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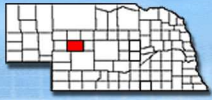
MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 11, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of July 14, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated August 5, 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, Jeffrey Arensdorf and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, Sheriff Tom Burch, Road Worker Ed Black, 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.

The following claims were examined and approved as presented:

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	24,647.03
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,325.76
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,255.52
John E. Bryant	Mileage	103.60
Richard Cook	Weed Workshop/Mileage	256.89
Custer Public Power	Utilities	920.83
DAS ST Accounting	Data Processing/Computer	106.32
Electrical Engineering & Equipment	Generator	450.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	518.34
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	61.99
Ideal Linen	Supplies	102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,839.35
Lincoln County Clerk	Probation Officer	764.26
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	978.75
NE Assn County Officials	Convention	300.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	194.48
NE Safety & Fire	Inspections	40.00
Platte Valley Comm	Siren Repair	255.79
Sandhills Septic & Trenching	Park Septic	75.00
Staples Credit	Supplies	112.52
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	415.35
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,119.00
TruGreen	Grounds Supplies	130.00
US Bank	Supplies	407.04
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.26
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal/Equip Rental	2,480.00



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ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	10,458.13
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	638.43
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	16,180.60
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	102.69
Inland Truck Parts	Repairs	1,323.03
IRS	County Share SS/Med	797.68
JM Parts and Equip McPherson Co.	Repairs	223.42
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,406.30
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	6,016.47
NE Safety & Fire	Inspections	21.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Parts	75.75

FAIR

Hooker County Tribune	Printing	50.00
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing	295.00

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

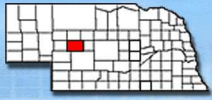
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,694.50
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County roads were discussed. Ed Black reported that the road crew is almost finished with the repairs on Paxton Road, where a prior rain storm caused major damage. They will begin patching on Soddy Road next week upon completion of Paxton Road.

John Tucker addressed the board asking for an update on the plans for Soddy Road. The commissioners continue to look for materials and options within budget for the repairs needed. Tom Werblow presented an Application for Grant Funding from the Robert F. Hanich Charitable Trust, for the Soddy Road Safety Improvements and Flood Protection Project. The proposed project would include increasing a portion of the edge height of Soddy Road and increase the roadway width from the current 10 feet to 18 feet. Bryant made a motion to approve the application and send it to the Trustee. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

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

The commissioners signed a Right of Way Easement for Roads, presented for approval on



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Abby Road.

At 9:30 AM, Pamela Mann from Region II Services, was present to give the board information about the Vision, Mission and function of Region II Services. Region II supports people with developmental disabilities. They currently serve 17 counties in Southwest Nebraska, including McPherson County. They provide services to 163 individuals region-wide as of June 1, 2021. Region II Services is a political subdivision receiving state, federal, county and local funds.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Tom Werblow gave flyers and information on Signs of Threatening Behavior. Those present were, Jeffrey Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Whitney Lindstedt, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg.

The commissioners adopted and signed RESOLUTION 2021-16 County Annual Certification of Program Compliance – Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Motion made by Arensdorf, seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The 30x30 Plan (Executive Order by President Biden) was discussed and sample resolutions were reviewed. The county attorney will review the samples and the matter will be re-visited in September.

Bryant made a motion to appoint Matt Burch to replace Joyce Snyder on the Planning Commission. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Todd Ascherl has resigned from the Planning Commission. The commissioners will look for a replacement and possibly make an appointment in September.

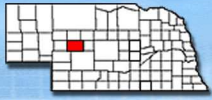
The County Treasurer issued a Report of a New Fund. A STOP Program Fund was created to match fund numbers used by the state for proceeds from the STOP Program.

The board discussed the need for darker window tint on the Sheriff's office door. The darker tinting will help with heat and air-conditioning issues in the office. The commissioners agreed and approved the project.

The clerk presented the Annual County Office Inventories to the board. All inventories were reviewed and signed.

Motion was made by Arensdorf, seconded by Bryant, to declare the gas trimmer, which is no longer used by the county, Surplus Property. The trimmer may then be sold. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

At 11:00 AM a Budget Work Session began. Those present were, Jeffrey Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Tom Burch, Jodi Dudley and Kathy Hoberg. Caleb Johnson, budget preparer, presented the 2021-2022 preliminary county budget requests to the board. The



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Board acknowledged the receipt of the McPherson County Rural Fire District request for levy allocation. Arensdorf moved to adopt RESOLUTION 2021-18 Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts, as follows: McPherson Co. Rural Fire District General Fund \$18,768.00; McPherson Co. Rural Fire District Sinking Fund \$5712.00; Total personal & real property tax required \$24,480.00. The motion was seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2021-17 Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds (1%). Seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The meeting recessed at 12:15 PM for a lunch break. The meeting resumed at 1:15 PM, continuing with the Budget Work Session.

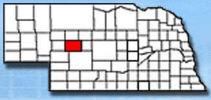
The board reviewed and discussed the budget requests from each county office. Caleb Johnson reviewed all county revenues and expenditures with the commissioners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM. The Board will meet for their next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on September 8, 2021. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

The Board of Commissioners will meet at 9:00 AM on September 15, 2021, for a Budget Hearing. This Hearing will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

McPherson County Clerk

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