

# McPherson County Board Minutes



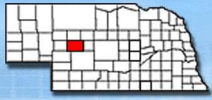
## MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 8, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of November 22, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated December 2, 2019. 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 Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, 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.

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	24,503.80
Adams & Swanson	Transport	560.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,316.96
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,255.52
Central Plains Valuation	Appraisal Fees	10,500.00
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	112.09
Custer Public Power	Utilities	572.39
Leo Dailey	Park Contract	287.50
Eakes Office Plus	Copy Maintenance	760.37
Government Forms & Supply	District Court Files	116.58
Grease Monkey	Repairs	101.98
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	516.99
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	61.99
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	44.80
Ideal Linen	Supplies	102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,828.38
Lincoln Co Treasurer	Veteran's Contract	225.00
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage	87.36
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	978.75
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	163.00
Police Officers' Assoc.of NE	Dues	100.00
Staples Credit	Supplies	94.88
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	155.34
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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<b>ROAD</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	9,935.50
Ace Hardware	Safety Supplies	34.99
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	603.15
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Bomgaars Supply	Supplies	14.98
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	13,729.59
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	101.93
IRS	County Share SS/Med	757.70
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,406.30
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	5,155.08
NMC Exchange	Equipment Repair	8,951.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

<b>FAIR</b>		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41
<b>SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM</b>		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,519.00

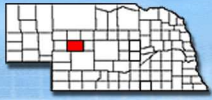
The Commissioners discussed county roads with Ed Black. Ed reports, the road crew has been working on fixing soft spots in roads, fixing holes and adding cover where needed.

Ed informed the commissioners that the Payloader will be going in for repairs by next week.

Jack Tucker and John Tucker were present and addressed the board concerning a request for road work they had submitted for the Bull Ranch Road. This project was added to the county road plan. It was agreed that the Tuckers will remove an Auto Gate and complete some dirt work prior to the county delivering rock. Due to water issues on this road, the rock will be delivered by dump truck and not the semi-truck and trailer. The Tuckers have agreed to cost-share the rock with the county.

Judie Kramer and Bruce Kramer were present and addressed the board concerning a request for road work they had submitted for Kramer Road. This road needs a narrow auto-gate replaced with a 16-ft auto-gate and sills. The road has two additional auto gates which need the ties replaced with concrete. The request submitted by the Kramers, asked about possible reimbursement for a culvert which they had replaced. The county has not reimbursed landowners for culverts in the past so the request was denied.

The county will roll in the road from the east side and add gravel after the existing fence has been moved by the Kramers. Mr. and Mrs. Kramer have agreed to cost-share the gravel with the county. These projects were added to the county road plan.



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

A Safety Committee meeting was held by Highway Superintendent Werblow. Those present were John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Lindstedt, Kathy Hoberg and Ed Black. All present were given flyers and information about Personal Hygiene on the Job.

Jessica Fenske addressed the board and gave information on the Healing Hearts Diversion Program. The program helps juveniles who have gotten in trouble for anything from drugs and alcohol to speeding, get help without getting trapped in the justice system and hopefully divert them back onto the right track.

Arensdorf moved to have McPherson County continue to partner in the program. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Board Chairman Nason signed the memorandum.

The commissioners reviewed RESOLUTION#2021-25 Authorizing funds to be borrowed from the Inheritance Tax Fund for the purchase of a new Tractor and Loader. Provisions of the resolution are as follows: McPherson County is hereby authorized to purchase the tractor and loader from Titan Machinery for a purchase price of \$55,900.00. McPherson County is authorized to borrow the funds for this tractor and loader from the McPherson County Inheritance Tax Fund. McPherson County shall pay back the Inheritance Tax Fund, in accordance to an attached Loan Amortization Schedule. Chairman, Brett Nason has the authority to sign any and all documents to purchase this vehicle and enter into a loan on behalf of McPherson County to make this purchase. Commissioner Arensdorf made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION #2021-25**. Bryant seconded this motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board discussed setting the salaries for McPherson County Elected Officials for the term of 2023-2026. The salaries of all elected county officers must be fixed by the county board prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective offices.

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.

Motion by Bryant seconded by Arensdorf to pass, approve and adopt **RESOLUTION#2021-26** setting the annual salary for the term of office for the County Clerk/Ex-Officio at \$50,655 beginning January 2023 with a 2% cost of living increase for 2024, 2025 and 2026. Annual salaries for the term of office for the County Treasurer and the County Sheriff at \$48,242 beginning January 2023 with a 2% cost of living increase for 2024, 2025 and 2026. The annual salary for the term of office for County Commissioner set at \$8080 beginning January 2023 with a 2% cost of living increase for 2024, 2025 and 2026. In addition to the above salary, each official shall receive the same health and medical group insurance plan as offered to all elected county employees, which is up to employee/spouse insurance coverage or receive a monetary payment of \$1,000.00 a month at county expense, during his or her term of office. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners approved the addition of grub prevention to the current contract agreement with Trugreen, for lawn care at the courthouse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM

The Board will meet again at 9:00 AM on January 12, 2022, for their annual Statutory Meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and is open to the public.

Attest: Katherine E. Hoberg  
McPherson County Clerk