

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

March 25, 2024

The Red Willow County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Equalization met in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse on March 25, 2024. 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. 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 and Board of Equalization meetings, 2) miscellaneous accounts payable and payroll claims in the amount of \$337,015.59, 3) move second May Board Meeting and Payroll to May 20, 2024 due to Memorial Day, 4) Zoning Administrator Agreement, 5) Appoint Luke Bortner, Jessica Bortner, Patty Eisenach and Tyler Esch to the Extension Board, terms to expire December 31, 2026, replacing Kay Oltmer, Robert Tigner, Staci Blomstedt and Tammy Solomon, 6) Oversize Load Permit for JB Hunt Transportation, 7) County Roadway Occupancy Permit for MPPD. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

There were no issues for the Board of Equalization.

The Board continued their discussion regarding road repairs . . . Dean created a comparative spread sheet between Shelco and B&H, for their crack sealing bids. It is almost too late for crack sealing this year, and needs to be addressed earlier next year. Gans also researched crack sealing machines. A brand new machine is around \$100,000. Gans thinks the county should purchase a machine and have the road crew crack seal during slow months. A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to reject both crack sealing bids. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

The Board also discussed which roads need armor coat. Dean wondered why we can't just use road gravel instead of special armor coat blend.

A motion was made by Fritsche, seconded by Dean, to declare the replacement of bridge C73(183) on Road 404 East of Lebanon an emergency in order to start the work immediately. Miller and Associates is downgrading the condition of the bridge essentially to condemn it. The Board is considering replacing it with three 12-foot culverts, or rail cars. The bridge will get more use when Haag's new LFO goes in.

Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Fritsche, to add an emergency item: storm water runoff from within city limits onto county residents' property. Roll call: Ayes: Gans, Dean, Fritsche.

Elizabeth Young had contacted the city about the runoff flooding her land, but they said it was the county's problem. The ditches on either side of her property are full of trash and trees. Doug Terry presented a map of storm water drainage which shows the drainage culvert starts at the Elks tennis courts and collects until it drains south of Federal Avenue. The County has no authority over this issue. The landowners will need to resolve the issue with the city.

Doug Terry also requested that the road crews let him know when road are rebuilt so he can mark the section corners.

The following claims were allowed:

GENERAL FUND Net Salaries 120,273.95 AFLAC 2,012.41 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 19,473.13 AT&T Mobility 398.80 Black Hills Energy 834.66 Brighthouse Financial 50.00 Colonial Life 233.18 Credit Management Services 135.76 DAS State Accounting 178.75 Empower Retirement 1,050.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 5,240.00 Midwest Liberty HSA Account 400.00 Masa Global Building 210.00 MNB Bank 35,189.40 MNB Bank 45.23 National Sheriffs Association 250.00 NACO 25.00 Nebraska Child

Support 1,202.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 5,180.91 Nebraska Weed Control Association 350.00 Principal Voluntary Child Life 15.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 294.13 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 104.70 Quadient Finance USA, Inc 749.56 Red Willow County Self Insurance 4,550.00 Red Willow County Clerk 1,122.00 Red Willow Chemical 150.00 Principal Vision Plan 369.45 Total 200,088.02 ROAD FUND Net Salaries 32,568.49 AFLAC 200.67 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 5,011.14 Black Hills Energy 327.05 Empower Retirement 100.00 Midwest Liberty Fed Credit Union 1,526.00 Lingo Communications 36.26 Masa Global Building 70.00 MNB Bank 9,952.82 Nationwide Retirement Solutions 400.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 1,532.26 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 187.11 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 3.99 Quality Urgent Care 50.00 Red Willow County Self Insurance 1,050.00 Twin Valleys Public Power District 107.47 Principal Vision Plan 81.35 Total 53,209.61 FAIR FUND Net Salaries 8,633.44 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,220.11 Black Hills Energy 956.07 Frenchman Valley Co-Op 473.38 Glass Express 135.08 Hometown Leasing 113.45 MNB Bank 2,397.90 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 370.04 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 39.50 Principal Voluntary Spouse Life 7.95 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Clarice Shields 132.79 Principal Vision Plan 52.10 Total 14,736.81 SELF-INSURANCE FUND Lucent Health Solutions LLC 24,969.28 Lucent Health Solutions LLC 9,213.05 Total 34,182.33 HORSE ARENA FUND Net Salaries 3,451.74 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 518.43 Black Hills Energy 2,713.94 MNB Bank 932.57 Modern Farm Equipment Corp 3,250.00 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 125.76 Red Willow County Self Insurance 200.00 Red Willow County Road Dept 1,102.98 Principal Vision Plan 26.05 Total 12,321.47 HEALTH FUND Net Salaries 11,415.87 AFLAC302.43 Retirement Plans Division Ameritas 1,629.94 Empower Retirement 150.00 Masa Global Building 14.00 MNB Bank 3,139.25 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 400.65 Principal Voluntary Child Life 5.00 Principal Voluntary Employee Life 13.25 Red Willow County Self Insurance 400.00 Red Willow County Clerk 50.00 Principal Vision Plan 15.81 Total 17,536.20 WASTE FUND Net Salaries 4,133.83 MNB Bank 744.13 Nebraska Department Of Revenue 63.19 Total 4,941.15 Grand Total 337,015.59.

Chairman Gans adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:00 a.m. to April 8, 2024.

**Ted Gans
Chairman, Board of Commissioners**

**Attest: Penelope Cooper
County Clerk**