

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

April 3, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on April 3, 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. Rick Spencer spoke about the condition of Road 378. Members of the Personnel Committee presented their concerns regarding changing health insurance.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to enter into executive session to interview applicants for a truck driver. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to exit executive session at 10:35 a.m. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to offer the position to the top candidate. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Jiles Bowman, Fair Manager, joined the Board to discuss gravel for the Fairgrounds. Bowman passed out informal bids from Lakeside, EIA and Richards. After some discussion, it was decided to do a gradation test on all producers. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to purchase mud rock for \$21.48 per ton from Richards Gravel from Hayes Center. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to table the purchase of gravel until the testing comes back. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Ryan Wilcox, Public Defender, joined the Board to present his contract renewal. Wilcox has been the public defender for Red Willow County for nearly 20 years. This county is 70% of his business. Methamphetamine accounts for most of his cases.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean to approve the contract with Ryan Wilcox as public defender from June 2023 through May of 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, 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 \$24,868.93, 3) appoint Brenden Funk to the Planning Commission, term to expire April 30, 2025, 4) surplus items for the County Assessor, 4) Resolution No. 1477, Book 23, Page 72, to Transfer Funds from Child Support Incentive Fund 0985 to General Fund 0100. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Treasurer's Close of Tax Sale report was reviewed and placed on file.

A claim from Lucent Health for \$24,868.93 was allowed.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:20 a.m. to April 10, 2023.

Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk