



Red Willow County Board Minutes



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 13, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on February 13, 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 9:02 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 agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. Dale Cotton spoke about the McCook Airbase. He would like to proceed with a grant to create jobs and promote the Airbase.

Donald D. Wilson, CPA, joined the Board to review the 2021/2022 Annual Audit Report. Wilson summarized the financial statements. The Board asked Wilson about needed expenditures in the Road Department. Wilson said it is possible to use the inheritance fund for capital improvements.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the 2021/2022 annual audit as presented by Don Wilson, CPA. Roll call: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed purchasing a truck and trailer to haul gravel. Gans has been shopping for a used trailer, as well as checking into new trailers. The County does own two truck/trailers, however the truck at District 1 is underpowered for hauling gravel.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to purchase a Brazos trailer, using the inheritance fund, for \$40,550, with a \$1,500 deposit. Roll Call: Ayes, Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to waive the bidding process and advertise for a special purchase of a semi-truck, 500,000 miles or less, 450 HP, 3.70 ratio gears. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to set May 1, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time to open health insurance bids for County employees. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed hiring a part-time truck driver for the road department to haul gravel, in addition to a full-time driver.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to advertise for a part-time driver for Road. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Charlie McPherson with McCook Economic Development Corp joined the Board to request support for the expansion of their Early Childcare Program. They would like the County to contribute \$2,500 to \$5,000 annually for the next three years. Gans asked about childcare shortage, and unlicensed facilities.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to table the support of the MEDC's childcare program indefinitely. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board reviewed a letter from District Court Judge Cindy Volkmer, outlining proposed changes to the court-appointed attorney rates. The rate would remain at \$100 per hour for most cases but would increase to \$125 per hour for complex and difficult matters. Judge Volkmer welcomes discussion or questions regarding the issue.

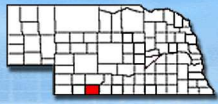
The Board discussed contracting for delivered diesel at district road shops. A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to contract with Farmers Co-op in Trenton for 9,000 gallons of tank wagon red diesel delivered to the McCook road shop for \$3.39 per gallon. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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) accounts payable claims in the amount of \$281,539.51, 3) \$15,000 donation to MEDC in support of rural housing, 4) County Roadway Occupancy Agreement for Moorhous Inc., 5) Special Designated Liquor License for HoJo's Hideaway. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A Thank-You from the McCook Economic Development Corp and the Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report were reviewed and placed on file.

The Board performed the quarterly jail inspection. Everything was found to be satisfactory.

The following claims were allowed:



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GENERAL FUND Acme Printing S 19.00 Deanna Allacher C 30.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 3,276.38 Appliance Repair Tag LLC SC 320.00 AT&T Mobility SC 362.82 Blake's Services SC 65.00 Black Hills Energy SC 3,211.64 Brico Pest Control SC 80.00 Brouillette Dugan Troshynski & Bell LF 30.00 Carrot-Top Industries S 244.74 Central Plains Valuation LLC SC 10,869.50 City Of McCook SC 5,776.84 Community Hospital SC 615.98 Consolidated Management Company S 15,966.38 Justin M Daake LF 5,700.00 Crystal Dack M 134.28 Randy Dean M 131.04 Jasmine Dimas M 299.14 Eakes Office Solutions S 1,849.17 Electronic Systems Inc SC 164.00 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 784.05 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 1,103.60 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 2,090.37 Glass Express SC 297.05 Goodwin Siegfried LLP LF 2,190.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,694.57 Holiday Inn M 389.85 Hometown Leasing R 1,126.14 Honorbound IT SC 7,079.10 Kristi Korell M 99.33 Lincoln County Sheriff SF 9.43 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 McCook City & Volunteer Fire Dept SC 250.00 McCook Gazette SC 833.08 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 350.00 McCook Utilities SC 462.50 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 1,375.96 Miller & Associates PC C 1,500.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng. C 600.00 MIPS Inc SC 4,975.81 MNB Insurance Inc I 41,549.81 Modern Cleaners SC 33.17 Dorisa Muffy Morris SC 223.75 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 2,720.30 Ne Assoc Of County Treasurers D 50.00 NEACDEP D 90.00 Ne Health & Human Services System SC 318.00 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center SC 100.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,791.49 Ne State Fire Marshal SC 120.00 Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment SC 652.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 178.03 Lori O'Dea S 838.81 Phelps County Sheriff SF 24.50 SRK Enterprise LLC S 400.00 Psychological Resources S 150.00 Quadient Leasing USA, Inc R 242.97 Quill Corporation S 905.66 Redwood Toxicology Lab Inc SC 95.48 Region II Services SC 5,431.00 Red Willow County Corrections SC 28.00 Red Willow County Court LF 405.00 Red Willow County District Court LF 108.00 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 127.65 Red Willow Health Dept Petty Cash S 110.00 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 375.44 Secretary Of State Election Div. S 20.00 Shred-It USA SC 175.39 Michael T Simmonds M 337.73 Tim Bradley Electric LLC SC 322.47 University Of Nebraska SC 2,876.24 US Bank S 4,150.88 US Bank Equipment Finance S 297.79 US Postmaster S 70.00 Verizon Wireless SC 149.35 Village Of Bartley SC 180.00 Volz Inc SC 750.00 Walmart S 166.93 Walter Plumbing LLC SC 221.48 Abraham Weber C 759.00 West Central District D 25.00 Ryan R Wilcox LF 6,500.00 Window Artisans SC 300.00 Witness Fees - Co Court WF 20.00 Paul Wood LF 16.00 Delton Young SC 375.00 Total 151,763.07 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 3,927.95 Akrs Equipment S 223.50 Black Hills Energy SC 354.24 BW Telcom SC 44.39 C & K Distributors S 635.17 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.65 Carquest Auto Parts S 121.08 Danbury Storage Units LLC R 1,200.00 Decatur Co-Op Association SC 2,534.79 Fastenal Company S 34.92 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 4,276.94 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 41.90 John Deere Financial S 160.95 Kully Pipe & Steel Supply S 133.33 Lords Inc S 114.14 McCook Utilities SC 74.38 Mid-American Research Chemical Corp S 110.39 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng. C 853.75 MNB Insurance Inc I 27,542.09 NMC Exchange LLC S 796.63 Nebraska Public Power District SC 65.93 Newman Traffic Signs S 1,017.67 PowerPlan S 199.22 Prairie States Comm Inc SC 144.39 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC S 280.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 424.66 Village Of Bartley SC 123.45 Total 45,487.51 BUY-BACK FUND Miller & Associates Consulting Eng. C 13,500.00 Total 13,500.00 VISITORS FUND Honorbound IT S 25.00 McCook Chamber Of Commerce DN 2,500.00 McCook Economic Development Corp R 935.83 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 58.84 Total 7,194.67 FAIR FUND Ace-Yuma SC 73.98 Akrs Equipment S 163.04 Black Hills Energy SC 1,424.63 Cardmember Services S 2,043.78 Electronic Systems Inc S 95.00 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 99.96 Gabriel S 557.38 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.31 Hometown Family Radio SC 500.00 Hometown Leasing R 54.17 John Deere Financial S 593.18 McCook Gazette SC 8.44 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 318.65 Mead Lumber S 10.28 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,362.61 Nicks Distributing Inc S 1,287.16 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Regalia Manufacturing Co S 834.37 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash S 16,910.50 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 18.20 Tinker Tom SC 80.00 Verizon Wireless SC 42.78 Walmart S 134.91 Walter Heating Cooling & Cons SC 98.00 Total 28,569.83 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Greg Holthus I 150.00 Diana Wilkinson I 100.00 Total 250.00 ARENA FUND Black Hills Energy SC 4,445.80 C & K Distributors S 170.23 Cardmember Services S 1,113.00 Central Nebraska Bobcat S 130.85 Electronic Systems Inc SC 95.00 McCook Utilities SC 410.89 Modern Farm Equipment S 75.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,058.17 Star Enterprises SC 1,000.00 Total 8,499.14 ARPA FUND Five Star Service LLC SC 16,314.00 Prairie States Comm Inc SC 1,082.42 Samway Floor Covering & Furniture SC 3,918.22 Total 21,314.64 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 196.20 Brandy Bird M 20.00 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 187.38 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 210.63 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Susan Ihrig SC 20.00 Pam Klug SC 20.00 McCook Gazette SC 10.95 McKesson Medical Surgical S 122.18 Pathology Services PC SC 381.15 Kevin Potthoff M 17.03 Kristen Puckett M 20.00 Darin Seligman M 6.55 Misti Soderlund M 34.06 Cheryl Stewart M 18.34 US Bank S 1,076.28 Wal-Mart S 17.04 Jaymie White M 20.00 Total 2,463.91 WASTE FUND Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 165.11 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 170.34 Honorbound IT S 999.99 McCook Utilities SC 46.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 428.71 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply S 64.15 US Bank S 90.94 Verizon Wireless SC 42.70 Volz Inc SC 488.60 Total 2,496.74 Grand Total 281,539.51.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:35 a.m. to February 22, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk