



Red Willow County Board Minutes



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

January 6, 2020

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on January 6, 2020. 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 Earl McNutt called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Earl McNutt, Steve Downer and Cayla Richards. McNutt informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman McNutt offered the floor for citizens' comments. Deb Lafferty, Fair Board Manager and Jiles Bowman stepped by to introduce Jiles to the Board.

Earl McNutt adjourned the Board meeting at 9:18 a.m.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Steve Downer called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Steve Downer, Cayla Richards and Earl McNutt. Downer informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Sue Wesch, Treasurer, presented four tax roll corrections for the Tax Year 2019. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Richards, to approve tax Roll Correction No. 9 which decreased the tax rolls by \$1,759.24, Tax Roll Correction No. 10 which decreased the tax rolls by \$7.08, Tax Roll Correction No. 11 which decreased the tax rolls by \$270.86, Tax Roll Correction No. 12 which increased the tax rolls by \$270.84. Roll Call: Ayes: Downer, Richards, McNutt.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Richards, to enter into a public hearing at 9:20 a.m. to receive comments on motor vehicle exemptions. Roll Call: Ayes: Downer, Richards, McNutt.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Richards, to adjourn from the public hearing at 9:24 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Downer, Richards, McNutt.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by McNutt, to approve the motor vehicle tax exemption for the Evangelical Free Church of McCook and Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska. Roll Call: Ayes: Downer, Richards, McNutt.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

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

The annual reorganization of the Board was held.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Downer, to appoint County Clerk Tami Teel to run the reorganization of the county board. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Downer, to elect Earl McNutt as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and that the Chairman delegates his authority to the Vice-Chairman in his absence. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by McNutt, to elect Steve Downer as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in the absence of the Chairman. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Richards, to re-elect Steve Downer as Chairman of the Board of Equalization and Cayla Richards as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Equalization. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by McNutt, to elect Earl McNutt as Chairman of Noxious Weed Control Authority and Cayla Richards as the Vice-Chairman of the Noxious Weed Control. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

Discussion was had regarding the appointment of County board members to miscellaneous committees and boards. A motion was made by Downer, seconded by Richards, to approve the appointments as follows: Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

Cayla Richards: City/County Cooperation Committee, County Visitors' Committee, Work Ethic Camp Community Involvement Committee, Veterans' Service Committee, and



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Earl McNutt: County Health Board, Fair Board and REWARD Board of Directors, Board of Trustees of the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, Inc. and

Steve Downer: Hillcrest Nursing Home Board, E-911 Committee, RC&D Board, Region II Governing Board, Planning/Zoning Committee.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Downer, to reappoint Chris Miller of Miller & Associates as road superintendent for 2020. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

A motion was made by Downer, seconded by Richards, to reappoint Carol Schlegel as the Red Willow County Tourism Director for 2020 at the same compensation, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Downer, to reappoint Alan Kotschwar as the Emergency Manager for 2020. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Downer, to designate the McCook Gazette as the official county newspaper for the year 2020 and the Red Willow County Website as an additional method of reporting meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Downer, to adopt Resolution No. 1379, Book 22, Page 59, designating the following banks as depositories for Red Willow County for calendar year 2020: MNB Bank, Pinnacle, Horizon, First Central, Adams Bank & Trust of Indianola and State Bank of Bartley, as well as NPAIT. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Downer, to reappoint current county employees to the Personnel and Safety Committees for 2020 with the one change being replacing Charles Collins who retired with Jesse Chmiel. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

Carol Schlegel, Tourism Director, presented her annual report to the Board. They are up 4% in collections. The majority of the marketing she is doing is digital now. Schlegel been sending out brochures with information about McCook as well as utilizing the Gazette's Southwest Nebraska play book. She works with the South Platte Chamber of Commerce and with more tour groups this year. The Board has been awarding the fund grants.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Downer, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$35,216.72, 3) accept Fair Board's recommendation to hire Jiles Bowman as new Fair Board manager, 4) reappoint Curtis Smith and Dan Ebers to the County Visitors Board, terms to expire December 31, 2023, 5) changes to Pledged Securities for County Treasurer. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

A notice from NDOT regarding upcoming bridge inspections was reviewed and placed on file.

The following report was reviewed and placed on file: HGM Associates – Bridge Inspection Report.

The following claim was allowed: Regional Care Inc - \$35,216.72.

Chairman McNutt adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:35 a.m. to January 13, 2020.

Earl McNutt
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Steve Downer
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Tami Teel
County Clerk