

Red Willow County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, AND NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETINGS January 23, 2023

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 23, 2023. 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 Ted Gans called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Gans informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the agendas as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Dale Cotton spoke about the McCook Airbase. He is working on getting the Airbase on the National Register of Historic Places.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, 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 \$307,132.13, 3) renew the contract with Craig Bennett with Miller & Associates as the Zoning Administrator for 2023, 4) appoint Doug Terry as Flood Plain Manager for 2023-2026, 5) Resolution 1473, Book 23, Page 68, Designating Banks as Depositories for Red Willow County for Calendar Year 2023, 6) Oversized Load Permit for Williams Midwest House Movers, 7) Call Special Meeting February 22, 2023 to Approve Payroll, with Timecard Deadline of February 16, 2023, 8) set March 6, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. as date and time for Public Hearing regarding exemption application for Flying Free, 9) meet on fifth Monday (January 30th) for Motor Vehicle Exemption Applications. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans 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 Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Dean informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Linda Parde, Deputy Treasurer, presented motor vehicle exemption applications. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemptions for McCook Christian Church: 3, St. John's Lutheran Church: 1, St. Patrick's Church: 6, YMCA: 1, Evangelical Free Church: 2. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:25 a.m.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING:

Chairman Charles Fritsche called the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority to order at 9:25 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Fritsche 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. He explained the procedures involved in the County's noxious weed control.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to authorize the Chairman's and Mullen's signatures on the noxious weed report. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Fritsche adjourned the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority at 9:45 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

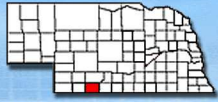
Carol Schlegel, Visitors Bureau Director, was unable to join the Board at this time.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, presented bids for heating units at the Kiplinger Arena. The building currently has tube heating, which will be replaced by forced air. Two bids were received: Walter Hearing & Air - \$97,500, Five Star Service - \$63,519.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to go into executive session.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to come out of executive session.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to table the decision. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.



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Dee Schilz, Jail Administrator, joined the Board to present bids for a water heater at the jail. The original bid from Volz for \$20,200, Alexander for \$22,500, Sowell's \$26,650.50, Five Star for \$16,314.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the bid from Five Star, funded by ARPA funds. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed the need for an additional Road employee to haul gravel for all three districts. The county can afford an employee for the remainder of this budget year, and build the position into the 23/24 budget year.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to hire a truck driver to begin employment April 16, 2023. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The County's fuel contract with Frenchman Valley expires January 31, 2023. Sheriff Darling, Diana Wilkinson and Josh Mullen were present for a discussion on future fuel purchases. Wilkinson will check with the City of McCook on an interlocal agreement, and Charles Fritsche will investigate diesel prices.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Gans, to contact local fuel suppliers about a new contract. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: 1) Miller & Associates – Road Budget Report FY 2021/2022, 2) Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report, 3) Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report, 4) Monthly Collections Reports for Road and Waste.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 129,931.06 AFLAC 2,574.34 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 20,842.94 Black Hills Energy 1,574.27 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 City Of McCook 1,720.00 Clerks Of District Court Assoc 75.00 DAS State Accounting 56.88 Discover Bank 415.44 Empower Retirement 650.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,668.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 680.00 MASA Global Building 182.00 McCook Gazette 264.10 MNB Bank 38,321.13 MNB Bank 46.13 Nebraska Child Support 1,022.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,863.87 Quadient Finance USA, Inc 546.72 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,950.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,165.00 Vision Service Plan 357.31 YMCA 78.00 Total 217,034.19 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 27,660.98 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 4,358.90 Black Hills Energy 413.64 Decatur Co-Op Association 815.71 Empower Retirement 100.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 1,990.49 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,414.00 Lingo Communications 71.88 MASA Global Building 56.00 MNB Bank 8,874.21 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,369.59 Red Willow County Self Insurance 850.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 131.45 Village Of Bartley 116.15 Vision Service Plan 34.18 Total 48,857.85 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 7,915.72 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,189.20 Black Hills Energy 1,715.94 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 37.96 MNB Bank 2,170.84 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 325.83 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Vision Service Plan 56.34 Total 13,811.83 ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,739.24 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 498.03 Black Hills Energy 5,481.92 McCook Gazette 38.66 MNB Bank 1,006.63 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 129.67 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 807.84 Vision Service Plan 28.17 YMCA 48.00 Total 11,978.16 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 7,622.23 AFLAC 340.29 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,067.01 Empower Retirement 150.00 MNB Bank 2,087.51 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 233.71 Red Willow County Self Insurance 250.00 Red Willow County Clerk 40.00 Vision Service Plan 8.51 Total 11,799.26 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 2,277.50 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 353.48 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 73.76 MNB Bank 618.98 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 98.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Vision Service Plan 28.17 Total 3,650.84 Grand Total 307,132.13.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:33 a.m. to January 30, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Charles Fritsche
Chairman, Noxious Weed Control Authority

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk