

# Red Willow County Board Minutes



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

January 24, 2022

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 January 24, 2022. 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 Earl McNutt called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Earl McNutt, Randy Dean and Cayla Richards. 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, Dean, Richards.

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

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 and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$388,681.68, 3) reappoint Mike Daffer and James Coady to the Planning Commission, terms to expire April 30, 2024, and Mike Sides to the Planning Commission, term to expire April 30, 2025, 4) authorize Chairman's signature on letter to Jail Standards Committee regarding alterations to the Law Enforcement Center, 5) COVID Incentive Plan, 6) County Roadway Occupancy Permit for MPPD. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Richards.

Chairman McNutt 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 Randy Dean, Cayla Richards and Earl McNutt. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented motor vehicle exemption renewal applications for Evangelical Free Church, YMCA, Memorial United Methodist Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, and First Assembly of God. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Richards, to approve the motor vehicle exemption for Evangelical Free Church, YMCA, Memorial United Methodist Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, and First Assembly of God. Roll Call: Ayes: Dean, Richards, McNutt.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by McNutt, to enter into a public hearing at 9:21 a.m. to receive comments on applications for Tax Exemptions on Real and Personal Property. Roll Call: Ayes: Dean, Richards, McNutt.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Richards, to adjourn from the public hearing at 9:28 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Dean, Richards, McNutt.

Assessor Kristi Korell presented a list of permissive exemption renewals.

A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Richards, to approve the application for Tax Exemptions on Real and Personal Property for the McCook Humane Society and the Omaha Community Foundation as recommended by the County Assessor. Roll Call: Ayes: Dean, Richards, McNutt.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:32 a.m.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman McNutt reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Chairman McNutt recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:32 a.m. for the Noxious Weed Control Authority.

### NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING:

Chairman Earl McNutt called the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority to order at 9:32 a.m. 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.

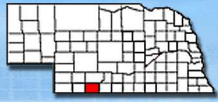
Weed Superintendent Josh Mullen joined the Board to go over the annual noxious weed control report.

Mullen went through the report and answered questions from the Board. He gave examples of heavy infestations of musk thistle that have been eradicated this past season.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the noxious weed report. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

Chairman McNutt adjourned the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority at 9:47 a.m.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)



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Chairman McNutt reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Sheriff Alan Kotschwar and Jail Administrator Dee Schilz joined the Board to discuss the jailors' hours. They work 12-hour shifts, and with the current COVID situation, it has been difficult to cover all shifts. It has been suggested that the jailors be paid on an hourly basis, and allow them to earn overtime pay.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to pay the jailors on an hourly basis and allow overtime pay. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Richards.

Kevin Petross and Shawn Boyd with Miller & Associates joined the Board to present Bridge Inspection Reports. 21 Bridges were inspected at \$95.00 per bridge, and one fracture critical inspection at \$1,075.00. There weren't any findings in need of immediate repair, just normal wear and tear.

McNutt discussed moving ahead on some critical repair of specific bridges using ARPA funds.

Petross presented a work order for the upcoming two years. A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to approve the work order for 2022 and 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Richards.

The Board discussed a vacancy on the Hillcrest Board, created when Brian Rokusek resigned in November of 2021. The Hillcrest Board is recommending Naomi Olson from the McCook Clinic. McNutt recommends Jessica Johnson from the McCook Community Hospital. Both candidates are qualified and willing to serve.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to appoint Naomi Olson to the Hillcrest Board, term to expire December 31, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Dean, Richards. Nay: McNutt.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Commission on Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice – Suspended Officers, 2) ARPA Final Rule.

The following claims were allowed:

## Payroll Claims – January 24, 2022

*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 Net Salaries 108,569.97 AFLAC 2,594.20 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 17,794.22 Black Hills Energy 1,770.09 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,300.00 DAS State Accounting 56.88 Discover Bank 390.52 Empower Retirement 600.00 Hometown Leasing 138.99 Horizon Bank - HSA 300.00 KRD Federal Credit Union 6,467.00 KRD HSA Account 680.00 Lincoln County Sheriff 20.95 MASA Global Building 140.00 McCook Gazette 437.04 MNB Bank 32,644.75 MNB Bank 45.11 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc 129.00 MNB Insurance Inc 41,635.86 Eldon D Moore 6.00 Nebraska Child Support 1,266.97 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 4,912.40 Quadient Finance USA, Inc 500.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 5,500.00 Red Willow County Clerk 638.00 US Bank Equipment Finance 5.25 Vision Service Plan 485.85 YMCA 183.00 Total 229,262.05 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 25,268.44 AFLAC 272.82 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,206.16 Black Hills Energy 219.66 Danbury Storage Units LLC 1,200.00 Decatur Co-Op Association 1,157.16 Empower Retirement 1,400.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 115.33 KRD Federal Credit Union 1,514.00 Lingo Communications 32.81 Lords Inc 330.84 MASA Global Building 56.00 MNB Bank 8,895.84 MNB Insurance Inc 24,556.14 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,320.01 NKC Tire 2,100.33 Red Willow County Self Insurance 900.00 Red Willow County Clerk 42.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 121.04 Vision Service Plan 17.09 Total 74,125.67 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,645.30 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,154.98 Black Hills Energy 764.56 McCook Gazette 5.20 MNB Bank 2,138.21 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 315.04 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Vision Service Plan 56.34 Total 12,479.63 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Regional Care Inc 46,948.93 Total 46,948.93 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,092.91 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 478.48 Black Hills Energy 2,195.70 Hutscheson Engineering 831.17 MNB Bank 884.62 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 115.95 Anytime Tri State Towing LLC 490.20 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 695.27 Vision Service Plan 28.17 YMCA 48.00 Total 9,060.47 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 7,784.43 AFLAC 272.53 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,060.71 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 2,107.51 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 229.90 Pathology Services P C 593.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 160.00 Total 12,608.08 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,200.77 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 342.23 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 734.17 MNB Bank 596.98 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 94.53 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 4,196.85 Grand Total 388,681.68.

Chairman McNutt adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:35 a.m. to February 7, 2022.

Earl McNutt \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Noxious Weed Control Authority

Randy Dean \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy County Clerk