



Red Willow County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 28, 2022

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on February 28, 2022. 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, 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, Cayla Richards and Randy Dean. McNutt informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

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

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) miscellaneous accounts payable claims in the amount of \$12,077.97, 2) Chairman's signature on Maximus Cost Allocation Plan Certification. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) Ronni Harding, Village of Bartley – Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, 2) Nebraska Department of Natural Resources – County Road 712 Dam, 3) Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy – Ruggles Farm Feedlot, 4) Figgins Construction – 2022 Season.

The Board reviewed "wish lists" from various County departments. The APRA Fund Final Rule loosened the requirements of how Counties can spend the COVID rescue funds. Improving the jail to open up more space is still one of the top items for the ARPA funds to be used on contingent on cost. The Health Department needs a generator for back-up power to maintain the vaccines. Currently if there is a power outage they have to move everything to the hospital. A handicap accessible front door on the Health Department would really help. The Courthouse needs a new roof, new windows, carpet and paint. The current roof is from 1996. There are also several bridges that need to be replaced.

Jordan Arndt and Chad Thies, Zelle Consultants, joined the Board to go over their company's services. Zelle offers human resource solutions and work on employee relations. They help take a lot of work off of the department heads and are always available when needed. They will take over advertising and recruit new employees when needed and do compensation reviews to see where they stand.

Scott Clifford, Highway Superintendent, joined the Board to discuss vacating Road 404, one-half mile south from Road 714. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to approve Resolution No. 1451, Book 23, Page 40, Directing Highway Superintendent to Make a Study of Road 404. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Richards.

Jail Administrator, Dee Schilz, followed up with the Board on the Jailors' wages. Budgeting is difficult when paychecks differ from month to month. A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to move jail staff back to salaried. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Richards.

The Board reviewed the audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to approve the audit, and place it on file in the Clerk's office. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Richards.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2022 Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization Meetings. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, Richards. Abstain: McNutt.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by McNutt to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2022 and February 22, 2022 Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization Meetings. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean. Abstain: Richards.

The Sheriff's Monthly Revenue Report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

Regional Care Inc. - \$11,237.97, AFLAC - \$840.00.

Chairman McNutt adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:10 a.m. to March 14, 2022.

Earl McNutt
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Tami Teel
County Clerk