



Red Willow County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

April 4, 2022

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on April 4, 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, 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, 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.

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

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) Chairman's signature on updated Zoning map. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Richards.

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

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented two tax roll correction for 2019 and 2021. A motion was made by Richards, seconded by McNutt, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 32 which decreased the tax rolls by \$527.78 and Tax Roll Correction No. 11 which increased the tax rolls by \$103.66. Roll Call: Ayes: Dean, McNutt, Richards.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:21 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

Chairman McNutt reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Amber Anderson and Brad Swiggert with the Olson Group and Mitch Lyster joined the Board to discuss the County's insurance renewal. They provided new rates and coverage for the employees. A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to lock in the renewal rates as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

Anderson also spoke about recent legislation including the Mental Health Parity Act and the No Surprises Act.

The Board discussed the estimate for a possible jail expansion. Since the cost would use over half of the County's ARPA funds, it was decided that the funds could be better spent elsewhere. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards to not move any further forward with the possible jail expansion with Prohaska & Associates. Roll Call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards, Dean.

The Board reviewed the extended warranty for the generator proposed for the Ag Complex at the Fair Grounds.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to purchase the 60kW natural gas Cummins generator from Ravenswood Electric for \$74,085.06, and the 5-year extended warranty on the generator and 10-year extended warranty on the transfer switch for \$3,140.00 for a total of \$77,225.06. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Richards.

The Clerk of District Court's monthly revenue report was reviewed and placed on file.

An email from the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts regarding gravel purchases was reviewed and turned over to the County Attorney.

Chairman McNutt adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:35 a.m. to April 11, 2022.

Earl McNutt,
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean,
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Tami Teel
County Clerk