

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, AND NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL  
AUTHORITY MEETINGS

April 17, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Equalization, and the Noxious Weed Control Authority met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on April 17, 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. Dean mentioned that he is researching a FEMA grant that would provide security for District Court.

A Notice of Claim from EMC Insurance, and an informal bid from Applied Connective for Law Enforcement Center IT services were reviewed and placed on file.

The Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report and the City of McCook Tax Increment Financing Annual Report were reviewed and placed on file.

Chairman Gans recessed the Commissioners' meeting at 9:15 a.m. for the Board of Equalization and Noxious Weed Control.

**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 a motor vehicle exemption application from SWATS for a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemption application from SWATS for a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:19 a.m.

**NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING:**

Chairman Charles Fritsche called the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Ted Gans, Randy Dean and Charles Fritsche. Fritsche informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Weed Superintendent Josh Mullen joined the Board to review the annual noxious weed control Reports and Requirements from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to authorize the Chairman's and Mullen's signatures on the Reports and Requirements from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Fritsche adjourned the meeting of the Noxious Weed Control Authority at 9:43 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)**

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:43 a.m.

The Board discussed the County's insurance broker. Chad Svoboda and Kevin From with Svoboda Benefit Solutions, Mitch Lyster with Northwestern Mutual, and several County employees were present for the discussion. The Board wants to remain fluid if they decide to move from self-insured to fully-insured. Lloyd Ogorzolka questioned prescription drug coverage. Howard and Hamilton counties recommend Medica insurance and Svoboda Benefits. Dean had spoken to each broker independently.

A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Dean, to appoint Svoboda Benefits Solutions, Inc. as our exclusive agent of record for Red Willow County's group medical, dental, and life insurance plan effective immediately. Svoboda Benefits, Inc. will continue to negotiate our renewal and plan options and will present at our next board meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche to pull item no. 3) carpet replacement on the east side of the second floor of the Courthouse for additional bids and no. 5) Amendment #1 to Health Plan for further review. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: 1) minutes from the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable in the amount of \$17,067.17, 4) Resolution Nos. 1478 and 1479, Book 23, Pages 73 and 74 to join the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), 6) Oversized Load Permit Application for Ward Craft Homes, 7) MASA Membership Agreement renewal. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

After review, a motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsch, to approve item No. 5) Amendment No. 1 to health plan. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The following claims were allowed:

Black Hills Energy 5,354.90 City of McCook 1,300.00 DAS State Accounting 56.88 Quadiant Finance USA, Inc 500.00 Quill Corporation 133.21 Decatur Co-Op Association 4,408.20 Twin Valleys Public Power District 121.40 Red Willow Chemical 1,007.65 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 4,168.05 Mead Lumber 25.88 Total 17,076.17.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:33 a.m. to April 24, 2023.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Charles Fritsche  
Chairman, Noxious Weed Control Authority

Attest: Penelope Cooper  
Deputy County Clerk