

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS May 1, 2023

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on May 1, 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 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 \$38,728.88, 3) Special Designated Liquor License for HoJo's Hideaway, 4) Certification of Bridge Ownership for Bureau of Reclamation. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

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

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 Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska for a 2019 Dodge Caravan. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve the motor vehicle exemption application from Community Action Partnership for a 2019 Dodge Caravan. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Dack also presented a tax roll correction for 2022. A motion was made by Gans, seconded by Fritsche, to approve Tax Roll Correction No. 11 which increased the tax rolls by \$205.80. Roll Call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Chairman Dean adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:22 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING: (Reconvened)

Chairman Gans reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Michael Simmonds and Vicki Leibbrandt from the Veterans Service Office joined the Board to explain a centralized vet service program that they are pursuing. Many veterans attended the mobile unit last week. The plan is for a team to come out on a regular basis to a place that the community provides. There are many federal grants for veterans' services. The Board agreed that this is a very worthwhile project.

Chad Svoboda with Svoboda Benefits presented benefit options. The Lucent renewal with terminal liability maximum cost is \$1,237,284.00. Dental will have a network of providers for an additional 30% savings. All employees would be covered by life insurance and have the option of purchasing additional coverage. Vision insurance would be pooled with Principal insureds rather than NACO VSP.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to renew with Lucent with the terminal liability option, and move life, dental and vision to Principal. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board discussed further details on the armor coat project. They made a couple of changes to the notice to bidders and the gravel specs.

The Sheriff's monthly revenue report was reviewed and placed on file.

The following claims were allowed:

NIRMA - \$23,661.00, Lucent Medical - \$15,067.88 Total: \$38,728.88.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:22 a.m. to May 8, 2023.

Ted Gans  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Randy Dean  
Chairman, Board of Equalization

Attest: Penelope Cooper  
County Clerk