

Red Willow County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

January 11, 2021

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on January 11, 2021. 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, Cayla Richards and Randy Dean. McNutt informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

Chairman McNutt offered the floor for citizens' comments. Dawson Brunswick sat in on the meeting. Several employees joined the Board to discuss the spread of COVID-19 through the courthouse. No decisions could be made at this time.

Earl McNutt adjourned the Board meeting at 9:20 a.m.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Vice Chairman Cayla Richards called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Cayla Richards, Earl McNutt and Randy Dean. Richards informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

County Treasurer Sue Wesch presented motor vehicle exemption applications. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dean, to approve eleven motor vehicle tax exemption applications for Community Hospital, Community Action Partnership, Cornerstone Fellowship, Hillcrest Nursing Home, McCook Humane Society, McCook Christian Church, Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Patrick's Church of McCook, Peace Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, and Southwest Area Training Services. Roll Call: Ayes: Richards, McNutt, Dean.

Vice Chairman Richards adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:31 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

Chairman McNutt reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:31 a.m.

The annual reorganization of the Board was held.

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

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, 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, Richards, Dean.

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

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Dean, to elect Cayla Richards as Chairman of the Board of Equalization. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to elect Earl McNutt as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Equalization. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to elect Earl McNutt as Chairman of Noxious Weed Control Authority. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by McNutt, to elect Randy Dean as Vice-Chairman of the Noxious Weed Control Board. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

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

Earl McNutt:

County Health Board,

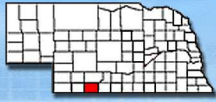
Fair Board,

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

REWARD Board of Directors, and

Cayla Richards:

Hillcrest Nursing Home Board,



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Veteran's Service Committee,
County Visitors' Committee,
Work Ethic Camp Community Involvement Committee, and

Randy Dean:
City/County Cooperation Committee
RC&D Board,
Region II Governing Board,
Planning/Zoning Committee, and
E-911 Committee

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards to nominate the Board Members to the different positions for representation. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Chris Miller of Miller & Associates as road superintendent for 2021. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to reappoint Alan Kotschwar as the Emergency Manager for 2021. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Jiles Bowman as the Fair Board Manager for 2021. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Michael Simmonds as the Veterans Service Officer for 2021. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Josh Mullen as the Noxious Weed Superintendent for 2021. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Brandy Bird as the County Health Director for 2021. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to designate the McCook Gazette as the official county newspaper for the year 2021 and the Red Willow County Website as an additional method of reporting meetings. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to adopt Resolution No. 1412, Book 23, Page 1, designating the following banks as depositories for Red Willow County for calendar year 2021: MNB Bank, Pinnacle, Horizon, First Central, State Bank of Bartley and Union Bank & Trust Lincoln, as well as NPAIT. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to reappoint current county employees to the Personnel and Safety Committees for 2021 with the following changes:

Replace Bill Elliott with Josh Mullen on the Safety Committee, and replace Deb Lafferty with Jiles Bowman on the Personnel Committee. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to reappoint Carol Schlegel as the Red Willow County Tourism Director for 2021 at the same compensation, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

Carol Schlegel, Tourism Director, presented her annual report to the Board. Everything came to a standstill when COVID hit. They have made adjustments to only allow ten people in a blind at a time for the Prairie Chicken tours. They have seen a three percent decrease in revenues this past year. They have people looking for places to hunt.

The Board discussed Auditor Don Wilson's findings for fiscal year 2019/2020, and discussed ways to prevent the problem in the future.

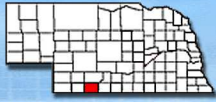
A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the County's response to Wilson. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

Jail Administrator Dee Schilz joined the Board to present two bids for a video security system for the Law Enforcement Center. The bids were received from ACCURATE CONTROLS from Wisconsin and CONTROL MASTERS INC. from Omaha. This item actually needs to be put out for bids.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to table any decision for the video research system for the jail until further research is done. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

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

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



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A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$147,304.41, 3) surplus a Snapper UTV for the Fair Board, 4) changes to Pledged Securities for County Treasurer, 5) reappoint Brock Rogers and Heath Hamilton to the Veterans Service Board, terms to expire June 30, 2025, 6) reappoint Garrett Rippen, Jo Teter and Deb Korte to the Fair Board, terms to expire December 31, 2023, 7) reappoint Staci Blomstedt, Lauren Miller, Kay Oltmer, Tammy Solomon and Robert Tigner to the Extension Board, terms to expire December 31, 2023, 8) reappoint Jana Kmoch and Darin Seligman to the Health Board, terms to expire April 30, 2023 and July 31, 2023 respectively, 9) reappoint Leigh Hoyt and Mike Allen to the Zoning Adjustment Board, terms to expire April 30, 2023 and April 30, 2022 respectively, 10) appoint Beth O’Dea to the Zoning Adjustment Board, term to expire January 31, 2023. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

Sue Wesch’s letter of resignation was reviewed and accepted with regret and many thanks. Her last day will be February 15, 2021.

The Clerk of District Court’s report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

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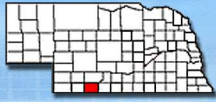
Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg. or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; RF Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF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

GENERAL FUND Acme Printing S 1,121.92 Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 285.00 Arrow Car Wash SC 14.40 Blake’s Service SC 5.60 Staci Blomstedt M 1.15 City Of McCook SC 6,678.58 City Of Indianola SC 220.00 Civil Air Patrol Magazine D 50.00 Joan Coleman SC 375.00 D & L Pest Control SC 93.00 D & S Hardware S 32.48 DAS State Accounting SC 56.88 Double D Lawn & Landscaping SC 42.00 Steve Downer M 57.50 Eake’s Office Solutions S 951.22 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 1,249.81 Tania M Fox SC 49.70 Bree Frazier SC 500.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op SC 67.64 Furnas County Sheriff SF 44.62 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,797.06 Hometown Leasing R 973.01 Honorbound IT SC 2,720.85 Lips Printing Service S 279.67 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 450.00 McCook City & Volunteer Fire Dept SC 250.00 McCook Gazette SC 936.44 McCook Utilities SC 358.44 Earl McNutt M 61.52 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 706.20 Mid States Organized Crime Info D 100.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng. C 575.00 Lauren Miller M 17.25 MIPS Inc SC 3,444.14 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 1,475.30 Ne Health & Human Services System SC 524.25 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,535.95 Nebraska State Bar Assoc D 85.60 Nebraska Public Health Environment SC 210.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 152.75 O’Keefe Elevator Company Inc SC 448.66 Kay Oltmer M 17.25 Pathology Services PC SC 70.00 Prairie States Comm Inc SC 5,600.99 SRK Enterprise LLC SC 400.00 Quadiant Finance USA, Inc R 1,503.00 Quality Urgent Care PC SC 4,265.18 Quill Corporation S 649.41 Radiology Services PC SC 36.00 Region II Human Services SC 10,431.23 Region II Services SC 5,334.00 Cayla Richards M 154.67 R R Donnelley S 40.57 Red Willow County Court LF 556.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 69.00 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 154.44 Red Willow County Treasurer S 1,769.90 Marie N Sahn SC 250.00 7-D Lockshop SC 65.00 Shred-It USA SC 182.89 Michael T Simmonds S 21.80 Tammy Solomon M 4.60 Ashley K Spahn LF 1,339.80 Bailee Springer M 1.15 Stanard Appraisal Services Inc SC 1,339.00 Teresa Thomas M 14.38 US Bank S 1,202.98 US Postmaster S 169.00 Verizon Wireless SC 1,173.14 Village Of Bartley SC 40.00 Wal-Mart S 214.72 Walter Heating Cooling & Cons SC 375.00 Sue Wesch S 72.07 Ryan R Wilcox LF 6,000.00 Witness Fees - Co Court WF 100.00 Tasha Wulf M 29.96 TOTAL 72,645.72 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 923.79 American Electric SC 363.80 BW Telcom SC 44.55 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 49.83 Danbury Storage Units LLC R 1,200.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 42.16 Lawson Products Inc S 94.25 Malleck Oil Company S 929.30 McCook Utilities SC 68.52 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 199.77 Miller & Associates PC C 3,012.50 Modern Farm Equipment S 212.35 NMC Exchange LLC S 3,068.21 Nebraska Public Power District SC 93.74 PowerPlan SC 249.30 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 117.25 TOTAL 10,669.32 VISITORS FUND Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Economic Development Corp R 756.00 Carol E Schlegel C 7,333.33 US Bank S 56.70 TOTAL 8,171.03 FAIR FUND Ace SC 81.09 Bluffs Facility Solutions S 19.21 Cardmember Services S 137.06 Colorado Retail Ventures S 128.70 D & S Hardware S 65.93 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 14.56 Chas Fritsche M 7.84 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 158.26 Robert Logan M 26.88 McCook Utilities SC 453.67 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,242.90 Kalli Nelms M 43.68 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 915.03 SW Ne Rodeo Queen Assocation R 170.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 26.99 Mike Stevens S 700.00 Paul L Sutton SC 329.85 Jo Teter M 38.08 Verizon Wireless SC 45.00 TOTAL 4,604.73 SELF INSURANCE FUND Regional Care Inc I 31,048.75 TOTAL 31,048.75 ARENA FUND Big Ass Fans S 7,525.41 McCook Utilities SC 281.41 Nebraska Public Power District SC 848.80 Red Willow County Road Dept S 209.25 TOTAL 8,864.87 K-9 FUND Red Willow Animal Clinic, PC SC 17.13 TOTAL 17.13 HEALTH FUND Brandy Bird M 7.18 Eake’s Office Solutions S 18.09 GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals S 1,512.60 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 212.41 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pam Klug M 38.75 McKesson Medical Surgical S 86.30 Pathology Services PC SC 2,259.06 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 6,139.37 US Bank S 41.57 Wal-Mart S 23.86 TOTAL 10,425.31 WASTE FUND Great Plains Communications Inc SC 171.20 McCook Utilities SC 42.11 Nebraska Recycling Council D 150.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 222.61 US Bank S 196.02 Verizon Wireless SC 75.61 TOTAL 857.55 GRAND TOTAL 147,304.41.

Chairman McNutt adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:05 a.m. to January 25, 2021.

Earl McNutt _____
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Cayla Richards _____
Chairman, Board of Equalization



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Attest: Tami Teel _____
County Clerk