



# Red Willow County Board Minutes



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

January 4, 2021

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on January 4, 2021. A notice of the meetings was published in the McCook Gazette and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner and the news media, posted on the County's website, and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Earl McNutt called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: 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 Downer, seconded by Richards, to approve the agendas as presented. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

Chairman McNutt offered the floor for citizens' comments. County Treasurer, Sue Wesch presented her letter of resignation to the Board.

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

McNutt adjourned the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 9:15 a.m.

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

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

County Treasurer Sue Wesch presented a motor vehicle exemption application for Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska, Inc. A motion was made by Richards, seconded by McNutt, to approve motor vehicle tax exemption application for Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska Inc. Roll Call: Ayes: Downer, Richards, McNutt.

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

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

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

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 \$8,584.99, 3) changes to Pledged Securities for the County Treasurer. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

Phil Lyons, Deputy County Attorney, joined the Board to discuss Randy Dean's position on the Hillcrest Board of Trustees. Randy Dean and several interested people were in attendance. Dean said he was in receipt of the letter from the Board asking him to resign his position on the Hillcrest Board of Trustees. Dean said he will not resign. He has retained an attorney and will take legal action if the commissioners remove him. He then went on to present a letter from his attorney Steve Hirsch and made a comment that the other Trustees would resign if he were removed.

Richard Trail gave some history of how the Board of Trustees of Hillcrest was first started. Jackie Riener wanted to know when two commissioners can be in the same meeting. She agrees there is a problem to address. Don Harpst, former Hillcrest Administrator is concerned about Hillcrest. Linda Taylor would like the Board to hold off on making the decision about Randy Dean's position on the Board of Trustees and not make the decision today.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Downer, to table any decision on the position of Randy Dean on the Hillcrest Board of Trustees at this time. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

A claim to Regional Care Inc for self-insurance in the amount of \$8,584.99 was allowed.

Chairman McNutt adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:15 a.m. to January 11, 2021.

Earl McNutt,  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Steve Downer,  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Tami Teel  
County Clerk