

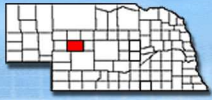
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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 10, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of October 13, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated November 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 John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, road worker Ed Black and the County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. 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	24,788.05
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,314.53
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,255.52
John E. Bryant	Mileage	103.60
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	136.32
Custer Public Power	Utilities	568.45
DAS St. Accounting	Computer Expense	84.32
First National Bank	Safe Deposit Box	75.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	516.99
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	61.99
Heartland Sprinkler System	Maintenance	75.00
Ideal Linen	Supplies	102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,850.14
J13 Enterprises LLC	Budget Preparation	1,824.04
Menards	Supplies	118.96
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	978.75
NACO	Dues	968.84
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	364.45
Sandhills Septic & Trenching	Park Expenses	75.00
Staples Credit	Supplies	119.47
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	203.97
Tractor Supply	Supplies	11.99
TruGreen	Grounds Supplies	80.00
US Bank	Supplies	581.22
Verizon	County Court Phone	52.07
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.05



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Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal/Equip Rental	2,480.00
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ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	9,880.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	599.40
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	17,951.11
Croell Paving	Asphalt	1,066.50
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	101.93
Inland Truck Parts	Repairs	2,591.54
IRS	County Share SS/Med	753.45
JM Parts	Repairs	138.18
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,406.30
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	4,821.50
NMC Exchange	Equipment	13,339.96
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

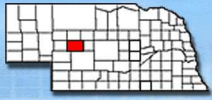
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,995.00

Road Worker Ed Black reports that the road crew has been doing maintenance and grading roads in the Southwest part of the county. They have repaired soft spots on Storer Road and fixed water holes on Ten Bar Road and Daly Road.

Jack Tucker was present and addressed the board about the Bull Ranch Road and the county's policies regarding maintaining driveways. Brett Nason explained that these policies have been set by prior precedent and there are many variables which have to be considered when changing precedent. Commissioner Nason informed the board of his progress in getting prices for having an asphalt crusher placed in the county and the cost of having asphalt crushed. The board members, along with Highway Superintendent, Tom Werblow, discussed locations for stockpiling asphalt before it is crushed and storing it after crushing. The asphalt would be removed from Prairie Trace Road and will be used as part of the Soddy Road project.

Arensdorf made a motion to adopt and sign **Resolution #2021-24** Year End Certification for the Highway Superintendent. Bryant Seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the November Road Plan as presented by Arensdorf. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.



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A Safety Committee Meeting was held. Tom Werblow presented information on Safe Operation of Equipment on a Slope. Those present were, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Lindstedt, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg.

Bryant moved to appoint The Stapleton Enterprise as the official McPherson County Newspaper for 2023. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Arensdorf to have County Attorney, Whitney Lindstedt, sign the settlement agreement for the National Opioid Litigation Settlement, and have the funds directed to Region II Behavioral Health Department. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners were informed that the Eclipse Committee will be placing a "Welcome to Tryon" sign on the East side of town just north of the Highway. The land where it will be placed is owned by Jess and Brenda Cochran and will also highlight the 2017 Solar Eclipse.

The board discussed and reviewed the 2023-2026 Salary Recommendations for elected officials. The salary resolution a county board adopts prior to January 15, 2022 may not be altered to increase or decrease a county official's salary during the 2023-2026 term. The county attorney will review the recommendations and the matter will be re-visited at the December commissioner's meeting.

The commissioners were informed that the MCHS Sophomore class has chosen to renovate the horseshoe pit, located in the Tryon Park, as part of a class project.

The board reviewed an update from NACO giving further guidelines as to the approved uses of the ARPA Recovery Funds. No decisions have been made and all options are being reviewed.

The Treasurer, Jodi Dudley, addressed the board about the amount of the Senior Meal donations. Arensdorf made a motion to allow the amount of the donation to be raised to \$5.00. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:34 AM to meet again at 9:00 AM on December 8, 2021, for their next regular meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and is open to the public.

ATTEST:

McPherson County Clerk

McPherson County Board Chairman