42 GRAND TOTAL 217,725.41

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:28 a.m. to June 23, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

June 23, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on June 23, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to add the approval of Resolution No. 1560 to accept the 2025 LEOP procedures to the agenda. Roll Call; Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed accounts payable and payroll claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Lori Stevens, Assessor, presented one omitted property, a building erected in 2024 on Klinkebiel Cattle Company. The increased value is \$139,464.00.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the omitted property and correct the tax records. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, joined the Board to present a Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Application for Community Hospital. They are adding a Toyota Rav4 to their home health fleet.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption for Community Hospital. 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 was joined by Kaye T. Bieck, Family Resource Center to discuss their annual report and request for future support. Kathy Haas retired recently and is missed. Their current financial concerns are the increase in minimum wage and an increase in their rent. Barb Ostrum spoke in support of the agency, explaining the benefits of the work they do.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve continued support in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the fiscal year 2025/2026. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to recess the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 9:45 a.m. to receive public comments on the Application for Conditional Use Permit submitted for Ruggles Farms, Inc by Settje Agri-Services & Engineering, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit for a livestock feeding operation expansion on property described as a tract of land being Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 29 West and also part of the Northwest Quarter and South-Half of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 29 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska.

Dave Kucera with Settje Agri-Services & Engineering Inc. was present to answer any questions from the Board.

Craig Bennett, Zoning Administrator, joined the hearing via phone and confirmed that the Planning & Zoning Committee recommended approval of this conditional use permit. The project follows the County's zoning regulations and the impact easements that are required for Class 1 LFOs.

Kucera explained that even though the footprint of the facility is increasing along with the number of animals, they will remain in the same class. The overflow will be applied through irrigation.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:53 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1559, Book 24, Page 56, to approve the application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by Ruggles Farms, Inc by Settje Agri-Services & Engineering, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit for a livestock feeding operation expansion on property described as a tract of land being Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 29 West and also part of the Northwest Quarter and South-Half of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 29 West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board opened armor coat bids for the 2025 armor coat project at 10:00 a.m. B & H Paving from Scott City, Kansas, was the only bidder. They proposed two different options:

B&H's bids were \$169,726 using MC3000 oil and \$216,802 using CRS2-P oil.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the bid from B&H using MC3000 oil for the 11.3-mile 2025 armor coat project for \$169,726. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Beth Farrell with NACO joined the Board with an update. She went through dates for upcoming meetings and training. LB468 did not pass, so inheritance tax is still in place. The issue may resume in the 2026 session. LB647 clarifies a property tax bill. LB373 can vacate roads without a road study by the road superintendent. LB561 addresses overweight permits for hauling dairy milk. LB97 will allow a single license plate on the rear of vehicles in 2029. Counties will not have to provide office space for DHHS beginning in 2028.

Kylie Joyce with Region II Services and Mandy Broussard with SWATS joined the Board with their annual reports. Joyce explained the programs that they offer and types of the public they serve. Mandy updated the Board on changes happening at Southwest Area Training Center.

Joyce Anderson with the McCook Humane Society joined the Board to discuss continued support. They are requesting an increase from \$400 per month to \$500 per month. Anderson explained the obstacles they must overcome. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve continued support in the amount of \$450.00 per month for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed the revised proposal for the City of McCook Dispatch Services. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the proposal for \$107,367.00 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed an NDOT map to determine classification of county roads. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the NDOT County map. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to remove item 3) surplus items for Hazardous Waste from the Consent Agenda. 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 and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$ 592,661.28. 4) Resolution 1558 to Set Dates for Protest Hearings, 5) Agreement with Daniel Miller CPA regarding Preparation of Budget. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Resolution No. 1560 to update the LEOP procedures. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Nebraska Tax Commission – Notice of Appeal from Ryan Wilcox.

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

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND NET SALARIES 157,527.80 Acme Printing 555.00 AFLAC 1,822.03 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 23,100.67 AT&T Mobility 406.76 Black Hills Energy 102.78 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Carquest Auto Parts 59.19 City Of McCook 1,020.00

Colonial Life 233.18 Penelope Cooper 1,042.30 Credit Management Services 161.74 Justin M Daake 3,437.50 Crystal Dack 385.40 Das State Accounting 178.75 Double D Lawn & Landscaping 100.00 Douglas County Sheriff 10.92 Doyle Auto Repair 102.06 Eakes Office Solutions 1,130.90 Empower Retirement 1,200.00 Fairfield Inn & Suites By Marriott 358.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 1,028.57 Garys Inc 20.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,579.43 Hall County Sheriff 6.50 Tammie Hilker 47.25 Ideal Linen Supply 134.55 Justice Data Solutions Inc 8,100.00 Pip Marketing Signs Print 322.20 Masa Global Building 280.00 McCook Gazette 62.29 MNB Bank 43,320.59 MNB Bank - HSA 250.00 MNB Bank 76.01 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 1,950.00 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 525.00 Mph Industries Inc 6,027.92 NACO 1,763.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 6,332.56 Lori O'Dea 422.64 On Target Ammunition LLC 4,560.00 Physicians Laboratory PC 486.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 224.57 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 86.48 Quill Corporation 1,669.86 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,750.00 Red Willow County Clerk 821.67 Red Willow County Treasurer 1,937.00 Michael T Simmonds 41.30 Tk Elevator Corporation 512.43 20/20 Technologies LLC 10,034.00 Twin Rivers Transfer 523.55 University Of Nebraska - Lincoln 20.52 U S Bank 79.39 Principal Vision Plan 362.32 Walmart/Capital One 188.00 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC 240.00 Witness Fees - Co Court 106.80 Delton Young 80.00 TOTAL 291,963.38 ROAD FUND NET SALARIES 38,910.95 AFLAC 231.61 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,668.75 Black Hills Energy 162.18 C & K Distributors 62.04 Carquest Auto Parts 150.00 City Of McCook 36.12 Croell Inc 7,951.80 D & S Hardware 17.07 Decatur Co- Op Association 6,765.45 Empower Retirement 100.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.37 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 9,047.69 Lingo Communications 36.42 Lords Inc 215.20 Masa Global Building 98.00 MNB Bank 11,742.74 Mead Lumber 4.86 Mittens 435.14 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,714.67 NMC Exchange LLC 6,421.22 Odiss Enterprises LLC 2,500.00 Paulsen Inc 4,794.44 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 258.81 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Quality Urgent Care 50.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,350.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 775.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply 168.64 Titan Machinery 49.38 Twin Valleys Public Power District 82.90 Principal Vision Plan 89.22 White's Auto Glass Inc 282.91 TOTAL 100,623.57 FAIR FUND NET SALARIES 8,125.22 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,203.72 Black Hills Energy 217.84 Brico Pest Control 890.00 Chipperfield Ag Erectors LLC 7,991.96 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 2,780.44 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,450.89 Nebraska Child Support 410.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 386.73 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 100.00 Richards Gravel Pit, Inc 3,543.46 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 TOTAL 28,192.76 HEALTH FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 33,746.31 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 82,011.48 TOTAL 115,757.79 HORSE ARENA FUND NET SALARIES 6,099.91 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 703.37 Black Hills Energy 202.55 Dr. Drain Rescue 415.00 J.L. Construction 1,500.00 MNB Bank 1,512.30 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 175.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Richards Gravel Pit, Inc 3,543.46 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,331.61 RWRS, LLC 5,265.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 V K Electronics 2,315.00 TOTAL 23,290.20 HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND NET SALARIES 14,854.69 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,733.02 Eakes Office Solutions 406.51 Empower Retirement 150.00 Hometown Family Radio 200.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,691.34 McKesson Medical Surgical 1,207.67 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 496.38 Pathology Services PC 522.45 Kristen Puckett 84.39 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 US Bank 2,132.91 Principal Vision Plan 39.49 Wal-Mart 92.50 TOTAL 26,396.03 WASTE FUND NET SALARIES 2,365.66 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 3,117.94 Billie Cole 190.29 Great Plains Communications Inc 205.85 MNB Bank 541.54 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 16.27 TOTAL 6,437.55 GRAND TOTAL 592,661.28

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:00 p.m. to July 7, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 7, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 7, 2025. Notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, 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.

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to enter executive session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the proposed separation agreement for Road employee. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board worked on the County's budgets.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following item on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. to July 14, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS
July 14, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 14, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable and payroll claims.

At 9:05 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Summary of Insurance Renewal from NIRMA.

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

The Board of Equalization will meet at noon.

Calvin Chipperfield with McCook Concrete submitted a gravel bid for 40,000 tons of gravel for \$9.50 per ton. Gans explained the obstacles encountered when accepting gravel bids.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reject all gravel bids for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Health Director Brandy Bird joined the Board to discuss a school nurse contract with Southwest School District. She explained that some counties supply a school nurse to local schools to the benefit of both. Bird hired a part-time RN for the position. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to provide school nurse service to Southwest School District. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Bird also asked about a county vehicle for the Health Department. Dean will look into insurance issues if vaccinations are transported. Bird did include the cost of a vehicle in her current budget.

John Rundel with Southwest Weed Management joined the Board to request support for fiscal year 2025/2026. Most of their funding comes from the Nebraska Environmental Trust, however they are asking for individual county support. The Department of Agriculture did not award any grants this year due to budget restrictions.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to submit a letter of support, and to provide \$500.00 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Donna Goad with Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services was present to request support for fiscal year 2025/2026. They have experienced budget cuts along with everyone else.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to continue support in the amount of \$10,601.00 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to sign the Region II Agreement for the 2025/2026 fiscal year with a quarterly payment schedule. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board worked on the County's budget.

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 and payroll claims in the amount of \$520,290.65, 3) Resolution No. 1561, Repay General Fund 0100 from ARPA Fund 2580, 4) Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Century Link, 5) surplus items for Extension. 6) Tyler Technologies Renewal Agreement for VSO. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Acme Printing S 211.85 Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 3,678.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,609.16 Axon Enterprise Inc S 9,354.27 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC SC 506.35 Black Hills Energy SC 190.71 Bridge Of Hope Child Advocacy Ctr DN 4,500.00 Chase County Sheriff SF 20.00 Ruby Collins M 537.60 Comfort Inn M 404.85 Community Hospital SC 4,407.91 Consolidated Management Company S 9,425.12 Jaclyn N Daake LF 587.50 Hailey Degley M 88.27 Doyle Auto Repair SC 664.60 Eakes Office Solutions S 1,259.81 Election Systems & Software Inc S 3,292.91 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 525.75 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 1,140.64 Ted Gans M 49.70 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 587.50 Great Plains Health Hospitals SC 31.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 437.68 Hometown Leasing R 965.39 Donna Kircher M 203.00 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 8.92 Language Line Services SC 7.67 Lincoln County Detention Center SC 4,015.00 Pip Marketing Signs Print S 51.93 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 480.16 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 450.00 McCook Utilities SC 413.79 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Midwest Connect S 284.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,940.24 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 1,543.50 Nebraska Co Attorneys Association D 1,650.00 Ne Health & Human Services System SC 373.89 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,579.68 Nebraska Sheriffs' Association D 90.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 311.37 Nirma I 117,743.00 Police Officer's Assoc. Of Nebraska D 64.00 SRK Enterprise LLC S 520.00 Quadient Finance Usa, Inc S 589.53 Quality Urgent Care PC SC 8,000.00 Quill Corporation S 408.71 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 350.20 Region II Services D 5,779.00 Red Willow County Clerk S 32.00 Red Willow County Court LF 507.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 220.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 118.90 Red Willow County Health Dept S 130.00 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 171.33 Samway Floor Covering & Furniture SC 1,154.78 Sheriff Of Clark County SF 80.00 Shred-It Usa SC 281.87 Michael T Simmonds M 8.40 Adriann Smith M 109.20 Ashley K Spahn LF 275.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,967.00 US Bank S 1,754.16 Verizon Wireless SC 91.38 Wagner Ford-Mercury-Toyota SC 130.39 Abraham Weber SC 236.00 Ryan R Wilcox C 8,100.00 Window Artisans SC 300.00 Witness Fees - Co Court WF 20.00 Woods Aitken LLP LF 2,715.00 TOTAL 215,360.57 ROAD FUND Net Salaries P 6,853.74 Ag Valley Co-Op SC 4,347.14 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas R 2,284.14 BW Telcom SC 44.40 C&K Distributors S 41.89 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.98 D & S Hardware S 21.47 Harlow Daffer R 1,200.00 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 23.85 EIA LLC S 11,068.72 Erickson Sederstrom PC LLO LF 3,300.00 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC S 3,874.15 McCook Gazette SC 78.71 MNB Bank T 3,044.68 McCook Utilities SC 85.43 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 1,000.00 Mittens S 6,242.85 Nebraska Department Of Revenue T 908.46 NMC Exchange LLC SC 9,221.77 Nebraska Public Power District SC 39.05 Nirma I 59,000.00 Paulsen Inc S 16,038.65 Powerplan SC 946.76 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC S 49.00 Viaero Wireless SC 322.06 Village Of Bartley SC 108.60 Walmart S 127.26 Les Honeyman SC 13.00 TOTAL 130,337.76 VISITORS PROMOTION FUND Cox/Johnson Corporation SC 830.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 26.85 Flagship Publishing Inc SC 651.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 Maly Marketing SC 330.00 McCook Economic Development Corp R 1,551.00 Nebraska Travel Association D 500.00 Travel Brochure Distribution SC 600.00 US Bank S 116.24 TOTAL 4,630.09 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND Carol E Schlegel C 4,296.25 TOTAL 4,296.25 FAIR FUND Acme Printing SC 755.00 Tr Anderson SC 3,000.00 Arnold Motor Supply S 6.49 Black Hills Energy SC 158.83 Cardmember Services S 954.93 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 32.11 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 439.72 Garys Inc S 3,623.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.82 High Plains Radio KBRL SC 2,375.00 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 Horn T Zoo SC 4,275.00 Kansas Pro Sound SC 6,250.00 Nebraska Rural Radio Association SC 2,204.00 Maris General Construction LLC SC 186.00 Mc Cook Gazette SC 798.00 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 668.00 McCook Right To Life R 100.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 260.21 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,133.32 Paulsen Inc S 588.88 Anytime Tri State Towing LLC SC 592.80 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 1,657.50 Quickdraw Caricatures SC 1,750.00 Red Willow Rodeo, Inc SC 10,000.00 Rokit Event Pros SC 1,474.59 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S 110.00 Clarice Shields SC 144.90 Donna Trout SC 6,680.00 Van Diest Supply Company S 1,685.00 Victory Underground SC 3,000.00 VK Electronics SC 559.98 Voltz Inc SC 13.05 Bob Wallace R 100.00 Walmart S 147.64 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 232.50 Weathers Legacy Music LLC SC 15,000.00 Wil 'B' Urs Promotions SC 2,500.00 TOTAL 73,771.72 FAIR SINKING FUND Ace-Yuma S 515.91 Cardmember Services S 1,520.80 D & S Hardware S 30.06 Mead Lumber S 280.88 TOTAL 2,347.65 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Department Of The Treasury T 344.54 Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 77,960.54 TOTAL 78,305.08 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 147.65 Cardmember Services S 1,105.43 City Of McCook SC 258.00 Jon Harris SC 200.00 John Deere Financial S 298.22 McCook Utilities SC 424.95 Nebraska Public Power District S 1,064.39 Paul L Sutton SC 178.85 TOTAL 3,677.49 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 125.00 Brandy Bird M 222.74 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 368.96 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 McCook Gazette SC 10.03 US Bank S 205.07 TOTAL 1,124.35 WASTE FUND McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 106.74 Veolia Environmental Services SC 6,279.80 TOTAL 6,439.69 GRAND TOTAL 520,290.65.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:50 a.m. to July 21, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. to hold property valuation protest hearings with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

RED WILLOW COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION							
AFTERNOON AGENDA							
DATE:	Monday, July 14, 2025						
	NAME	PROPERTY	redwillow.gworks.com	PROTEST #	NOTIFY BY	√	ATTEND/CALL
12:00 P.M.	Bradley & Sherri Edgerton	72234 Rd 407	000368800	73-25001	7/1/2025	√	
12:15 P.M.	Tom Wiemers	212 East 1st St	000723500	73-25002	7/1/2025	√	Call
12:30 P.M.	Tyler Neal	1510 Centennial Dr	001531300	73-25003	7/1/2025	√	
12:45 P.M.	Matthew & Chelsi Thayer	809 East 3rd St	000741200	73-25004	7/1/2025	√	Attend
1:00 P.M.	Dennis Berry	209 North Cherokee	001501000	73-25005	7/1/2025	√	
1:15 P.M.	Christian Callahan	1303 W 2nd St	001205400	73-25006	7/1/2025	√	
1:30 P.M.	Brad & Korey Sedlacek	71854 Calabria Dr	000641800	73-25007	7/1/2025	√	
1:45 P.M.	Clair Hanson	1011 East 3rd	000771800	73-25008	7/1/2025	√	Attend
2:00 P.M.	Clifford Clapp Jr.	706 W 2nd St	000749300	73-25009	7/1/2025	√	
2:15 P.M.	BREAK						
2:30 P.M.	Larry Pollmann	38692 Dr 718; 307 East G St; 9-3-29 lot 8& lot 11	000754300; 000590700; 000591000	73-25010; 73-25011; 73-25012	7/1/2025	√	
2:45 P.M.	Gary & Sandra Parks	38415 Rd 719; 512 E B St	000802200; 000721100	73-25013; 73-25014	7/1/2025	√	
3:00 P.M.	Monica Macfee	17-1-27 pt NE/4	000025800	73-25015	7/1/2025	√	
3:15 P.M.	Mitchell Lyster	120 West C/ 504 N Cherokee	000722900; 001395000	73-25016; 73-25020	7/1/2025	√	
3:30 P.M.	Dale & Mary Dueland	112 E N St	001310800	73-25017	7/1/2025	√	
3:45 P.M.	Rudy & Hillery Kennedy	612 N 2nd St	001754100	73-25018	7/1/2025	√	
4:00 P.M.	ADJOURN						

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 3:50 p.m. to July 15, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

July 15, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 15, 2025. 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.

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

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

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

RED WILLOW COUNTY						
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION						
DATE:	Tuesday, July 15, 2025					
PRESENT:						
ABSENT:						
8:30 A.M	CALL TO ORDER BY Randy Dean					
	NAME	PROPERTY	PARCEL ID #	PROTEST #	NOTIFY B	ATTEND/CALL
8:30 A.M	Staci Blomstedt	Eighth addition blk 3 lot 17 mccoook	000871900	73-25019	7/1/2025	✓
8:45 A.M	Rachel McMains	1518 W 10th St	001052500	73-25021	7/1/2025	✓
9:00 A.M	Gayle & Elaine Haag	71346 Rd 403;40481 Rd 712, Bartley ; 20-2-26 NE/4, S/W/4 21-2-26; 32-1-26 N/W/S/W/4; 36-1-27 NE/SE1, S/W/4; 22-2-26 N/W/4; 8-2-26N/W/4 E/2W/2S/W; 17-2-26 SE/4; 13-2-26 SE/4	000102900;000105300;000106400;000106500;000017300;000034900;000106700;000101500;000102600;0;000035100;000105300;000105800;000106000	73-25022-34	7/1/2025	✓
9:15 A.M	Mark & Kathleen Web	7-3-26 PT LOT 3	000215000	73-25035	7/1/2025	✓
9:30 A.M	Jason & Heather Tjad	71615 Rd 381	000335000	73-25036	7/1/2025	✓
9:45 A.M	David Hoyt	71224 Rd 384	000163500	73-25037	7/1/2025	✓
10:00 A.M	BREAK					
10:15 A.M	Russel Ankersen	402 East 6th; 303 East 6th	000833300; 000832600	73-25038;40	7/1/2025	✓
	NAME	PROPERTY	PARCEL ID #	PROTEST #	NOTIFY B	ATTEND/CALL
10:30 A.M	Kaylee Richardson-Stewart & Kyle Stewart	411 East 1st St	000712100	73-25039	7/1/2025	✓
10:45 A.M	Lucas Haag	32-1-26 SE/4	000017500	73-25041	7/1/2025	✓
11:00 A.M	Terry & Jana Sides	603 West 1st St; 1807 W 3rd; 403 W 4th; 1105 W 3rd; 401 E 9th; 1218 East B	001453600;000865600;001212900;001289300;001735300	73-25042-46	7/1/2025	✓
11:15 A.M	MNB BANK	222 Norris Ave	000721300	73-25047	7/1/2025	✓
11:30 A.M	Terrence Neal	1603 W 8 1/2 St	001000404	73-25048	7/1/2025	✓
11:45 A.M	Marty Anderson	37811 Rd 710; 19-2-30 SE/N/W, E/2S/W, PT S/W/NE, PT E/2SE	000199400;000199700	73-25049	7/1/2025	✓
12:00 P.M	Jasmine Pritchett	803 West 1St	00074600	73-25050	7/1/2025	✓
12:15 P.M	Jared Doyle	110 East O Street	001310400	73-25051	7/1/2025	✓
12:30 P.M	ADJOURN					

Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 12:30 p.m. to July 17, 2025

Randy Dean,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

July 17, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 17, 2025. A notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 8:30 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.

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

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

The Board made decisions on the property valuation protests. Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:30 a.m. to July 28, 2025.

Randy Dean _____
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper _____
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 21, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 21, 2025. Notice of the meeting was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 8:31 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.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Lori Stevens, Assessor, presented an omitted property; a house and buildings in Bartley built in 2024, but not known of until 2025. The increase in value is \$190,353.00.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the omitted property and correct the tax records. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Stevens also presented an undervalued house in Kelley Park that did not receive the adjustment for 2025. The property value increases \$9,624.00.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Gans, to approve the undervalued property and correct the tax records. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Stevens' third presentation was a change to acreage directed by court order. That increase to property value is \$11,968.00.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the change in acreage and correct the tax records. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:15 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, joined the Board to discuss the Fair and Arena budgets. The Board suggested that some of the Fair costs be shared more evenly by the Arena budget. Bowman and his Board will work on the numbers and get back to the Commissioners.

Brandy Bird, Health Director, Trisha Wagner and Kevin Potthoff, Board members, joined the Commissioners to discuss the Health Department budget. The Board suggested not budgeting for a vehicle in Health but perhaps purchasing one with the Inheritance Fund.

Sheriff Kevin Darling joined the Board to discuss the Sheriff and Jail budgets. While they have both increased significantly, the Board found it challenging to find cuts.

The Board directed Clerk Cooper to forward preliminary department budget to Dan Miller, CPA, and get some starting numbers from him.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following item on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. to July 28, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans _____
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean _____
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper _____
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

July 28, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on July 28, 2024. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Board reviewed and accounts payable and payroll claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Several people were present to discuss West Central Nebraska Development District later in the meeting.

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 \$531,466.01, 3) Annual Certification Report for Highway Buy-Back Funds, 4) Agreement with McCook Humane Society. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Lori Stevens, Assessor, presented a homestead exemption extension request from Mary Ortiz. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the request from Ortiz. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Stevens presented the annual report on cemetery ownership within the County. There are still nineteen cemeteries in the county, with no change of ownership.

Stevens also presented her three-year plan of assessment. Her office will work on rural home values, evaluate commercial properties, and review McCook properties.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:26 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Stevens joined the Board to discuss her budget. The Board changed several line items for a savings of \$2,000.00.

Tasha Wolf, Brandi Hagemann, Ruby Collins, and Theresa Thomas from the Extension office joined the Board to discuss their budget. The Board made no changes at this time but warned that another look may be needed.

Treasurer Crystal Dack was present to discuss her budget. The Board had questions about the salaries.

Brian Wells, Custodian, joined the Board to discuss his budget. The Board questioned him about his part-time employee. Wells gave them an update on the elevator replacement project.

The Board discussed membership in West Central Nebraska Development District. They offer assistance to members with grant writing, comprehensive plans, and nuisance abatement along with other services. Dale Cotton, Veronica Waddel, Bill Mathies, Benny Lashley, Donnie Schamel, Paul Schaffert and Cindy Sabin were present to speak against nuisance abatement in the county. The Board assured them that grant writing and comprehensive plans were the services the County was interested in, not nuisance abatement.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to table this issue until later in the budget process.
Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Village of Bartley Community Redevelopment Authority Annual Report, 2) Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment – Dam Inspection.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 156,127.65 AFLAC 1,873.46 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 22,483.76 Black Hills Energy 96.21 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 760.00 City Of McCook 8,947.25 Colonial Life 184.14 Credit Management Services 161.74 Justin M Daake 5,019.00 DAS State Accounting 178.75 Jasmine Dimas 680.00 Douglas County Sheriff 8.73 Eakes Office Solutions 239.94 Election Systems & Software Inc 115.00 Empower Retirement 1,200.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 970.10 Tammie Hilker 270.00 Marathon Engineering Corp 5,448.00 Masa Global Building 280.00 MNB Bank 42,639.28 MNB Bank - HSA 250.00 MNB Bank 49.07 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 6,273.67 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 196.92 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 86.48 Quadiant Finance Usa, Inc 402.55 Quality Urgent Care 475.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,850.00 Region 51 EMA 75.00 Red Willow County Clerk 746.67 Red Willow County Sheriff 42.50 Tami Teel 195.00 Principal Vision Plan 366.00 Total 261,747.87 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 35,963.63 AFLAC 114.40 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,130.40 Black Hills Energy 148.08 EIA LLC 9,812.21 Empower Retirement 100.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.32 Lingo Communications 36.34 Masa Global Building 84.00 MNB Bank 10,723.73 Mittens 2,335.94 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,558.86 Paulsen Inc 37,975.32 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 258.81 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,200.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 12,661.00 State Of Ne - Dept Of Labor 44.77 Tim Bradley Electric LLC 816.03 20/20 Technologies LLC 3,640.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 91.77 Principal Vision Plan 73.41 Woods Aitken LIP 876.00 Total 124,095.01 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 9,422.10 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,129.92 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,690.11 Nebraska Child Support 410.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 428.10 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 14,398.78 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 32,886.39 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 58,652.93 Principal Life Insurance Company 9,050.25 Total 100,589.57 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 5,052.32 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 737.13 MNB Bank 1,313.58 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 149.26 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,225.76 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 8,704.10 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 11,958.58 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,427.11 Credit Management Services 557.83 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,159.26 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 442.06 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 39.49 Total 18,519.01 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,107.59 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 85.50 Great Plains Communications Inc 230.68 MNB Bank 497.94 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 19.24 Uline 470.72 Total 3,411.67 Grand Total 531,466.01.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m. to August 11, 2025.

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

August 11, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 11, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$244,834.73, 3) appoint MIPS to Provide JPH Postcards, 4) Applied Connective quote for Cyber Security services. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting for the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Randy Dean called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:18 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 Hospital for a 2025 Toyota Rav4. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemption application from Community Hospital for a 2025 Toyota Rav4. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also presented a tax roll correction for 2025. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 11 which increased the tax rolls by \$5,630.22. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:24 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Dack rejoined the Board to present a report of collected and uncollected distress warrants. There were 59 distress warrants issued on November 1, 2024, for a total of \$146,068.91. There were 43 distress warrants collected in the amount of \$36,656.91, and there were 16 distress warrants returned uncollected by the sheriff in the amount of \$128,576.17.

The Board discussed hiring a Flood Plain Manager. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to hire Miller & Associates as the County Flood Manager for \$100.00 per hour, as needed. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dan Miller, CPA, joined the Board to discuss preliminary budget numbers. The Board will meet with him again Tuesday, August 19, 2025, after the Assessor has determined the growth values.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) FEMA – Federal Funds Available for Disaster Relief, 2) Nebraska Department of Water, Energy & Environment – Issued Permit Transfer to Hauxwell Land & Cattle.

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

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND American Electric SC 37.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,575.40 AT&T Mobility SC 409.06 Blake' Service SC 25.00 Black Hills Energy SC 192.39 Bob Barker Company Inc S 136.12 Brico Pest Control SC 80.00 Carquest Auto Parts S 47.63 Central Plains Valuation LLC C 3,607.50 City Of McCook SC 8,947.25 Ruby Collins M 114.80 Consolidated Management Company SC 8,127.40 DAS State Accounting SC 722.80 Doyle Auto Repair SC 94.90 Eakes Office Solutions S 1,537.90 Election Systems & Software Inc S 884.66 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 499.72 Furnas County Sheriff SF 54.18 Galls S 122.40 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 843.75 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 762.44 Hometown Leasing R 1,169.09 Ideal Linen Supply SC 213.33 Lancaster County Sheriff SF 20.92 Language Line Services SC 41.69 Lincoln County Sheriff SF 46.95 Lincoln County Clerk C 14,704.48 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 530.34 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 450.00 McCook Utilities SC 392.74 Mead Lumber S 4.28 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,940.24 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 862.50 NACO M 275.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 3,277.11 Nebraska Weed Control Association M 150.00 Nebraska Public Health Environment SC 105.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 291.40 Nkc Tire S 22.99 Pathology Services P C SC 22.05 Physicians Laboratory P C SC 724.00 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Quadient Finance USA, Inc S 869.99 Quill Corporation S 194.10 Redwood Toxicology Lab Inc SC 100.27 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 95.79 Region II Human Services C 11,691.89 Red Willow County Court LF 311.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 259.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 129.71 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 104.76 Schneider Geospatial, LLC C 11,364.00 Shred-It USA SC 187.52 Michael T Simmonds M 52.71 Adriann Smith M 6.72 Ashley K Spahn LF 25.00 Lori Stevens M 111.19 Teresa Thomas M 24.50 TKO Pest Control LLC SC 75.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 2,967.00 Twin Rivers Transfer SC 523.55 Tyler Technologies SC 951.88 University Nebraska D 200.00 US Bank S 5,990.74 Verizon Wireless SC 91.35 Village Of Bartley SC 120.00 Walmart S 258.09 Ryan R Wilcox C 8,100.00 Total 103,016.17 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 5,086.67 Akrs Equipment S 25.89 Brico Pest Control SC 100.00 BW Telcom SC 189.41 C & K Distributors S 81.46 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 61.98 Carquest Auto Parts S 62.21 Central Nebraska Equipment S 1,291.90 EIA LLC S 15,949.22 Janssen Kool Honda SC 650.64 McCook Gazette SC 48.60 McCook Utilities SC 85.02 Medical Enterprises Inc S 36.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 81.27 Mittens SC 2,317.85 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 1,047.28 NMC Exchange LLC SC 259.43 Nebraska Public Power District SC 40.00 Paulsen Inc S 12,258.70 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC S 937.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 784.57 Viaero Wireless SC 320.79 Village Of Bartley SC 105.64 Total 41,821.53 VISITORS PROMOTION Flagship Publishing Inc SC 651.00 Ronda Graff DN 1,047.06 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Chamber Of Commerce DN 3,624.50 McCook Gazette SC 10.03 McCook Economic Development Corp SC 455.50 Mid-Plains Community College DN 1,600.00 Muehlenkamp Design, LLC SC 1,170.00 Red Willow County Fairboard DN 2,500.00 U S Bank S 109.44 Total 11,192.53 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT Carol E Schlegel C 4,296.25 Total 4,296.25 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 114.57 Acme Printing SC 550.00 American Electric SC 635.76 Arnold Motor Supply S 10.00 Black Hills Energy SC 159.72 Justin Bright C 100.00 C & K Distributors S 32.63 Cardmember Services S 4,785.55 D & S Hardware S 39.95 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 96.27 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 71.07 Fresh Foods S 239.32 Garys Inc S 260.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 153.17 High Plains Radio KBRL C 2,375.00 Hometown Family Radio C 3,500.00 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial SC 229.40 LK Plumbing & Construction SC 1,670.00 McCook Gazette SC 7.42 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 700.14 Mead Lumber S 240.07 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,253.88 Nicks Distributing Inc S 41.95 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 2,039.00 Red Willow Rodeo, Inc DN 1,972.50 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash SC 33,717.82 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 659.81 Clarice Shields C 920.00 Lloyd Shields C 1,000.00 VK Electronics S 85.00 Volz Inc SC 20.90 Walmart S 253.82 Total 59,092.17 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 9,395.64 Total 9,395.64 ARENA FUND Ace-Yuma SC 337.62 Black Hills Energy SC 151.72 C & K Distributors S 137.70 Cardmember Services S 679.29 Glass Express SC 35.31 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 200.00 LK Plumbing & Construction SC 381.50 McCook Utilities SC 378.83 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,249.52 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 367.44 Paul L Sutton S 315.00 VK Electronics S 3,590.00 Total 7,823.93 HEALTH FUND Acme Printing SC 275.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 275.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 Community Hospital S 34.02 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 303.81 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Nebraska Rural Radio Association C 340.00 McCook Gazette SC 10.03 Pathology Services PC SC 2,177.70 Kevin Potthoff M 18.20 Darin Seligman M 7.00 Matt Springer M 16.52 Cheryl Stewart M 19.60 US Bank S 1,250.54 Lindsay Vigneur D 430.46 Wal-Mart S 6.96 Total 5,357.39 WASTE FUND McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 98.92 Veolia Environmental Services SC 2,687.05 Total 2,839.12 Grand Total 244,834.73.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. to August 19, 2025.

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

August 19, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 19, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

At 9:00 a.m. 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) Authorize Chairman's signature on special designated liquor license for HoJo's Hideaway 3) Authorize Chairman's Signature of Oversized Load Permit for Ward Craft Homes. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board worked on budgets.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:15 p.m. to August 25, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

August 25, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on August 25, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Jason Hilker had questions about the planned transfer from Inheritance to General. Dean explained that the inheritance is our reserve fund, and is used to balance the budget, but rarely used. Hilker also asked about homeless people living in Norris Park, and increased traffic at the airport.

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 \$617,549.38, 3) Inventories for All Departments, 4) Resolutions Nos. 1562 through 1569 Setting Levies for Local Subdivisions, 5) Resolution No. 1570, Book 24, Page 77, Annual Certification of Program Compliance, 6) Flood Plain Administrator Agreement with Miller & Associates, 7) Reappoint Brock Rogers and Heath Hamilton to the Veterans' Service Board, Terms to Expire June 30, 2030, 8) Lease Agreement for Tractor for Kiplinger Arena, 9) Law Enforcement Agreement with the Village of Bartley, 10) Resolution No. 1571, Book 24, Page 78, 2025 Local Emergency Operating Plan. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

Brandy Bird, Health Director, Kevin Potthoff, Trish Wagner and Jayme White joined the Board to discuss the Health Department budget. Bird explained some on the increases in vaccines and other costs.

After some give-and-take, final numbers were agreed upon.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment – Phased Construction and Operating Permit for Haag Land & Cattle Co., 2) Amended Agreement with State of Nebraska for Child Support Enforcement.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 164,919.08 Absentee/Canvass 600.00 AFLAC 2,114.12 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 23,633.70 Black Hills Energy 97.60 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,100.00 Colonial Life 184.14 Penelope Cooper 24.21 Credit Management Services 161.74 Justin M Daake 6,325.00 Jaclyn N Daake 325.00 Das State Accounting 178.75 Jasmine Dimas 120.39 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 938.97 Tammie Hilker 249.00 Pip Marketing Signs Print 369.96 Masa Global Building 266.00 McCook Humane Society Inc 450.00 MNB Bank 44,498.04 MNB Bank - HSA 250.00 MNB Bank 48.95 Midwest Connect 284.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 2,817.25 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 6,573.62 Sonya Prentice 280.93 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 187.67 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 86.48 Quadiant Leasing Usa, Inc 242.97 Quadiant Finance Usa, Inc 505.00 Quill Corporation 435.52 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,700.00 Red Willow County Clerk 746.67 Ashley K Spahn 4,626.50 Southwest Weed Management 500.00 Principal Vision Plan 346.58 Total 270,293.84 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 40,175.93 AFLAC 114.40 Akrs Equipment 68.75 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,732.99 Black Hills Energy 141.95 Carquest Auto Parts 168.47 Decatur Co-Op Association 3,395.58 EIA LLC 3,904.04 Empower Retirement 100.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 137.61 Great Plains Communications Inc 41.32 Lingo Communications 36.32 Masa Global Building 84.00 MNB Bank 12,282.98 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp 81.31 Mittens 4,196.24 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,852.94 NMC Exchange LLC 21,413.63 Nkc Tire 77.94 Paulsen Inc 16,269.62 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 258.81 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Quality Urgent Care 50.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,250.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 616.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 99.02 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Woods Aitken LLP 1,533.00 Total 114,573.19 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 9,970.83 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,116.42 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,891.16 Nebraska Child Support 410.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 466.86

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.. to September 2, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 2, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on September 2, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Dale Cotton was present to discuss road conditions and the ICE Detention Center.

The Board worked on budgets. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Option B presented by Dan Miller, CPA, which allows the use of \$349,000, if needed, from inheritance. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:15 a.m. to September 8, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ted Gans _____
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper _____
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

September 8, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on September 8, 2025. 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 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 agendas as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Absent: Fritsche.

The Board reviewed accounts payable and payroll claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Bill Mathies commented on the gravel on Road 715. Benny Lashley wondered why gravel isn't incorporated into the road.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: City of McCook – Notice of Special Hearing Exemption Bed & Breakfasts.

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

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

The Board was joined by Brandy Bird, Health Director, to discuss the maintenance of the generator. The agreement is for \$10,267.84 over five years. The Board asked Bird to get other quotes.

The Board was joined by Jiles Bowman, Fairboard Manager, to discuss a stall vacuum for the Kiplinger Arena. The quote he presented is for an XL Buddy Trailer 6x5x14. The Kiplinger Foundation will cover half, and the remainder will be paid from the Arena Fund. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to approve purchasing a stall vacuum for the Kiplinger Arena, utilizing a gift from the Foundation. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Absent: Fritsche.

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 and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$429,174.08, 3) Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Bartley 4) Rental Agreement for Equipment for Kiplinger 5) Great Plains Communications Contracts 6) Juvenile Services Memorandum of Understanding. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Absent: Fritsche.

Dale Cotton, Benny Lashley, Don Fout, Bill Mathies and Ron Soden were present for The West Central Nebraska Development District discussion. Dean outlined the services we would utilize from the District. The County will not be using their nuisance abatement services.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to join the West Central Nebraska Development District. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Absent: Fritsche.

The Board then discussed the current Roadway Occupancy Fees. The current fees are \$500 per mile, and \$25 per crossing. The new fees would be \$500 per mile, \$500 minimum, and/or \$100 per crossing. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to update the Roadway Occupancy fees. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Absent: Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND TOTAL NET PAYROLL 1,016.22 Ambience Counseling Center LLC 6/25/2025 975.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas SC 130.88 Applied Connective Technologies SC 12,475.31 AT&T Mobility SC 409.06 Axon Enterprise Inc SC 895.00 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC SC 555.60 Jessica Bortner M 29.40 City Of McCook SC 8,947.25 Ruby Collins M 410.90

Crystal Dack M 144.90 Kevin Darling M 14.73 Dept Correctional Svcs SC 77.66 Doyle Auto Repair SC 94.90 Eakes Office Solutions SC 673.26 Patty Eisenach M 2.68 Tyler Esch M 11.90 Fairfield Inn & Suites By Marriott SC 404.85 Farrells Pharmacy Inc SC 304.93 FGH Law Office, LLC SC 37.50 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 1,171.45 Glass Express SC 394.60 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 612.50 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 886.88 Hometown Leasing R 965.39 Horse Arena Fund S 3.00 ICS Jail Supplies, Inc SC 131.63 Ideal Linen Supply SC 65.18 Donna Kircher M 248.56 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 126.00 MNB Bank SC 178.00 McCook Utilities SC 450.01 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 M I P S Inc SC 3,940.24 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion SC 1,495.10 N A C O SC 25.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue T 5.77 Nebraska Public Power District SC 3,069.51 Nicks Distributing Inc SC 109.78 Pathology Services P C SC 270.00 Physicians Laboratory P C SC 370.00 Prairie States Comm Inc SC 591.00 Srk Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Quadient Leasing Usa, Inc SC 191.97 Michael Real R 18.84 Redwood Toxicology Laboratory SC 100.27 Red Willow County Court SC 322.73 Red Willow County District Court SC 333.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash SC 117.81 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 178.06 Shred-It Usa SC 285.50 Adriann Smith M 95.61 Ashley K Spahn SC 150.00 Lori Stevens M 178.80 Stryker Sales, LLC SC 900.00 Teresa Thomas M 159.96 Tobias Dental Care LLC SC 99.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 3,145.00 US Bank SC 1,828.35 Us Bank Equipment Finance SC 222.98 Verizon Wireless SC 91.35 Volz Inc SC 160.00 Walmart/Capital One SC 132.25 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 367.50 Ryan R Wilcox LF 8,100.00 Tracy Zink M 16.80 TOTAL 61,061.31 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 6,346.63 Akrs Equipment SC 637.11 Brazos Trailers LLC SC 140.98 Brico Pest Control SC 100.00 BW Telcom SC 99.35 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.98 Carquest Auto Parts SC 22.68 D & S Hardware SC 35.76 EIA LLC SC 9,359.01 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC SC 960.64 Landmark Implement Inc SC 2,697.22 McCook Utilities SC 85.02 Medical Enterprises Inc SC 36.00 Midwest Service & Sales Co SC 27,353.52 Mittens SC 4,720.06 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 1,534.41 Nebraska Public Power District SC 38.53 Paulsen Inc SC 32,487.17 Powerplan SC 4,006.43 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 502.50 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 48.04 Titan Machinery SC 2.67 Viera Wireless SC 320.79 TOTAL 91,586.50 HWY BUYBACK B & H Paving Inc SC 169,726.00 TOTAL 169,726.00 VISITOR FUND Honorbound IT SC 25.00 Maly Marketing SC 2,713.33 McCook Gazette SC 10.03 Miles Partnership SC 500.00 Nebraska Game & Parks SC 625.00 US Bank SC 422.21 TOTAL 4,295.57 VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND Indianola Historical Society SC 10,000.00 Carol E Schlegel Aug-25 4,296.25 TOTAL 14,296.25 FAIR FUND Arnold Motor Supply SC 151.59 Brico Pest Control SC 90.00 D&B Hoffman, Inc SC 1,451.25 D & S Hardware SC 42.75 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 81.81 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 171.51 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial R 510.72 Nebraska Rural Radio Association SC 676.01 McCook Gazette SC 3.71 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 665.38 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,485.33 Nicks Distributing Inc SC 206.68 Tanner Powell M 7.70 Srk Enterprise LLC SC 1,657.50 Rapid Fire Protection Inc SC 6,769.24 Brian Reynolds M 28.00 Gail Rippe M 31.50 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash RF 3,532.12 Jo Teter M 95.20 Joel Uerling M 10.50 Capital One/Walmart SC 235.99 TOTAL 19,061.94 SC Lucent Health Solutions LLC SC 42,836.88 TOTAL 42,836.88 HORSE ARENA Ace-Yuma SC 1,199.10 Akrs Equipment SC 1,991.47 Burton Well Drilling Inc SC 341.68 C & K Distributors SC 88.27 Glass Express SC 69.70 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 100.00 Hillyard/Sioux Falls SC 421.08 Maris General Construction LLC SC 1,350.00 McCook Utilities SC 545.69 Modern Farm Equipment SC 1,805.82 Modern Equipment Heartland Nh R 2,032.50 Ne Machinery Co NMC SC 5,900.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,291.72 Rapid Fire Protection Inc SC 1,473.88 Paul L Sutton SC 745.00 TOTAL 19,355.91 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 125.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC SC 106.43 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 388.81 Hometown Leasing SC 86.12 Pathology Services P C SC 1,733.52 US Bank SC 1,916.06 Capital One/Wal-Mart SC 62.58 TOTAL 4,418.52 WASTE FUND McCook Utilities SC 53.15 Nebraska Public Power District SC 91.02 Veolia Environmental Services SC 3,407.25 TOTAL 3,551.42 GRAND TOTAL 430,190.30

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:40 a.m. to September 22, 2025.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

September 22, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on September 22, 2025. 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. 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.

The Board reviewed accounts payable and payroll claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Vice-Chairman Dean offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Bill Mathies and Dale Cotton were present to object to County membership in WCNDD.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table consent agenda item 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings, until October 6, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 2) accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$493,730.14, 3) accept gift of \$22,162.75 from Kiplinger Foundation for stall vacuum, 4) Roads and Streets Certification Addendum, 5) Roadway Occupancy Agreement with McCook Public Power District, 6) Roadway Occupancy Agreement with Gavin Harsh, 7) Roadway Occupancy Agreement with Great Plains Communications, 8) Resolution No. 1577, Book 24, Page 84 – Adopt 12 Month Zoning Moratorium on Data Centers, 9) Resolution No. 1578, Book 24, Page 85 to Transfer \$13,000.00 from Road Fund 0300 to Road and Bridge Buy-Back Fund 0650 to Correct Error, 10) surplus refrigerator for Law Enforcement Center. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

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

Dean explained how this year's budget was developed. The County was able to lower the levy this year with the increase in valuation.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:40 a.m. and enter a special hearing to set the final tax request. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1572, Book 24, Page 79 to Adopt 2025/2026 Budget as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adopt Resolution No. 1573, Book 24, Page 80 to Set the Final Tax Request at an Amount Different from the Prior Fiscal Year. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adopt Resolution No. 1574, Book 24, Page 81 to Transfer \$364,468.00 from General Fund to Road/Bridge Fund. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1575, Book 24, Page 82 to Transfer \$1,042,264.13 of General Fund Levy to Self-Insurance Fund as needed. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adopt Resolution No. 1576, Book 24, Page 83 to Transfer \$349,000.00 From Inheritance Fund No. 2700 to General Fund No. 0100 As Needed. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

Donald D. Wilson, CPA, presented a Compliance Attestation Report due to the fact that the County spent more than \$750,000 in federal funds.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to engage Donald Wilson for the Compliance Attestation Report. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

Wilson also presented a Management Representation Letter for the Vice-Chairman's signature.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to sign the Management Representation Letter for Wilson. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

Edward Dunn, Executive Director of WCNDD, joined the Board to present a Professional Services Agreement for Comprehensive Plan Project. Dunn explained how he ended up representing West Central Nebraska Development District. He also explained why comprehensive plans are necessary for counties and municipalities.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the agreement pending the County Attorney's review. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Absent: Gans.

Ben Dutton, UNL Extension Educator, and members of the McCook Engagement Academy, joined the meeting to observe and discuss the process.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer presented the Notice of Eligible County Sales.

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

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 162,878.02 AFLAC 2,095.14 Ambience Counseling Center LLC 953.59 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 23,714.32 AT&T Mobility 449.58 Black Hills Energy 388.94 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Jessica Campos 46.76 City Of McCook 920.00 Colonial Life 184.14 Community Hospital 2,843.95 Consolidated Management Company 7,880.72 Credit Management Services 1,104.24 Justin M Daake 3,437.50 Jaclyn N Daake 262.50 Das State Accounting 178.75 Randy Dean 306.60 Doyle Auto Repair 126.40 Eakes Office Solutions 229.27 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 1,289.56 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,234.71 Great Plains Health Urgent 328.02 Tammie Hilker 37.50 Kim Holliday 125.00 Hometown Leasing 105.98 Jessi Kestin 72.50 Masa Global Building 294.00 City Of McCook 250.00 McCook Gazette 622.54 MNB Bank 44,229.15 MNB Bank - HSA 250.00 MNB Bank 75.98 Daniel D Miller CPA 4,850.00 NACO 960.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 6,571.22 Norfolk Lodge & Suites 250.00 Physicians Laboratory PC 8,859.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 148.17 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 86.48 Quadient Finance Usa, Inc 1,064.31 Quill Corporation 107.94 Michael Real 74.48 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,900.00 Joseph Rothmeyer 70.70 Red Willow County Clerk 746.67 Secretary Of State Election Div 60.00 Us Bank Equipment Finance 222.98 Village Of Bartley 80.00 Principal Vision Plan 397.48 West Central Ne Devel District 2,730.00 Total 290,200.79 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 35,816.92 AFLAC 114.40 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,085.53 Black Hills Energy 157.01 Brico Pest Control 100.00 C & K Distributors 100.30 Randy Dean 226.87 Decatur Co-Op Association 3,339.36 EIA LLC 7,615.49 Empower Retirement 100.00 Fowlers LLC 7,940.16 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 20.73 Great Plains Communications Inc 134.58 Lingo Communications 36.38 Lords Inc 203.98 Masa Global Building 84.00 MNB Bank 10,757.17 Midwest Service & Sales Co 387.50 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 1,000.00 Mittens 3,893.01 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,585.96 Nicks Distributing Inc 51.27 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 258.81 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Quality Urgent Care 50.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 262.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 97.34 Village Of Bartley 110.43 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Rick A Hinz 9.00 Total 81,078.54 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,479.45 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,134.42 Black Hills Energy 178.66 Burton Well Drilling Inc 670.00 Cardmember Services 952.04 Kugler 880.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,156.16 Nebraska Child Support 410.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 334.86 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 61.60 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Total 14,736.24 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 14,891.46 Principal Life Insurance Company 5,248.23 Total 20,139.69 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 4,999.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 729.25 Black Hills Energy 232.66 The Buddy Trailer 22,162.75 Cardmember Services 805.45 MNB Bank 1,296.19 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 147.10 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 862.78 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 31,461.90 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 14,655.73 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,703.74 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,625.20 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 482.74 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Lindsay Vigneur 430.46 Principal Vision Plan 39.49 Total 21,872.04 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 1,997.62 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 78.75 C & K Distributors 1.73 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 167.89 Great Plains Communications Inc 230.68 Hazardous Waste Experts Dba Mcf Env 31,263.60 MNB Bank 479.58 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 21.09 Total 34,240.94 Grand Total 493,730.14.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:50 a.m. to October 6, 2025.

Randy Dean
Vice-Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

October 6, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on October 6, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Deb Lafferty from the Kiplinger Foundation was present to disagree with comments made by Dean at a recent Coffee Talk.

Wes Wilmot, candidate for the Senate, stopped by to introduce himself to the Board. He asked what concerns the Board has and hopes to alleviate some of those.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2025, Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings. Ayes: Gans, Dean. Abstain: Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2025, Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings. Ayes: Dean, Fritsche. Abstain: Gans.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$, 2) WCNDD – Professional Services Agreement for Comprehensive Plan Project, 3) Resolution No. 1579 to Correct Coding Error, 4) Resolution No. 1580 to Issue Tax Certificates, 5) Three County Roadway Occupancy Agreements for Wilcox Well Drilling, 6) Agreement with Family Resources Inc, 7) NACO Voter Registration Form. 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 9:16 a.m. to receive public comments on the 2024/2025 final levies. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Clerk Penny 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 2025 and certify all levies as presented for said political subdivisions. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Lori Stevens, Deputy Assessor, presented a renewal contract with Central Plains Valuation for commercial valuations within the County. The price per hour remained at \$130.00.

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

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:28 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Tyler Ruf joined the Board to discuss cost share for culvert cleanout at the intersection of Roads 711 and 407. Ruf found a company that hydro bores culverts to clear them out for \$145.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reimburse Tyler Ruf for the cost of the culvert clean out. Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ruf also commented on the Board's moratorium on data centers. He sits on the Twin Valleys Public Power District Board. There are several positives to the data centers, along with the negatives. The main negative is the noise, but there are buffers that can be put in place. The biggest benefit would be to the power district, but citizens would also benefit through consistency and steadier rates.

Carol Schelgel, Tourism Director, presented her Quarterly Report. They received \$456,078.62 in grant requests for their \$223,000.00 budget. Most of the grant funds went toward community improvement projects. Schlegel was awarded the Nebraska Game and Parks partner of the year.

At the Board's request, Brandy Bird, Health Director, presented options for the Generator Maintenance Agreement. She received three bids: Ruggles Truck & Trailer, NMC and Cummins.

Bird also explained the need for a strobe light and a protective cover for the generator.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the agreement with the lowest bidder: Ruggles Truck & Trailer for \$8,620.00 over five years. He also moved to approve the purchase of the light and protective cover. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Bird also wished to discuss the purchase of a vehicle for the Health Department. She presented bids for a 2026 Jeep Compass for \$28,714, and a 2026 Toyota Corolla for \$28,662.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to authorize the purchase of the Toyota Corolla from the Inheritance Fund. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Nay: Fritsche.

The Board continued the discussion regarding County Roadway Occupancy Agreement fees. Dusty Tirrell and Dalton Miller with McCook Public Power District. They presented statutes that explain the relationship between political subdivisions and public power districts.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the issue for the County Attorney's review. Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: NACO – Operation Green Light.

The Sheriff's and District Court Clerk's Monthly Revenue Reports 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 American Electric SC 156.25 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,068.20 Megan Bellamy SC 312.00 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC S 101.60 Luke Bortner M 23.10 Brico Pest Control SC 200.00 Jessica Campos M 98.36 Capital Business Systems Inc S 90.61 Carquest Auto Parts S 51.26 City Of McCook SC 8,947.25 Consolidated Management Company S 7,903.56 Cranmore Fire Protection LLC SC 560.00 D&S Hardware S 361.64 Crystal Dack M 165.00 Tami Darling S 56.19 Dept Of Revenue/Property Assessment D 75.00 Doyle Auto Repair SC 410.61 Eakes Office Solutions S 756.39 Patty Eisenach M 2.80 ESRI Inc SC 460.00 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 656.25 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 449.06 Marc Harpham SC 450.00 Hometown Leasing R 1,070.22 Ideal Linen Supply SC 222.74 Donna Kircher M 58.80 Deb Korte D 204.44 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 450.00 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 650.00 MIPS Inc SC 4,144.24 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 162.50 NACO S 35.00 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center SC 450.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 2,288.26 Nicks Distributing Inc S 378.29 Pathology Services PC SC 270.00 Quality Urgent Care PC SC 8,000.00 Joseph Rothmeyer S 42.98 Red Willow County Court LF 332.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 297.00 Clerk Of

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A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. to October 27, 2025.

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 27, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on October 27, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable and payroll claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

Gans recessed the meeting at 9:12 a.m. for the Board of Equalization.

Chairman Dean called the Board of Equalization to order at 9:12 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 Resolution No. 1582, Book 24, Page 89 to strike taxes and Resolution No. 1583 Book 24, Page 90 to direct County Attorney to commence foreclosure proceedings on certificate no. 182022.

The first is on two mobile homes that have been torn down. The second is on 2024 property taxes.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Resolution Nos. 1582 and 1583. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche. Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization at 9:22 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:22 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 public comments on the One and Six-Year Road Plan. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Kevin Petross with Miller & Associates joined the Board via phone as they reviewed a map of the bridges and culverts addressed in the plan. There are three locations on the map. There was some discussion about the various issues on the plan.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the public hearing at 9:37 a.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to adopt Resolution No. 1581, Book 24, Page 88 to Adopt the 2025 One and Six-Year Road Plan as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed the fiscal year 2024-2025 Audit Report. The only finding was a problem with distress warrants.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to respond to the Auditor that the distress warrants will be collected upon this November. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board also discussed the elected Official's salaries for the 2027-2030 term of office. They reviewed a salary study prepared by NACO, which took into consideration county population, valuation, and many other variances.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to direct the Clerk to prepare a resolution for a 2.5% increase over the officials' term of office, to be considered next meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve three Roadway Occupancy Permits for McCook Public Power District pending payment. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the payment for tower rental fee until the contract can be reviewed. 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 and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$599,682.66, 4) surplus Laptop for Extension Office, 5) Law Enforcement Agreement with City of Indianola, 6) surplus desk for County Court, 7) surplus 2017 Dodge Durango for the Sheriff, to be replaced by a 2024 Dodge Durango. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: City of McCook – Notices of Hearing.

The Clerk's and Sheriff's monthly revenue reports were reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 174,049.47 Acme Printing 476.00 AFLAC 2,095.14 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 25,643.79 AT&T Mobility 802.66 Benchmark Government Solutions LLC 96.60 Black Hills Energy 380.02 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Brico Pest Control 80.00 City Of McCook 940.00 Colonial Life 184.14 Comfort Inn 134.95 Consolidated Management Company 7,798.56 Penelope Cooper 198.41 Credit Management Services 1,104.24 Culligan Of McCook 918.50 Justin M Daake 5,825.00 Jaclyn N Daake 1,825.00 DAS State Accounting 178.75 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Family Resources Inc 7,500.00 Farrells Pharmacy Inc 361.86 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 1,423.59 Great Plains Reporting Company 983.85 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,174.21 Georgia Kautz 141.40 Jennifer Liess 125.00 MASA Global Building 294.00 Maximus Inc 2,600.00 McCook Gazette 1,315.18 MNB Bank 48,445.37 MNB Bank - HSA 250.00 MNB Bank 67.13 McCook Utilities 457.38 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 150.00 Nebraska

Department Of Revenue 7,296.93 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center 75.00 Nicks Distributing Inc 101.78 NKC Tire 27.99 Prairie Plains CASA 10,000.00 SRK Enterprise LLC 520.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 148.17 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 86.48 Quadient Finance Usa, Inc 505.00 Quill Corporation 258.54 Michael Real 638.04 Red Willow County Self Insurance 5,050.00 Region II Services 5,779.00 Red Willow County Clerk 746.67 Secretary Of State Election Div 40.00 Ashley K Spahn 625.00 Verizon Wireless 65.88 Principal Vision Plan 393.29 Webb Body Shop Inc 1,000.00 Ryan R Wilcox 8,409.36 Donald D Wilson CPA 12,000.00 Delton Young 30.00 Total 342,923.33 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 37,480.43 AFLAC 114.40 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,385.18 Black Hills Energy 157.01 Cambridge Telephone Company 52.18 Decatur Co-Op Association 3,557.91 EIA LLC 22,610.34 Empower Retirement 100.00 Extreme Ag Inc 278.25 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 516.24 Great Plains Communications Inc 106.27 Janssen Kool Honda 51.05 Landmark Implement Inc 1,221.42 Lingo Communications 36.68 Malleck Oil Company 15.00 MASA Global Building 84.00 MNB Bank 11,535.07 McCook Utilities 90.32 Mittens 4,566.88 Modern Farm Equipment Corp 2,029.16 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Child Support 433.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,729.04 NMC Exchange LLC 4,766.98 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 258.81 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,200.00 Tyler Ruf 3,480.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 25.00 20/20 Technologies LLC 240.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 94.29 Village Of Bartley 110.19 Principal Vision Plan 100.77 Total 102,834.86 VISITORS FUND McCook Economic Development Corp 1,551.00 Total 1,551.00 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,719.08 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,243.06 Black Hills Energy 175.56 Cardmember Services 659.34 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 449.02 MASA Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,325.35 Nebraska Child Support 410.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 367.72 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 61.60 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Rascal Martinez 1,900.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Superior Sanitation Services Inc 1,500.00 Paul L Sutton 8,382.20 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Total 25,671.98 ROD FUND Penelope Cooper 439.66 Total 439.66 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 35,554.79 Principal Life Insurance Company 4,911.68 Total 40,466.47 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 5,541.51 AKRS Equipment 63.15 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 812.29 Black Hills Energy 232.66 Kully Pipe & Steel Supply 1,839.21 MNB Bank 1,486.84 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 175.91 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,313.94 RWRS, LLC 3,135.00 Paul L Sutton 187.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 15,013.56 INHERITANCE FUND Deveny Motors LLC 39,990.00 Total 39,990.00 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 17,201.44 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,910.65 Empower Retirement 150.00 MASA Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 4,246.57 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 601.25 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 39.49 Total 24,934.08 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,229.62 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 92.25 Great Plains Communications Inc 108.36 MNB Bank 496.28 McCook Utilities 55.64 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 25.34 Uline 1,256.08 Veolia Environmental Services 1,594.15 Total 5,857.72 Grand Total 599,682.66.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. to November 10, 2025.

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

November 10, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on November 10, 2025. 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. Charles Fritsche was absent. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, 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 \$679,313.90, 3) Resolution No. 1585, Book 24, Page 91, Year-End Certification of Highway Superintendent, 4) Appoint Chris Farrell to Health Board to replace Adam Lambing, Term to Expire April 30, 2028, 5) Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean. Fritsche: Absent.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

The Board discussed setting the Officials' salaries for the 2027-2030 term with an increase of 2.5% annually.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to approve Resolution No. 1585, Book 24, Page 92, to set the Officials' salaries for the 2027-2030 term with an increase of 2.5% annually. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) City of McCook – a. Increase Fees at Transfer Station, b. Notices of Hearing, 2) Miller & Associates – 2026 Road Superintendent, 3) Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, Environment – Approval to Operate Hauxwell Kingdom LWCF, 4) RWC Treasurer – Distress Warrants Issued.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: 1) Clerk's and Clerk of District Court's Monthly Revenue Reports, 2) Miller & Associates – a. 2025 1&6 Year Road Report, b. 2025 Budget Report.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Acme Printing S 1,301.62 Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 660.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,143.20 Black Hills Energy SC 272.77 Jessica Bortner M 29.40 City Of Mc Cook SC 8,947.25 Ruby Collins M 366.10 Comfort Inn M 220.00 Consolidated Management Company SC 7,808.56 Penelope Cooper M 183.81 D & S Hardware S 300.00 Crystal Dack M 184.54 Randy Dean M 432.24 Doyle Auto Repair SC 256.34 Eakes Office Solutions S 376.97 Patty Eisenach M 2.68 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 358.61 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 1,455.92 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 443.75 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 373.42 Hampton Inn Kearney M 298.00 Tammie Hilker C 153.75 Hometown Leasing R 1,228.53 Ideal Linen Supply SC 143.96 Lincoln County Sheriff SF 36.00 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 Mc Cook Gazette SC 151.70 Mc Cook Humane Society Inc DN 450.00 Mc Cook Utilities SC 380.24 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 662.74 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 650.00 MIP S Inc SC 3,940.24 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 2,162.50 N A C O D 1,713.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,968.65 Nicks Distributing Inc S 145.56 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 1,049.93 Joseph Rothmeyer SC 55.00 Red Willow County Court LF 264.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 108.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 48.94 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 389.38 Shred-It Usa SC 381.06 Michael T Simmonds M 58.80 Adriann Smith M 38.68 Teresa Thomas M 218.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 3,012.50 U S Bank S 3,194.88 Verizon Wireless SC 91.78 Walmart/Capital One S 272.92 Total 50,009.92 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op S 4,614.03 Akrs Equipment SC 719.42 B W Telcom SC 99.35 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 62.18 City Of Mc Cook SC 11.34 E I A L L C S 13,669.97 Great Plains Communications SC 150.00 J & A Traffic Products S 9,539.95 McCook Concrete, Inc S 13,562.95 Mc Cook Utilities SC 92.30 Mittens S 724.62 Modern Farm Equipment Corp SC 1,393.69 N M C Exchange L L C SC 6,336.21 Nebraska Public Power District SC 40.82 Paulsen Inc S 22,111.10 Powerplan SC 154.84 Southwest Farm & Auto

Supply S 246.63 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 112.50 Viaero Wireless SC 320.50 Windy Prairie Structures SC 12,647.19 Total 86,609.59 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND Bison Alumni Newsletter SC 800.00 Honorbound It SC 25.00 Mc Cook Chamber Of Commerce DN 4,075.00 Mc Cook Gazette SC 20.06 Mc Cook Economic Development Corp SC 86.15 Natl Versatility Ranch Horse Assoc DN 2,750.00 Travelstorysgps LLC SC 750.00 U S Bank S 64.49 Total 8,570.70 VISITORS PROMOTION FUND K-C Motor & Electric Inc DN 25,000.00 Carol E Schlegel C 4,296.25 Total 29,296.25 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 46.25 Brico Pest Control SC 90.00 Cardmember Services S 533.82 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 171.32 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 John Deere Financial SC 359.87 Mc Cook Gazette SC 3.71 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 Mc Cook Utilities SC 465.77 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,159.96 Srk Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S 4,265.95 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 145.98 Total 9,057.58 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 87,718.23 Total 87,718.23 ARENA FUND Akrs Equipment S 49.35 American Electric - Mc Cook SC 42.00 Cardmember Services S 946.98 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 100.00 Mc Cook Utilities SC 662.89 Modern Farm Equipment Corp S 149.79 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,335.76 Total 3,286.77 INHERITANCE FUND Wagner Ford-Mercury-Toyota S 28,652.00 Total 28,652.00 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 250.00 Brandy Bird M 141.05 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 313.37 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Mc Cook Gazette SC 21.40 Medico-Mart Inc S 38,763.40 Pathology Services P C S 4,998.46 Kevin Potthoff M 18.20 Kristen Puckett SC 118.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,650.00 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 7,236.91 Darin Seligman M 7.00 Matt Springer M 16.52 U S Bank S 4,278.37 Total 58,005.23 JAIL BOND FUND BOKF, Na BP 312,630.00 Total 312,630.00 WASTE FUND Mc Cook Utilities SC 57.14 Nebraska Public Power District SC 98.59 Veolia Environmental Services SC 5,321.90 Total 5,477.63 Grand Total 679,313.90.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. to November 24, 2025.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

November 24, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on November 24, 2025. 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 8:34 a.m. Chairman Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable and payroll claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to approve the minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization meetings. 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) accounts payable and claims in the amount of \$515,308.24, 2) Surplus Desk for Health Department, 3) Surplus Items for Law Enforcement Center, 4) County Road Occupancy Permit for Great Plains, 5) Skid Steer Lease for Kiplinger Arena, 6) Oversized Load Permit for Wardcraft Homes. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

The Board reviewed two informal bids received for the County's Audit services. The bids are from Countryman Associates, who quoted \$17,000 to \$19,000 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, and from Gabriel, Burger & Else for a descending rate structure of \$27,500 for 2025/2026, \$24,000 for 2026/2027 and \$25,000 for 2027/2028.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the issue and request additional bids. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board considered the County's membership contribution to McCook Economic Development Corporation. The County currently contributes \$2,750.00 and has been given the option of a 10% increase to \$3,025.00.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to maintain the County's current membership contribution of \$2,750.00. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 163,529.56 AFLAC 1,995.74 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 23,508.00 Van Velson Law Office, PC, LLO 844.50 Anytime Tristate Towing 200.00 AT&T Mobility 581.74 Black Hills Energy 435.58 Bob Barker Company Inc 201.60 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Charm-Tex Inc 149.80 City Of McCook 1,180.00 City Of McCook 8,947.25 Colonial Life 184.14 Credit Management Services 1,776.49 Justin M Daake 4,800.00 Jaclyn N Daake 1,775.00 Das State Accounting 178.75 Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Serv 10,601.00 Doyle Auto Repair 972.25 Eakes Office Solutions 493.19 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,225.44 Jacks Uniforms & Equipment 4,335.79 Lincoln County Sheriff 36.00 Masa Global Building 294.00 McCook Gazette 402.30 MNB Bank 45,652.96 MNB Bank - HSA 250.00 MNB Bank 45.89 McCook Utilities 45.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp 448.72 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng 650.00 Dorisa Muffy Morris 133.10 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 6,776.40 Ashtin Pawloski 134.55 Physicians Laboratory PC 2,875.00 Srk Enterprise LLC 520.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 148.17 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 86.48 Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc 242.97 Quadiant Finance USA, Inc 1,509.25 Rapid Fire Protection Inc 853.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 5,050.00 Region II Human Services 11,691.89 Red Willow County Clerk 746.67 Red Willow County Sheriff 10.00 Tedder Industries LLC 668.72 Toxic Graphics 2,097.22 Principal Vision Plan 385.42 Volz Inc 95.00 Total 310,870.53 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 33,852.96 Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co 9,021.27 AFLAC 114.40 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,193.17 Black Hills Energy 192.47 C & K Distributors 107.95 D&S Hardware 85.39 Decatur Co-Op Association 4,400.83 Empower Retirement 100.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 144.77 Great Plains Communications Inc 106.40 Lakeside Sand & Gravel LLC 319.25 Lingo Communications 36.92 Lords Inc 209.49 Masa Global Building 84.00 MNB Bank 10,538.83 McCook Utilities 30.00 Midwest Service & Sales Co 815.00 Mittens 4,937.40 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00

Nebraska Child Support 433.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,556.44 NMC Exchange LLC 5,019.20 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 258.81 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,200.00 Rick Kerst 125.00 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC 1,114.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 87.42 Village Of Bartley 102.13 Principal Vision Plan 100.77 Total 80,696.26 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,393.48 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,176.26 Black Hills Energy 371.26 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,200.49 Nebraska Child Support 410.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 345.69 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 61.60 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Van Zeppelin 850.00 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Total 13,287.83 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 66,467.10 Principal Life Insurance Company 4,809.23 Total 71,276.33 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,839.16 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 566.35 Black Hills Energy 677.42 MNB Bank 980.94 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 129.26 Ne Machinery Co NMC 7,600.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,154.14 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 15,173.32 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 14,655.42 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,681.72 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,590.45 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 470.07 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 39.49 Total 21,371.83 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 1,878.21 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 72.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 174.48 MNB Bank 458.92 McCook Utilities 30.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 18.53 Total 2,632.14 Grand Total 515,308.24.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m. to December 8, 2025.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

December 8, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on December 8, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the reappointment of Daniel Stramel, Chris Wagner and Natalie Alred to Visitors Committee, terms to expire December 31, 2029, until December 22, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the resignation of Andrea Harms, Visitors Committee, to be replaced by Judy McCune, term to expire December 31, 2027. Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made to approve the remaining 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 \$304,531.34, Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Notice of Hearing, North Pointe Addition, 2) Notice of Hearing, Blight Study/Redevelopment.

Charlie McPherson and Amanda Engell with McCook Economic Development Corp joined the Board to present updates on the McCook Business Park, the Sports Complex, the airport, North Pointe and low-income housing and rentals.

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

Carol Schlegel, Tourism Director, and Dan Stramel joined the Board to discuss Schlegel's updated contract, which hadn't been updated since 2011. The Board questioned whether this needs to be a full-time position.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to not approve the contract to reappoint Schlegel. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept a letter of resignation from Jo Teter, Fair Board President and to appoint Kelly Soden to replace Teter, term to expire December 31, 2026. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to appoint Dan Stitt to replace Tanner Powell, term to expire December 31, 2028. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Randy Dean, seconded by Charles Fritsche, to reappoint Don Klein and Joel Uerling to the Fair Board, terms to expire December 31, 2028. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 495.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 3,060.65 Charm-Tex Inc SC 218.00 Ruby Collins M 144.20 Consolidated Management Company S 8,230.56 Control Masters Inc SC 6,575.00 Penelope Cooper S 24.45 Ryan Davis SC 1,400.00 Doyle Auto Repair SC 117.40 Eakes Office Solutions S 658.70 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 438.69 FBI National Academy Assoc, Inc S 150.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 1,301.38 Furnas County Sheriff SF 66.18 Garys Inc S 24.00 Goodwin Siegfried LLC LF 400.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 437.32 Hayes County Sheriff's Office SF 50.33 Tammie Hilker

C 90.00 Hometown Leasing R 1,229.63 Ideal Linen Supply S 143.96 Jacks Uniforms & Equipment S 317.00 Donna Kircher M 104.30 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook Gazette SC 9.03 McCook Economic Development Corp DN 2,750.00 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 450.00 McCook Utilities SC 384.44 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,404.66 Modern Cleaners SC 58.00 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 943.87 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,668.71 Nicks Distributing Inc S 88.84 Nkc Tire S 38.98 Burton Pianalto S 56.93 Srk Enterprise LLC SC 520.00 Quality Urgent Care PC SC 8,000.00 Quill Corporation S 82.95 Red Willow County Court LF 647.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 183.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 135.84 Red Willow County District Court LF 1,250.00 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 217.64 Shred-It USA SC 284.70 Michael T Simmonds M 89.60 Ashley K Spahn LF 1,025.00 20/20 Technologies LLC SC 3,012.50 US Bank S 3,070.49 Verizon Wireless SC 96.76 Walmart S 196.00 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 400.00 Ryan R Wilcox LF 8,100.00 Melissa Wilcox SC 125.00 Total 63,590.69 ROAD FUND Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co SC 28,869.00 Ag Valley Co-Op SC 3,695.96 Akrs Equipment SC 159.24 BW Telcom SC 99.35 Carquest Auto Parts S 66.00 D & S Hardware S 27.52 Dom Enterprises SC 3,179.00 EIA LLC S 22,527.81 McCook Utilities SC 106.74 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 1,500.00 Mittens SC 2,148.18 Nebraska Public Power District SC 43.55 Nebraska State Fire Marshal SC 135.00 Paulsen Inc S 35,979.36 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 55.24 Viero Wireless SC 320.50 Total 98,912.45 VISITORS IMPROVEMENT Flagship Publishing Inc SC 651.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Chamber Of Commerce SC 2,700.00 Miles Partnership SC 5,000.00 US Bank S 1,489.00 Total 9,865.00 VISITORS PROMOTION Carol E Schlegel C 4,296.25 Total 4,296.25 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 215.64 Cardmember Services S 793.55 Deveny Motors LLC SC 95.43 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 67.15 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 171.45 Hometown Leasing R 113.45 McCook Gazette SC 552.44 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 390.56 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,067.98 Srk Enterprise LLC S 3,315.00 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S 231.00 Clarice Shields SC 144.90 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 85.00 Total 7,287.55 ROD FUND Red Willow County Clerk Petty Cash S 20.15 Total 20.15 SELF INSURANCE CLAIM Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 75,492.11 Total 75,492.11 ARENA FUND Cardmember Services S 70.58 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 100.00 John Deere Financial SC 125.97 McCook Utilities SC 621.87 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,063.14 Superior Sanitation Services Inc SC 240.00 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC SC 1,201.00 Weathercraft Co Of North Platte SC 1,375.00 Total 4,797.56 ARPA FUND MIPS Inc SC 535.58 Total 535.58 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 125.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 309.88 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pam Klug M 54.60 Knobel Refrigeration Inc SC 828.36 Moderna US Inc S 2,415.50 Pathology Services PC SC 3,306.63 Kristen Puckett M 98.56 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 30,650.62 US Bank S 1,061.34 Lindsay Vigneur M 374.01 Jaymie White M 95.55 Total 39,512.60 WASTE FUND McCook Utilities SC 72.14 Nebraska Public Power District SC 149.26 Total 221.40 Grand Total 304,531.34.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. to December 22, 2025.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Jasmine Dimas
Deputy County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

December 22, 2025

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on December 22, 2025. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, uploaded on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Board reviewed accounts payable claims.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Ben Lashley spoke about the tourism committee. He also spoke of the Keystone Hotel and St. Catherine's Hospital.

Sheriff Darling updated the Board about several improvements being made to his department.

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 and payroll claims in the amount of \$560,910.82, 3) purchase of 2023 Dodge Durango for Sheriff utilizing Inheritance Funds, 4) Independent Accountant Report as submitted by Donald D. Wilson CPA, 5) contract with Sarah Schneider for Interim Tourism Director. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

Chairman Dean called the Board of Equalization 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, Assessor, presented a Homestead exemption correction Chris and Dottie Christensen for tax year 2025. She also presented a personal property exemption correction for McCook Clinic for tax year 2025.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the Homestead and personal property tax corrections as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Treasurer Crystal Dack presented motor vehicle exemption renewals for First Assembly of God, McCook Humane Society, Hillcrest Nursing Home, Hillcrest Nursing Home Foundation, Memorial United Methodist Church, SWATs, Community Hospital, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Evangelical Free Church.

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

Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization at 9:24 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:24 a.m.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: State of Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment – Water Level in Schlagel Reservoir.

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

The Board discussed the appointments of Visitors Board members.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to appoint Jesse Stevens and Veronica Waddell to the Visitors Committee to replace Natalie Alread and Dan Stramel, terms to expire December 31, 2029. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to reappoint Chris Wagner to the Visitors Committee, term to expire December 31, 2029. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 157,963.94 AFLAC 1,995.74 Ambience Counseling Center LLC 540.00 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 23,031.08 AT&T Mobility 623.35 Black Hills Energy 1,439.63 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Carpenter Breland Funeral Home Inc 630.00 City Of McCook 1,340.00 City Of McCook 8,947.25 Colonial Life 184.14 Credit Management Services 1,104.24 Cummins Sales And Services 785.41 Justin M Daake 3,850.00 Jaclyn N Daake 3,750.00 DAS State Accounting 178.75 Alexis Davidson 3,030.00 Eakes Office Solutions 73.48 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 1,196.90 Lancaster County Sheriff 22.38 Language Line Services 27.28 MASA Global Building 294.00 McCook Gazette 221.45 MNB Bank 42,421.73 MNB Bank - HSA 250.00 MNB Bank 60.92 MIPS Inc 470.62 Dorisa Muffy Morris 327.80 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion 1,125.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 6,278.80 Nebraska State Bar Assoc 280.00 Nicks Distributing Inc 206.67 Nkc Tire 1,009.80 Principal Voluntary Child Life 6.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 148.17 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 86.48 Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc 191.97 Quill Corporation 868.72 Red Willow Dental LLC 191.58 Red Willow County Self Insurance 5,050.00 Reward Committee 2,500.00 Red Willow County Clerk 746.67 Ashley K Spahn 700.00 US Bank Equipment Finance 135.73 Principal Vision Plan 385.42 Volz Inc 180.00 Walter Heating, Cooling & Const LLC 1,680.00 Donald D Wilson CPA 4,500.00 Window Artisans 600.00 Total 282,731.10 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 33,567.70 AFLAC 114.40 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,220.02 Black Hills Energy 262.82 C&K Distributors 110.30 Cambridge Telephone Company 52.18 CNH Industrial Accounts 23,362.40 Decatur Co-Op Association 4,006.44 EIA LLC 18,928.86 Empower Retirement 100.00 Great Plains Communications Inc 106.40 Lingo Communications 36.86 MASA Global Building 84.00 MNB Bank 10,464.47 Mittens 2,833.42 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Child Support 433.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,559.46 NMC Exchange LLC 1,088.50 PowerPlan 7,529.64 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 258.81 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,200.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 93.99 Village Of Bartley 103.34 Principal Vision Plan 100.77 Total 112,026.77 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,444.32 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,191.56 Black Hills Energy 713.96 Caleb Dorenkamp 300.00 MASA Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 2,218.23 Nebraska Child Support 410.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 347.41 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 61.60 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC 880.03 Paul L Sutton 4,580.89 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Total 18,627.05 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 38,128.12 Principal Life Insurance Company 4,641.89 Total 42,770.01 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,864.74 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 570.18 Black Hills Energy 2,552.37 C&K Distributors 58.43 MNB Bank 989.38 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 130.31 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 939.80 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC 1,000.00 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 10,331.26 INHERITANCE FUND Deveny Motors LLC 36,210.00 Total 36,210.00 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 13,620.74 AFLAC 302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,635.14 Empower Retirement 150.00 MASA Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,400.91 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 454.64 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 39.49 Total 20,085.60 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,058.45 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 94.50 C&K Distributors 68.68 Billie Cole 151.39 Great Plains Communications Inc 174.91 Hazardous Waste Experts DbA MCF Env 35,061.45 MNB Bank 491.80 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 27.85 Total 38,129.03 Grand Total 560,910.82.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. to January 12, 2026.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk