

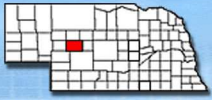
# McPherson County Board Minutes



## MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS JUNE 8, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of May 12, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise issue dated June 3, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason. Nason 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, Sheriff Tom Burch, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, 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, 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.

<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	22,970.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,318.03
Jeffrey Arensdorf	Mileage	44.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	6,303.50
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	307.12
Custer Public Power	Utilities	564.43
Leo Dailey	Park Contract	287.50
Jodi Dudley	Mileage	39.20
Eakes Office Plus	Maintenance	1,123.30
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	519.13
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	61.99
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	44.80
Ideal Linen	Supplies	102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,712.68
Keith County Communications	Tower Lease/Repair	4,686.72
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,737.74
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage	87.36
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	898.82
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Sheriff Vehicle Repair	3,073.98
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	321.19
Nirma	Insurance	8,729.00
Sandhills Septic	Park Contract	75.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	509.62
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	140.97
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	948.00
US Bank	Supplies	1,341.45



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Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.38
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal/Equip Rental	2,480.00
Donald Wilson CPA	Audit	4,700.00

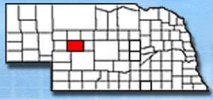
<b>ROAD</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	9,893.88
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	600.34
Beveridge Inc	Hauling	2,885.81
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	6,016.57
Fastenal	Supplies	32.80
Grainger	Asphaltic	678.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	103.13
IRS	County Share SS/Med	754.51

JM Parts & Equipment	Repair	106.11
Level LLC	Autogate Sills	460.00
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	3,925.25
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	3,145.34
Nirma	Insurance	11,550.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Repair	168.00
Troyer Enterprises	Repair/Supplies	1,928.42

<b>FAIR</b>		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41

<b>SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM</b>		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,111.00

<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATING</b>		
US Bank	Equipment	471.50



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Ed Black reported that the road department has been continuing maintenance on county roads. They have been installing auto-gates and have one more they plan to install this summer. The commissioners and Tom Werblow reviewed a shop safety audit report which was submitted by NIRMA.

Recommendations and corrections were discussed with Ed Black.

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

There was a Safety Committee meeting held. Members present were: Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Lindstedt, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg. Tom gave flyers and information about "How to Help in Emergency Breathing Situations".

The county was given a copy of a Safety Manual written by the insurance company, NIRMA. Each member will read the manual and suggest revisions to be adopted by McPherson County. The matter will be re-visited at the September, 2021 board meeting.

The board reviewed the 2021 NIRMA/II billing statement which details the coverages and costs for the July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022 policy period. McPherson County's annual contribution amount for 2021-22 is \$20,279, which represents a .52 percent decrease from last year. Arensdorf made a motion to keep the policy and deductible we currently have in place. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners were given information about a life insurance and disability policy which accompanies the BCBS insurance policy which is offered to officials and full-time county employees. These policies part of the benefit to those who enroll in the Medical/Dental Policy through BCBS. There is no added cost to the county for the life insurance and disability policy.

The contract between the West Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging and McPherson County, for the Senior Meal Program, FY/2021-2022, was signed by chairman Nason.

**At 10:00 AM**, Nason made a motion to recess the board meeting and meet as the Board of Equalization for the purpose of Protest Hearings.

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

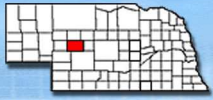
Chairman Arensdorf called the meeting to order and noted the Open Meetings Law posted on the wall. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Motion made by Arensdorf and seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There were no protests filed for this hearing.

**At 10:10 AM**, Nason moved to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting and re-convene the regular board meeting. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve the 2021 Audit report from Donald D. Wilson, CPA. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. **The audit report is completed and is on file in the office of the County Clerk.**

Bryant made a motion to sign a three-year audit engagement letter with Donald D. Wilson, CPA, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2023. The price of the contract will be \$5,000.00 per year which reflects a \$300.00 increase from the previous years. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.



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The McPherson County Attorney, Whitney Lindstedt and Brett Nason gave updates on the McPherson County Application made to the Hanich Trust. Nason will continue to communicate with the Trustors and will report on the status of the application at the next meeting.

The County Clerk gave the commissioners information about the scrap tire application which McPherson County will be submitting to the Department of Environment and Energy. The application is being made for a project which will occur in 2022. West Central Nebraska Development District is assisting with the application.

The commissioners reviewed an estimate from Rox the Roof, for repairs needed on the garage building located south of the courthouse. The repairs include removal of one garage door and closing in the opening with block, replacing the other garage door and the walk-in door. The vinyl siding on the east and west sides of the garage will be replaced and the remaining door trim will be wrapped with aluminum. The estimate of cost is \$8267.22.

Bryant made a motion to accept the estimate and have the garage repaired. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:45 AM, to meet again at 9:00 AM on July 14, 2021, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Attest: Katherine E. Hoberg  
McPherson County Clerk

Brett Nason  
McPherson County Board Chairman