

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 10, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on April 10, 2023. A notice of the meeting 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 agenda as presented. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Gans offered the floor for Citizens' Comments. No one was present. The Board briefly discussed several bridge projects.

The District Court Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report was reviewed and placed on file.

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 \$408,846.36. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

At 9:30 the Board opened bids for property and casualty insurance. Joe Townsley with the Gary Thompson Agency and Larry Pelan with Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association were present for the opening of the bids. The first bid opened was from MNB Insurance with an annual premium of \$294,750.00. This includes commercial, liability, workers comp, auto, inland marine, umbrella, crime, linebacker and law enforcement.

The next bid was from NIRMA, a pooled insurance. Their annual premium quoted is \$121,646.00. The proposal includes all above coverages plus cyber insurance. Pelan explained that he could quote at a lower rate because of the pool of participating counties.

Joe Townsley represented Gary Thompson Agency. Their annual premium for a similar plan is \$246,723.00.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to accept the bid from NIRMA for \$121,646.00 annually. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

At 9:45 the Board opened proposals for life, health and dental insurance. The first proposals opened were from the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Mike Boden recommends fully funded plans, and presented both self and fully funded options. The maximum expected exposure for partially self-funded was \$1,350,400.52 and the premium for fully funded was \$1,370,360.

The next proposals were from Svoboda Benefit Solutions. Chad Svoboda and Kevin From were present and presented both self and fully funded options. The maximum expected exposure for partially self-funded was 1,357,152.24 however their proposal did not have a Terminal Liability Option or the twenty-thousand-dollar aggregate. Their fully funded proposal was \$1,115,720.16.

Mitch Lyster, Brad Swiggert, and Amber Anderson with the Olson Group were present to present the current plan renewal and proposals for both self and fully funded options. Their partial self-funded maximum exposure was 1,252,789.80. They presented several options for fully funded plans using different carriers with a range of \$1,112,432.88 to \$1,472,694.60.

Cornerstone Insurance did not have a representative present but did supply proposals, however their information appeared to be incomplete. The board will seek additional information from them.

The Board discussed choosing a broker, and will make that choice at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to table the health insurance choice. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to amend the agenda to add an emergency item in order to potentially save money. The item is signing a disclosure that the Board has no knowledge of any health problems not yet submitted to the health insurance company. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the disclosure of knowledge of health problems not submitted to the health insurance company. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

Accounts Payable Claims – April 10, 2023

*Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg. or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; RF Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF Witness Fees*

GENERAL FUND Ambience Counseling Center LLC SC 585.00 Applied Connective Technologies SC 2,101.60 AT&T Mobility SC 299.74 Black Hills Energy SC 1,372.90 Staci Blomstedt M 1.31 Buffalo County Sheriff SF 6.00 Centec Cast Metal Products S 1,063.38 City Of Indianola SC 20.00 City Of McCook SC 5,776.84 Community Hospital SC 7,782.15 Consolidated Management Company S 9,042.54 Crystal Dack M 90.13 Randy Dean M 215.78 Eakes Office Solutions S 692.08 Farrells Pharmacy Inc S 886.85 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 572.56 Law Offices Of Tana M Fye LF 280.00 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 1,732.89 Great Plains Health Urgent SC 789.60 Tammie Hilker C 22.50 Brandi Hilton-Hagemann M 849.24 Hometown Leasing R 1,129.31 Honorbound IT SC 3,281.11 Janssen Kool Honda SC 834.30 Donna Kircher M 137.55 Kristi Korell M 89.08 Lincoln County Court LF 1,800.00 Masonic Temple Craft Inc R 495.00 City Of McCook SC 250.00 McCook Gazette SC 473.93 McCook Humane Society Inc DN 350.00 McCook Utilities SC 451.84 Mead Lumber S 75.72 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc SC 129.00 Midwest Special Services Inc SC 399.00 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 600.00 MIPS Inc SC 3,742.29 Monroe Systems For Business S 125.00 Mousel Brooks Schneider & Mustion LF 2,354.65 NACEB D 100.00 Ne County Assessors Association D 60.00 Ne Assoc Of County Treasurers D 415.00 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,865.65 Nebraska Public Health Environment SC 105.00 Nicks Distributing Inc S 366.12 Lori O'Dea LF 59.51 Odiss Enterprises LLC SC 331.00 Kay Oltmer M 19.65 Pathology Services PC SC 257.87 SRK Enterprise LLC S 400.00 Quill Corporation S 467.36 Red Willow Dental LLC SC 381.00 Region II Human Services DN 22,037.16 Region II Services DN 5,432.00 Red Willow County Court LF 312.69 Red Willow County District Court LF 1,391.34 Clerk Of District Court Petty Cash S 106.15 Red Willow County Sheriff SF 643.55 Scottsbluff Corporate S 241.88 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC SC 100.00 Shred-It USA SC 173.99 Michael T Simmonds M 121.37 Tammy Solomon M 2.62 TK Elevator Corporation SC 463.38 Robert Tigner M 1.97 Twin Rivers Transfer SC 440.30 University Nebraska D 250.00 US Bank S 5,728.24 Verizon Wireless SC 111.75 Walmart S 121.44 Ryan R Wilcox C 6,500.00 Tracy Zink M 15.72 Total 99,924.58 ROAD FUND Ag Valley Co-Op SC 6,813.56 AKRS Equipment S 61.92 Bryan Hauxwell Farms SC 2,543.95 BW Telcom SC 44.39 Cambridge Telephone Company SC 51.31 Penelope Cooper S 57.50 Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply S 5,353.43 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 2,733.50 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 41.09 Kohls Auto Parts S 22.00 Malleck Oil Company S 15.00 McCook Gazette SC 198.00 McCook Utilities SC 73.69 Miller & Associates Consulting Eng C 500.00 NMC Exchange LLC SC 40,793.51 Nebraska Public Power District SC 95.65 Overton Sand & Gravel Co S 1,320.96 Poms Tire Service Inc SC 1,349.47 PowerPlan SC 1,619.03 Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales LLC SC 1,607.96 Red Willow County Clerk Petty Cash S 20.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC 1,135.66 Village Of Bartley SC 106.79 Wagner Ford-Mercury-Toyota S 446.97 Total 67,005.34 VISITORS FUND Cobblestone Hotel & Suites McCook M 468.00 Eakes Office Solutions S 44.58 Elpison Foundation DN 750.00 Honorbound IT SC 25.00 McCook Economic Development Corp DN 1,821.64 Carol E Schlegel C 3,675.00 US Bank S 720.53 Total 7,504.75 FAIR FUND AKRS Equipment S 83.57 American Electric S 10.21 Cardmember Services S 748.41 D & S Hardware S 10.39 Diamond Vogel Paint Center S 1,196.26 Frenchman Valley Co-Op S 4.28 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 157.54 Hometown Leasing R 54.17 John Deere Financial S 165.30 Kohls Auto Parts S 39.50 McCook Gazette SC 3.90 McCooknet Internet Service SC 44.00 McCook Utilities SC 312.73 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,286.49 SRK Enterprise LLC S 1,657.50 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 412.50 Regalia Manufacturing Co S 151.81 Red Willow County Fair Petty Cash SC 11,000.64 Michaelis Heating & Cooling LLC S 62.40 Verizon Wireless SC 42.78 Walmart S 19.56 Total 17,463.94 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC I 59,406.80 Red Willow County Health Dept I 815.00 Total 60,221.80 ARENA FUND Ace-Yuma SC 201.86 Cardmember Services S 274.29 Maris General Construction LLC SC 1,280.75 McCook Utilities SC 440.08 Nebraska Public Power District SC 1,276.21 Ravenswood Electric LLC SC 634.00 Paul L Sutton SC 160.00 Total 4,267.19 ARPA FUND Chipperfield Ag Erectors LLC SC 91,878.47 Eco-Guard SC 51,179.70 Total 143,058.17 HEALTH FUND Applied Connective Technologies SC 129.00 Brandy Bird M 120.27 Change Healthcare Solutions LLC S 106.43 Eakes Office Solutions S 113.74 Great Plains Communications Inc SC 296.10 Hometown Leasing R 86.12 Pam Klug M 90.00 Pathology Services PC SC 5,475.97 Kristen Puckett M 143.32 Sanofi Pasteur Inc S 465.65 US Bank S 1,492.52 Wal-Mart S 16.36 Total 8,535.48 WASTE FUND Great Plains Communications Inc SC 170.80 McCook Utilities SC 46.20 Nebraska Public Power District SC 308.58 US Bank S 296.83 Verizon Wireless SC 42.70 Total 865.11 Grand Total 408,846.36.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:50 a.m. to April 17, 2023.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest: Penelope Cooper

County Clerk