



Red Willow County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

June 7, 2021

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on June 7, 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. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to the members of the County Board of Commissioners and a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice and the agenda are attached to these minutes.

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meetings, May 24 and May 26, 2021, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$916.64, 3) surplus a Fujitsu scanner for Clerk's office, 4) Pledged Securities for County Treasurer, 5) authorize Chairman's Signature on Special Designated Liquor License for JBN Inc, 6) authorize Chairman's signature on Letter of Engagement for Daniel D. Miller CPA PC, for 2021/2022 budget preparation, 7) authorize Chairman's signature on Resolution No. 1422, Book 23, Page 11, scheduling property valuation protest hearings for 2021. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

Joyce Deaver with Tri Valley Public Transportation joined the Board to request that Red Willow County participate in their funding. They transport anyone to medical appointments, get groceries or anything else that they may need. They will also transport someone to an out-of-town doctor's appointment if needed. Red Willow County riders increased 149% this past year.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to commit \$1,050.00 to Tri Valley Public Transportation for the 2021/2022 fiscal year with the potential increase to \$4,500.00 for the fiscal year 2022/2023. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

David Blau of Miller & Associates was present for the opening of the armor coat bids for the 2021 armor coat project. Figgins Construction Company of Red Cloud, Nebraska, was the only bid received. Figgins bid on both sites. Site #1 which is 36,840 square yards for \$.47 square yard for a total of \$17,314.80 and Site #2 which is 125,455 square yards at \$.47 a square yard for a total of \$58,963.65. The total for this project is \$76,278.45 with the County hauling the gravel.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to table the armor coat bids that have been received until the gravel bids are received on June 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Downer, Richards.

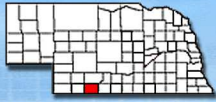
A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to enter into a public hearing at 10:0 a.m. to receive comments on Heritage Areas. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

Several people were in attendance for the hearing. Kathy Wilmot stated there are 23 or 24 counties that have already signaled their opposition to National Heritage Areas, which is different from the 30 by 30 proposal. Brendan Funk says the National Park Service is involved. He fears they will take people's land. Pam Frecks, a local farmer, has been to three 30 by 30 meetings in McCook, Valentine and Lincoln. At all three meetings the National Heritage Area was mentioned. Tim Krause and Michael Hitt are also opposed to this. Gary Frecks said grants looks like free money, but someone has to pay it back. Dale Cotton spoke in favor of the National Heritage Area, and said that if the Commissioners sign a resolution against it, he will start a petition in favor.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to adjourn from the public hearing at 10:45 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to approve Resolution No. 1420, Book 23, Page 9 authorizing the calling for early redemption of the County's outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016, date of original issue – October 11, 2016, in the principal amount of \$1,270,000. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to approve Resolution No. 1421, Book 23, Page 10 authorizing the issuance by the County of not to exceed \$1,300,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, for the purpose of refunding the County's outstanding General Obligation Refunding



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Bonds, Series 2016, date of original issue – October 11, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.
The Sheriff's and the District Court Clerk's monthly reports were reviewed and placed on file.
A claim to Regional Care in the amount of \$916.64 was allowed.
Chairman McNutt adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:55 a.m. to June 14, 2021.

Earl McNutt,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Tami Teel
County Clerk