

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 20, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on March 20, 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 agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present.

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 \$5,318.11, 3) Revise: "A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean to include uniforms, overtime pay, vacation after probation, *bi-weekly payroll*, and an hourly rate range from \$23.00 to \$30.00 per hour depending on experience to the benefits offered to applicants to the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche." to . . . *semi-monthly payroll*. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel with NACO, joined the Board to update them on NACO activities. She hopes that the officials take advantage of the training offered by NACO. County Board of Equalization workshop is June 7, followed by the County Board workshop on June 8-9. The Clerk's workshop is June 14-16. The September fall meeting will be in North Platte or Ogallala. The National Association of County Officials meeting will be in July in Austin Texas. The Nebraska Association of County Officials will be December 13-15 in Kearney.

Legislative issues are contentious at this time. Inheritance tax will not be ending this year. A survey of taxpayers revealed that they like that inheritance tax is distributed on the county level and helps reduce property tax. The question of unfunded mandates is on the docket currently.

Menzel defined Professional Services as regards to the County Purchasing Act. She explained it is the use of specialized knowledge, labor or skill predominantly mental or intellectual that would qualify as "professional".

The Board reviewed a Memo from Paul Wood regarding leasing equipment as it applies to the County Purchasing Act. Leasing falls under the same rules as purchasing. The Board would need to sign any lease or contract.

Tasha Wulf and Brandi Hilton-Hagemann, from the County Extension Office, presented their annual report. They spoke about the services offered by the Extension employees all over southwest Nebraska.

The following claims were allowed:

Black Hills Energy – 1,468.51, DAS State Accounting – 56.88, Twin Valleys Public Power District – 124.09, Lucent Health Solutions – 3,668.63, Total – 5,318.11.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:05 a.m. to March 27, 2023.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper  
County Clerk