

McPherson County Board Minutes



MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 12, 2020

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of July 8th, 2020, for their regular monthly meeting and Budget Workshop. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated Aug 6th, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Bryant. Commissioner Bryant noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Members Carl Rundback, John Bryant and Brett Nason were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, Road Worker Ed Black, Weed Superintendent Rich Cook and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Members of the public, Jeff Arensdorf and Kent Fisher were also present. Rundback moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Rundback, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

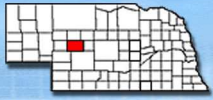
Nason made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Rundback seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Rundback and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL

| | | AMOUNT |
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| Payroll | Wages | 24,457.20 |
| Ameritas | County Share Retirement | 1,350.17 |
| Blue Cross | County Share Insurance | 5,083.64 |
| John Bryant | Mileage | 106.38 |
| Richard Cook | Weed Expenses | 164.38 |
| Custer Public Power | Utilities | 884.99 |
| DAS St. Accounting | Computer Expense | 84.32 |
| Great Plains Comm | Phone/Internet | 515.67 |
| Great Plains Comm | Emergency Mgnt | 79.99 |
| Ideal Linen | Supplies | 91.50 |
| IRS | County Share SS/Med | 1,826.44 |
| Lincoln County Clerk | Probation Officer | 784.77 |
| MIPS | Data Processing/Computer | 906.82 |
| Neal Oil | Heating/Supplies/Fuel | 310.83 |
| Sandhills Area Sheriff's Assoc. | Dues | 100.00 |
| Stapleton Enterprise | Publishing/Supplies | 296.20 |
| Trugreen | Supplies | 130.00 |
| US Bank | Supplies | 584.48 |
| Viaero | Sheriff Phone | 80.86 |
| Village of Stapleton | Trash Disposal | 2,480.00 |
| W. Cent. Area Agency Aging | June Assessment | 300.80 |
| West Central District | Workshop | 175.00 |

ROAD

| | | AMOUNT |
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| Payroll | Wages | 12,143.94 |
| Ace Hardware | Supplies | 23.98 |
| Ameritas | County Share Retirement | 752.23 |
| Blue Cross | County Share Insurance | 2,027.44 |
| Croell Inc. | Gravel/Rock | 14,025.97 |
| Great Plains Comm | Telephone | 101.19 |



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| Inland Truck Parts | Repairs | 1,487.98 |
| IRS | County Share SS/Med | 926.66 |
| JM Parts & Equipment | Repairs | 530.52 |
| McPherson Co. Inheritance | Reimbursement Payments | 3,925.25 |
| Ronald E. Munson | Supplies | 14.50 |
| Neal Oil | Heating/Fuel/Repairs | 3,563.45 |
| Pine Bluffs Gravel | Gravel/Rock | 390.00 |
| Powerplan | Maintenance | 475.05 |
| TC Engineering | Highway Supt | 750.00 |
| Titan Machinery | Tires/Repairs | 291.62 |
| US Bank | Supplies | 389.14 |

FAIR

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| Blaire Gibbens | Judge | 261.25 |
| Kristy Lage | Judge | 79.90 |
| Ideal Linen | Supplies | 33.41 |
| Arlan Paxton | Petty Cash Fund | 434.57 |
| Emily Riley | Judge | 331.70 |
| Patti Saner | Judge | 103.70 |
| Lacey Short | Judge | 115.25 |
| Stapleton Enterprise | Publishing | 285.00 |
| Willow Creek Embroidery | Fair Expenses | 958.50 |

Senior Meal Program

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| Prairie Hills Café | Senior Meals | 2,618.00 |
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Kent Fisher addressed the Board concerning problems and maintenance on the Ringgold Dumpsters. Bryant made a motion to pay Kent Fisher to perform repairs and maintain the area around the dumpsters as needed. This will be done as a contract wage which will be equal to the road employee's hourly wage. Rundback seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Rundback and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Rich Cook presented a weed report to the commissioners.

Discussion was made on County roads with Ed Black. Ed reported that the county needs some culverts. This was discussed with Rich Cook and will be purchased through Logan County.

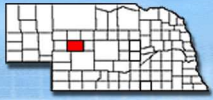
There was a Request for Road Work on North Mail Road. This will be added to the Road Plan and a road will be provided when the house is complete on the property.

The commissioners discussed the Request for Road Work on Old Homestead Road with Ed Black. There is ongoing discussion about the repairs needed on this road and the possibility of moving part of the road to better serve the homeowner. This request was tabled until September.

The board discussed some road work which will be done by Logan County on the East County Line Road. McPherson County contracts with Logan County for this road and will pay one-half of the cost of an upcoming project to be completed on this road.

The Board reviewed and signed the Annual Certification for the Nebraska State Department of Roads, concerning the status of the Highway Street Buyback Program and current funds. In fiscal year 2019-2020, there was \$135,225.16 spent from this program for road projects.

Nason moved to approve the August Road Plan as presented by Rundback. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Rundback. Voting Nay: None.



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There was a Safety Meeting held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, Whitney Lindstedt, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Carl Rundback and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave a presentation, including flyers, about the importance of Personal Hygiene on the Job.

The Commissioners reviewed and signed the County Office Inventories for 2020.

There was discussion about the condition of the dumpsters in Tryon and the upkeep of the dumping site. Repairs will be made as the road department has the time.

The county received a Propane Bid Proposal from Neal Oil. The bid is for an estimated 1500 gallons for the courthouse and 1500 gallons for the road department, both at the price of \$1.06 per gallon. Nason made a motion to accept the bid proposal. Rundback seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Rundback and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The Commissioners were made aware of a problem with the well-pump at the courthouse. The pump will be replaced with a larger pump if problems persist.

The Board reviewed and discussed three bids which were received for repairs to damage caused by the recent hail storm. The roofs of the courthouse, garage/shed, and fair building, were all totaled by the insurance company and need to be replaced. There was also damage to downspouts and gutters on the buildings, as well as windows and window screens. Bids were received by Steele's Roofing and Construction, Inc., Hunt's Construction and Weathercraft Roofing. After lengthy discussion, Nason made a motion to accept the bid from Hunt's Construction. Rundback seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Rundback and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

A road department pick-up and the sheriff's vehicle were also damaged by the hail storm. Estimates for these repairs were given by Ringgold Auto Body and were approved by the insurance company and the board of commissioners. These repairs on the vehicles are below the mandated limit needed for multiple bids.

Bryant moved to approve McPherson County's share of the budget for District 11 Probation Office. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Rundback. Voting Nay: None.

Caleb Johnson was present and conducted a Budget Workshop with the Board. Those present were John Bryant, Carl Rundback, Brett Nason, Kathy Hoberg, Tom Burch and Jodi Dudley. Member of the public, Jeff Arensdorf was also present. County Office revenues and expenditures were reviewed and discussed.

The meeting was recessed at 12:10 PM for a lunch break.

The meeting resumed at 1:00PM with continuation of the Budget Workshop. Those present were Caleb Johnson, John Bryant, Carl Rundback, Brett Nason, Tom Burch and Kathy Hoberg.

The board acknowledged the receipt of the McPherson County Rural Fire District preliminary request of levy allocation in the amount of: General Fund- \$18,768 and Sinking Fund - \$5,712 for a total of \$24,480.

Rundback moved to adopt **Resolution #2020-13**, allowing allocation of real and personal property tax to the McPherson County Rural Fire District in the amount of \$24,480. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Rundback, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 3:30 PM to meet again at 9:00 AM on September 9, 2020 and again for their next regular meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and is open to the public.

ATTEST: Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board