

McPherson County Board Minutes



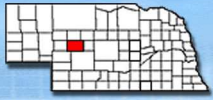
MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS APRIL 14, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of March 10, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated April 8, 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 John Bryant, Jeffrey Arensdorf and Brett Nason were present. Also present were the County Sheriff Tom Burch, Road Worker Ed Black, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

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

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	25,320.30
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,409.18
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,083.64
John Bryant	Mileage	87.92
Custer Public Power	Utilities	542.10
DAS St. Accounting	Data Processing	106.32
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	518.34
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	61.99
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	98.56
Ideal Linen	Supplies	102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,892.47
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,737.74
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage/Child Support	212.36
Menards	Supplies	23.24
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	948.48
Brett Nason	Mileage	76.16
NE Assn. County Officials	Budget Workshop	50.00
NE Assn. County Treasurers	Workshop	100.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	136.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	582.37
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	144.79
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,119.00
US Bank	Supplies	48.40
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.26
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,480.00

ROAD	AMOUNT
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Payroll	Wages	12,027.75
Ace Hardware	Supplies	56.91
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	744.37
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,027.44
Carhart Lumber Co	Supplies	33.58
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	4,886.70
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	102.69
IRS	County Share SS/Med	917.75
JM Parts & Equip	Repairs	167.22
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	3,925.25
Menards	Supplies	37.05
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Repairs	36.14
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	2,586.61
Power Plan	Maintenance	1,829.59
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
US Bank	Tires/Repairs	100.99

FAIR

Custer Public Power	Lights	447.94
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41

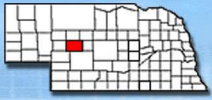
SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,757.00
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At 9:20 AM, there was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, Whitney Lindstedt, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow gave flyers and a presentation on "How to Prevent a Physical Attack". John Bryant also reported that he did a "walk- through" of the county road shop. Bryant said the shop was clean and orderly.

Tim Vanderheiden, McPherson County School Superintendent, was present and recognized by the board. Mr. Vanderheiden inquired about the asphalt road/parking area in front of the high school. The area needs repairs and asphalt patch. Ed Black will contact the state highway department about whether they will repair this area or if they want the county to complete the work.

At 9:45 AM, the commissioners visited with Mike Kelly from Buckboard Ranch LLC who was present to discuss a project on Prairie Trace Road. The Lincoln County road department is re-paving this road and offered to let McPherson County join the project at a cost of \$134,000 for the mile into McPherson County. The cost of this project is not an expense that the county budget can withstand at this time. Mike Kelly, who is also associated with Western Nebraska Bank, informed the board that WNB would be willing to finance the project at a low interest rate. McPherson County has additional paved roads needing repair which continue to be



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under review by the commissioners. The board did not think it was prudent to take on the expense of paving the mile of Prairie Trace Road in light of the problems with all of the paved roads in the county. Further discussion was held about the possibility of changing the mile of road to a covered, gravel road. This project has been and is currently on the road plan.

At 10:00 AM, Eric Kamler from Congressman Adrian Smith's office, joined the meeting via telephone. Mr. Kamler gave updates on policies and current issues.

The 30x30 Project set forth by Executive Order was discussed with the commissioners. At this point there have not been enough details from the Administration about exactly what the process of this project will be or what their real plans are. Mr. Kamler said that the Congressman is keeping a close eye on this project and they are waiting for more details to emerge. They recognize the importance and concerns related to this issue and will forward information, as soon as possible, to the citizens of the counties and State of Nebraska. The board made no decisions at this time concerning the 30x30 Project. The matter will be re-visited at the regular meeting in May.

At 10:30 AM, Rich Cook was present to visit with the board about contracting with the county as McPherson County Veteran's Service Officer. Randy Fisher, Terry Neal and Harold Arensdorf were also present to discuss the matter with the commissioners. The board agreed that it would be beneficial to have a local Veteran's Service Officer and set up a local complete data base of Veterans in McPherson County. The county currently has a contract with Lincoln County for this position and the process of changing this arrangement will be examined. The board discussed roads with Ed Black. Ed reports that they have been grading roads, repairing water holes and hauling gravel throughout the county. There were eleven loads of crushed concrete applied to roads in the county. The commissioners discussed the need for ten loads of crushed concrete needed for a project on Pioneer Road.

There was discussion about the obsolete V-plows which are at the tree pile in Tryon. Bryant made a motion to declare the V-plows surplus property, to be sold when they can be readily accessed. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to approve the April Road Plan as presented by Bryant. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #2021-13 giving the Treasurer authority to transfer \$22,000.00 from the General Road fund into the Inheritance Fund. The money was previously transferred from Inheritance to Road for a project but was not used.

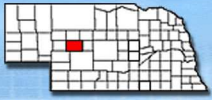
Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Resolution #2021-14 Second Amendment was discussed. There was much discussion about the purpose and effectiveness of the resolution. Included in the discussion were the commissioners, the county attorney and the county sheriff. There were members of the public present who were in favor of adoption of the resolution. Arensdorf moved to approve and adopt Resolution #2021-14, declaring McPherson County's support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I Section 1-1 of the Nebraska Constitution. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: Bryant.

The board discussed the two positions which need to be filled on the Planning Commission. The two current members have been contacted and the board is waiting for a response. The commissioners will also be contacting Planning Commission Members about the need to have regular meetings.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the quarterly reports from the county clerk and county sheriff.

The treasurer submitted a report to the board informing them that there will be a fund



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created solely for the money the county will be receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act. This will be "Fund 2580 COVID American Rescue Plan" with Revenue Code 339.25. This money is scheduled to be allotted to counties sometime in 2021, with a deadline for use of 2024. The use of the money will be narrowly restricted to approved projects only. The details of these have not yet been released by the Federal Government.

The county assessor presented a Tax List Correction due to a Homestead on parcel #600001881 which was rejected by the State following an audit of 2018 Homestead Applications. This was signed by the commissioners.

The assessor also informed the commissioners of a report of Omitted Property after the Abstract was filed. The property was a building on parcel #600015157. The building has now been added to the parcel.

The assessor presented the board with a copy of Reports and Opinions from the Property Tax Administrator. The PTA approved the level of value for McPherson County to be at 100% for Commercial and Residential Property and 75% for Ag-land. The assessor reports that values for 2021 in McPherson County have been set at \$2100 per acre for irrigated ag-land, \$725 an acre for dryland and \$495 an acre for grassland. This is no change for irrigated and dryland and a 10% increase in value for grassland.

There will be a mass appraisal conducted in the county in 2021. Bryant made a motion to approve an estimate of cost from Central Plains Valuation of \$25,100.00. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners signed a letter from Donald D. Wilson who recently completed an audit of all offices in McPherson County.

The date of the June commissioner's meeting was moved from June 9th to June 8th. The date was moved due to the Clerk's Workshop which will be held in York, NE on June 9-11, 2021. The Commissioners will also be attending a workshop in Kearney on the same dates.

The June 8, 2021, Commissioner's Meeting will be held in the courthouse in Tryon and will begin at 9:00 AM.

The commissioners examined an Application for Grant Funding from the Robert F. Hanich Charitable Trust, which had been submitted by Tom Werblow. They are now waiting for a response and meeting date of the administrators of the Trust.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:30 AM. They will meet again at 9:00 AM, on May 12, 2021, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

ATTEST: _____
McPherson County Clerk

McPherson County Board Chairman