

# Red Willow County Board Minutes



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

September 26, 2022

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on September 26, 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. Nancy Rippen was present. She volunteers at the Pregnancy Crisis Center. It is staffed by all volunteers. If they could pay employees, they could be open more hours.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and the miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll 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) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$384,164.11, 3) changes to Pledged Securities for County Treasurer, 4) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Hartman Telephone Co., 5) Oversized Load Permit for Ward Craft Homes, 6) Interlocal Agreement with City of Indianola for Law Enforcement Services. 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.

Mike Malleck says the map has not been changed and is still showing an island that is not there anymore.

Treasurer Crystal Dack presented Resolution No. 1468, Book 23, Page 57 to Strike Personal Property Taxes for \$805.52 for Paul & Janet Soucie.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by McNutt, to approve Resolution No. 1468, Book 23, Page 57 to strike personal property taxes for Paul & Janet Soucie. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, McNutt, Richards.

Dack also presented Resolution No. 1469, Book 23, Page 58, to Assign County Sales Certificates that she designated by numbers 1-2020 to 21-2020 for delinquent taxes on properties that were not sold at a public tax sale for want of bidders. She said the certificates were ready for the County Attorney to begin foreclosure proceedings. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Richards, to adopt Resolution No. 1469, Book 23, Page 58, to Assign County Sales Certificates. Roll call: Ayes: Dean, McNutt, Richards.

Kristi Korell, Assessor, presented omitted, overvalued and undervalued property to the Board. A motion was made by McNutt, seconded by Richards to approve the omitted properties to include tax year 2022 as presented for MMH Hospitality. Roll Call: Ayes: Dean, McNutt, Richards.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:30 a.m.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

Chairman McNutt reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:30 a.m.

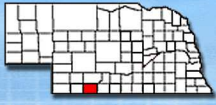
Brandy Bird, Jiles Bowman, Alan Kotschwar, Kristi Korell, Crystal Dack and Penny Cooper joined the Board for further discussion of how to use the remainder of the ARPA funds. The County has spent approximately \$186,000 to date, and has committed to an additional \$600,000. There is still \$1.3M that the County needs to spend or return.

Cooper brought up the issue of employee bonuses. This would be a one-time deal to assist employees in these difficult times. The County has never before been in a position to thank the employees in a monetary way.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by McNutt, to approve a one-time only employee bonus in the amount of \$2,000.00 for employees who have worked for the County for at least three months and \$1,000.00 for permanent part-time employees. These will be issued with the November 2022 payroll. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Richards. Nay: Dean.

Cooper also reported that Jerry Berggren with Berggren Architects will join the Board October 17, 2022 to discuss the Courthouse window replacement project.

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department's annual report was presented by Myra Stoney.



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A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to enter executive session at 10:33 to discuss personnel matters. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Richards.

A motion was made by Richards, seconded by Dean, to come out of executive session at 11:03 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Richards.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Richards, to direct Clerk Teel to schedule interviews for the custodial position on October 3, 2022. Roll call: Ayes: McNutt, Dean, Richards.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: City of McCook – 1) Notice of Public Hearing, 2) Notice of Increased Fees.

The Sheriff's monthly revenue report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

## Payroll Claims – September 26, 2022

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 117,164.60 AFLAC 2,785.98 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 18,828.73 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Chi Health Good Samaritan 23,313.06 Discover Bank 390.52 Empower Retirement 650.00 Horizon Bank - HSA 450.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 6,099.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 680.00 MASA Global Building 140.00 MNB Bank 35,533.53 MNB Bank 60.29 Eldon D Moore 6.00 Nebraska Child Support 587.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,456.05 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,850.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,023.00 Vision Service Plan 407.17 YMCA 142.00 Total 218,616.93 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 26,477.99 AFLAC 241.88 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,336.40 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,414.00 MASA Global Building 56.00 MNB Bank 9,416.57 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,544.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Vision Service Plan 34.18 Total 45,071.27 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,978.64 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,207.20 MNB Bank 2,260.64 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 338.13 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Vision Service Plan 56.34 Total 12,240.95 INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 23,761.49 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 9,243.79 Regional Care Inc 786.11 Red Willow County Health Dept 1,445.00 Total 35,236.39 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 4,173.34 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 625.15 MNB Bank 1,107.43 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 157.52 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 844.97 Vision Service Plan 28.17 YMCA 48.00 Total 7,184.58 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 9,209.75 AFLA C 272.53 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,262.16 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 2,570.29 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 300.82 Pathology Services PC 368.45 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 35.00 Vision Service Plan 8.51 Total 14,427.51 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 10,267.96 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,619.40 MNB Bank 3,685.70 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 648.71 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Veolia Environmental Services 34,936.54 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 51,386.48 Grand Total 84,164.11.

Chairman McNutt adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:10 a.m. to October 3, 2022.

Earl McNutt,  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean,  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Tami Teel  
County Clerk