

Red Willow County Board Minutes



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

February 6, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on February 6, 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 Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to approve the agendas as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Don Klein spoke about the differences between Fair Boards and Ag Societies.

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 claims in the amount of \$9,306.80, 3) contract with Marvin Planning Consultants, 4) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Great Plains Communications, 5) reappoint Ann Barger to Hillcrest Board, term to expire December 31, 2028. 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.

Crystal Dack, Treasurer, presented one tax roll correction for Jerda Garey Vickers. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 8 which decreased the tax rolls by \$78.52. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also presented motor vehicle exemption applications. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve motor vehicle exemptions for Community Hospital and Assembly of God Church. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

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

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, joined the Board to report the decision from the Kiplinger Foundation regarding heaters in the Arena. He presented a letter from Debra Christy offering the County a gift of heaters and installation for the project.

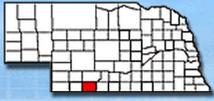
A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the gift from the Kiplinger Foundation of updated heaters in the Kiplinger Arena. Roll Call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to set April 10, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time to open insurance: property and casualty, vehicle liability, workers compensation, general liability, umbrella, linebacker, law enforcement liability, inland marine and inmate medical insurance bids. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Carol Schlegel, Tourism Director, presented her annual report to the Board. Dan Stramel was also present. Schlegel briefly explained how the Visitors Bureau works and how the lodging tax supports the tourism effort. She listed several projects they assisted with over the past year. She has expanded the birding tours to year-round. Social media has become very effective. The Board had several questions, and Schlegel discussed the future of the programs. She spoke of the Passport Nebraska program. Stramel gave some more details on how lodging tax works, and mentioned how lucky Red Willow County is to have Carol running the programs.

The Board reviewed several options for fuel purchases in the coming months. The City of McCook went with Shell Oil, but their location isn't set up for trucks and heavy equipment. The County has a good relationship with Frenchman Valley. The Board debated whether to sign a contract or pay at the pump. A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to accept option one presented by Frenchman Valley, which is 0.13 off per gallon. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed a newspaper clipping from Carroll County, Virginia, sent by Sherrie Dack, showing that solar farms are shopping for land all over the country.



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The following reports were reviewed and placed on file: Sheriff's and District Court Clerk's monthly revenue reports.

The following claims were allowed: Lucent Health – 9,131.54, Clerk of District Court - 175.26.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:00 a.m. to February 13, 2023.

Ted Gans

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean

Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper

County Clerk