

McPherson County Board Minutes



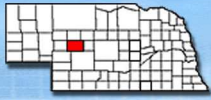
MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 13, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of December 9, 2020 for the annual statutory meeting & regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated January 7, 2021. Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Board members, Jeffrey Arensdorf, Brett Nason and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Weed Superintendent Rich Cook, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, County Sheriff Tom Burch and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. There were several members of the public present. The Chairman noted the Public Meetings law which is posted in the meeting room. Nason moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to appoint Brett Nason as Board Chairman for 2021. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Nason abstained. Bryant made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Arensdorf as Vice Chairman for 2021. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Arensdorf abstained.

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

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	24,821.15
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,375.47
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,083.64
Custer Public Power	Utilities	704.16
Judy Dailey	Prior Service	48.00
DAS St. Accounting	Data Processing	106.32
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	515.99
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt	61.99
Ideal Linen	Supplies	197.32
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,854.33
Whitney Lindstedt	Child Support Enf.	125.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	898.82
NE Clerks of District Court	Dues	50.00
Donald Nicholson	Prior Service	132.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	195.94
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	110.82
US Bank	Supplies	95.00
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	80.90
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,480.00
Twin Platte NRD	Emergency Planning	2,756.25
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,752.18
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	725.78
Beveridge Inc.	Ash, Clay, Hauling	11,534.14
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,027.44
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	9,195.29



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Fastenal Company	Supplies	76.29
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	101.37
Inland Truck Parts	Repairs	2,617.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	896.67
JM Parts & Equip	Repairs	221.40
K&C Feeds LLC	Salt	14.00
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply	Steel Products	8,358.98
Levander's Automotive	Tire Repair	60.69
Lincoln County Feedyard	Dirt/Delivered	509.48
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	3,925.25
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	7,041.51
Nebraska Truck Center	Repairs	62.49
Power Plan	Maintenance	148.98
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Frey's Heating and Air	Building Repair	142.50
Ideal Linen	Supplies	66.82
Senior Meal Program		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,150.50

Rich Cook, McPherson County Weed Superintendent, gave an annual weed report to the commissioners. Each commissioner was given a handout and the report was signed by the board chairman.

Arendsdorf made a motion to appoint Rich Cook as McPherson County Weed Superintendent for 2021 with wages staying at \$12.00 per hour. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arendsdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion was made on the County Roads with Road Worker Ed Black. The road department worked on installing three auto-gates, hauling road cover, and grading roads in the last month. A road was also completed on the Hoffman place.

Bryant moved to set the schedule for Road Overseer as follows:

Jan-Feb-March – Arendsdorf **April- May- June** – Bryant **July-Aug-Sept** – Nason **Oct- Nov- Dec** – Arendsdorf.

Arendsdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arendsdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2021-1**, increasing the road worker wages by 35 cents per hour (2%), leaving all other prices to pay and charge, the same as 2020. Arendsdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arendsdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLUTION #2021-1

MCPHERSON COUNTY ROAD AND LABOR PRICES FOR THE YEAR 2021

PRICES SET TO PAY...WITH BOARD APPROVAL

COUNTY EMPLOYEE

PERSON, SINGLE HANDED.....\$18.00 PER HOUR

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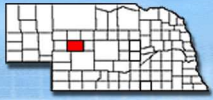
(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT).....\$18.50 PER HOUR

TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR\$18.00 PER HOUR

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FARM TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT



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OPERATOR.....\$60.00

PRICES SET TO CHARGE...WITH PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL...MINIMUM OF ONE HOUR

PATROL WITH OPERATOR.....\$185.00 PER HOUR

WHEEL LOADER WITH OPERATOR.....\$185.00 PER HOUR

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR WITH OPERATOR.....\$100.00 PER HOUR

(WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT IF HIRED FOR ANY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED PROJECT, THE PRICE WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED BEFORE STARTED.)

The One-and- Six Year Road Plan Hearing was set for 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

The Board discussed the condition and plans for repair on the Soddy Road. There were seven members of the public who asked questions, added input and discussed different options with the commissioners. Tom Werblow, McPherson County Highway Superintendent, gave input about the costs of paving and maintaining the road. The commissioners received a quote for the cost of “Pulverization and Placement of Crushed Concrete” from Level LLC, Robert Watson, owner. Mr. Watson was present and discussed the quote with the commissioners and highway superintendent. There were no decisions made. This matter and all options will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

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

The board examined quotes from Murphy Tractor for the extended warranty on the John Deere Grader. Bryant moved to approve a 2- year, 2000 hours, Full Machine Comprehensive Extended Warranty for a cost of \$15,600.00. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Arensdorf to adopt and approve **Resolution #2021-2** appointing Tom Werblow as McPherson County Highway Superintendent, with a total salary of \$9000.00, for the year 2021. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf to adopt and approve **Resolution #2021-3** designating the following depositories for McPherson County in 2021. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Adams Bank & Trust, First National Bank, Nebraskaland National Bank, Western Nebraska Bank of North Platte, Nebraska, Community First Bank of Stapleton, Nebraska, and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf to adopt and approve **Resolution #2021-4** giving the McPherson County Treasurer the authority to invest funds for the year 2021. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to adopt and approve **Resolution #2021-5** appointing Whitney Schroeder Lindstedt as the McPherson County Attorney for the year 2021. The hourly wage being set at \$11.00 per hour for 100 hours per pay period, plus expenses, with the same insurance benefits which are offered to all full-time McPherson County Employees. Seconded by Arensdorf. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf, to adopt and approve **Resolution #2021-6** appointing Bonnie Edwards of North Platte, Nebraska, to act in the capacity of McPherson County Surveyor for the year 2021. No Fees will be charged to McPherson County. Clients will be charged regular rates for the survey work. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The following appointments were made with a motion made by Bryant and seconded by Arensdorf. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

911 Advisory Board- John Bryant, Alternate: Brett Nason.

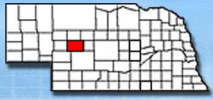
Zoning Planning Commission – 3 Year Term (2021-2024) – Scott Hoberg. Two more positions to be approved in February.

Fair Board- 3 Year Term (2021-2024) – Kerri Kramer, Cindy Gregg and Ryan Schultis.

Sandhills RC&D- Board Member – Jeffrey Arensdorf - County Member for 2021 – Shareen Munson.

West Central District Health Department Board- Representative- Jeffrey Arensdorf- Alternate for 2021- Lana Watson.

Lexington Area Solid Waste Management Board – Representative – John Bryant – Alternate for 2021-Jeffrey Arensdorf.



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West Central Area Aging Board, Region II Mental Health Board, West Central Weed Management Area Board – Representative for 2021- Brett Nason.

West Central Development District Board – Representative-Jeffrey Arensdorf – Alternate for 2021-John Bryant. The following appointments were also made with a motion to approve made by John Bryant and seconded by Arensdorf. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

McPherson County Physician- Dr. Margaret Boyer of Mullen.

Official Means of Publication- Stapleton Enterprise and www.mcpherson.ne.gov.

Collateral Receipts.

Burial Fees -\$1500.00.

Meeting Dates and Times for 2021- The second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM.

Miller Park Caretaker- Leo Dailey. Salary set at \$1150.00 per year.

McPherson County Emergency Manager- Tom Burch. Salary set at \$1500.00 per year.

McPherson County Zoning Administrator – Kathy Hoberg. Salary set at \$1800.00 per year.

McPherson County Board of Equalization Chairman for 2021 – Jeffrey Arensdorf.

McPherson County Board of Equalization Vice Chairman for 2021- Brett Nason.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Reports from the County Sheriff and the County Clerk. The Annual Secretary of State Report of County Officers was signed by each official.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on February 10, 2021.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk