

McPherson County Board Minutes

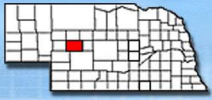


MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 10, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of February 10, 2020, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated March 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Sheriff Tom Burch, road worker Ed Black and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Member of the public, Carl Rundback was also present. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Nason abstained due to absence from the last meeting. Voting Nay: None. 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	24,382.83
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,345.89
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,083.64
Custer Public Power	Utilities	702.41
Leo Dailey	Contract	287.50
DAS St. Accounting	Data Processing	190.64
Eakes Office Plus	Copy Maintenance	907.14
Electrical Engineering & Equip	Generator Repair	1,802.39
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	518.34
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	61.99
Ideal Linen	Supplies	102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,820.77
Lincoln County Treasurer	Veteran's Contract	225.00
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage	87.36
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	898.82
NE Assn. County Officials	Meeting Registration	190.00
NE Assn. County Treasurers	Dues	50.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	522.25
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	194.08
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	493.65
US Bank	Supplies	149.04



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Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.26
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,480.00
ROAD	AMOUNT	
Payroll	Wages	9,457.75
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	570.90
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,027.44
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	643.50
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	102.69
IRS	County Share SS/Med	721.15
JM Parts & Equip	Repairs	40.93
K&C Feeds	Salt	14.00
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	3,925.25
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	4,195.25
NMC Exchange	Repairs	13.46

Platte Valley Comm	Radio Repair	508.05
Power Plan	Maintenance	1,160.61
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Troyer Enterprises	Shop Supplies	216.82
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41
Sandhills Septic	Repairs	377.00
INHERITANCE FUND		
Inland Truck Parts	Semi Repairs	17,317.68
SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,873.00

Ed Black discussed the possibility of placing a roll-off dumpster at the tree pile site for public use.

The county is waiting for response from the Village of Stapleton on this issue.

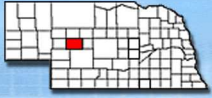
A request for road work at 40 N Mail Road, Ward Estates, was placed on the road plan.

Bryant moved to approve the Road Plan which was presented by Arensdorf. Nason seconded.

Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners decided that the scrap v-plows which are rusted and obsolete, will be hauled away and sold as scrap iron.

Jeff Arensdorf reported that he had been approached about an overlay that Lincoln County will be conducting on Prairie Chase Road. An inquiry was made as to whether McPherson County wanted to overlay the mile entering our county. The commissioners decided it is not in the road budget and the county will not participate in this road project.



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Doye Miller arrived and discussed a request which he had submitted for a road crossing permit, placing a water line beneath Brooks Street from Block 5 to Block 6 in Tryon. Bryant made a motion to approve and sign the permit, upon signature by Mr. Miller. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Tom Werblow gave flyers and information about how to respond to Difficult and Threatening Behavior.

At 10:00 the regular meeting was recessed and a Board of Equalization meeting was called to order.

Chairman of the BOE, Jeff Arensdorf, noted the Open Meetings Law which is posted in the meeting room. Those present were, Chairman Arensdorf, Brett Nason and John Bryant. Also present were the county attorney, highway superintendent and the county assessor. The board examined the current Permissive Exemption Forms 451A. These did not need board approval as they are re-affirmation forms.

The County Assessor discussed the 2021 Ag land values for Irrigated, Dryland and Grassland classes. There will probably be an increase in value for Grassland. Irrigated and Dryland will see no change for the 2021 tax year. Values are set by a statistical sales study from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2020. McPherson County will conduct a mass appraisal in 2021, with a new depreciation schedule being put into place. Value changes to residential and commercial properties, resulting from that appraisal, will take effect in 2022.

The meeting of the Board of Equalization was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

The regular commissioner's meeting reconvened.

Arensdorf made a motion to adopt and sign Resolution # 2021-9 Equipment Maintenance to be paid from the Inheritance Fund. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to adopt and sign Resolution #2021-12 declaring September 13, 2021, "Larry Dix Day". This is in recognition of the retirement of Larry Dix who served as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials for over 19 years. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners reviewed the Legislative Report and discussed some of the bills which are currently being addressed in the Legislature.

County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt presented the board with an Application for Grant Funding from the Robert D. Hanich Charitable Trust. Bryant made a motion for McPherson County to make application for this Grant. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. The County Attorney and Highway Superintendent will work together to submit this application.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM. The Board will meet again on April 14, 2021, for their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk