

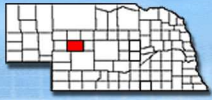
# McPherson County Board Minutes



## MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 12, 2022

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of December 14, 2021 for the annual statutory meeting and regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated January 6, 2022. Chairman Nason called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Board members, Jeffrey Arensdorf, Brett Nason and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Weed Superintendent Rich Cook, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, County Sheriff Tom Burch and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Road worker Ed Black and member of the public Harold Arensdorf were also present. The Chairman noted the public meetings law which is posted in the meeting room. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting with the following correction: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nason. The minutes erroneously listed Bryant as chairman. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved leave the Chairman and Vice Chairman the same as 2021. Brett Nason will continue as Board Chairman for 2022 and Jeff Arensdorf will continue as Vice Chairman for 2022. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf 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.

<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	25,985.15
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,396.06
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,255.52
John Bryant	Mileage	140.00
Central NE Mortuary	Autopsy Costs	514.50
Custer Public Power	Utilities	669.13
Judy Dailey	Prior Service	48.00
DAS ST Accounting	Computer Expense	106.42
Eakes Office Plus	Copy Maintenance	46.98
Electrical Engineering	Tower repair	631.80
Fastenal	Janitorial Supplies	54.03
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	527.13
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Holiday Inn Express	Convention	344.85
Ideal Linen	Supplies	205.18
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,941.71
Lincoln Co Treasurer	Extension	1,737.74
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage/Child Suppt	212.36
Menards	Supplies	119.99
Mid States Org Crime Info	Sheriff Dues	100.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,070.15
Brett Nason	Mileage	198.24
NE Assn Clerks, Deed,	Dues	75.00



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## Elec

NE Assn County Assessors	Dues	60.00
NE Clerk District Court	Dues	50.00
NE Weed Control Assn	Dues	125.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	1,064.95
Donald Nicholson	Prior Service	132.00
Physician Lab Services Platte Valley	Autopsy Costs	65.00
Communication	Radio Repair	191.90
Rox the roof	Building Repair	295.00
Staples Credit	Supplies	330.27
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	286.08
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	4,238.00
US Bank	Postage	94.27
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.05
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal/Equip Rental	2,480.00

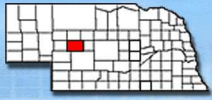
## ROAD

		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	13,182.25
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	784.84
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	9,953.42
Fastenal	Shop Supplies	292.95
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	104.31
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,006.09
JM Parts	Machine Repair	758.60
Inland Truck Parts	Machine Repair	8.53
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	5,337.97
Medical Enterprises	Drug Screen	35.00
Midlands Occupational Med	Drug Screen	20.00
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	4,762.09
NE Truck Center	Machine Repair	651.20
RS Hydraulic Solutions	Machine Repair	336.00
T&S Repair LLC	Machine Repair	1,029.82
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Machine Repair	480.80
Troyer Enterprises	Shop Supplies	765.35

## FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	104.28
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## SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM



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Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,771.00
<b>INHERITANCE FUND</b>		
Titan Machinery	Tractor and Loader	55,900.00

Rich Cook, McPherson County Weed Superintendent presented an Annual Noxious Weed Report to the commissioners. Each commissioner was given a copy of the report and it was signed by the board chairman.

Nason made a motion to appoint Rich Cook as McPherson County Weed Superintendent for 2022, increasing the wage to \$13.00 per hour. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion was made on the county roads with Ed Black. The road department has been working on equipment maintenance in the shop. They are purchasing steel and will be building auto-gates. Ed reports that the International truck is in need of a new transmission. The county will receive a cost estimate from Inland Parts.

The 2022 schedule for Road Overseer was set as follows:

**Jan-Feb-March** – Bryant **April- May- June** – Nason **July-Aug-Sept** – Arensdorf **Oct- Nov- Dec** – Bryant.

Bryant made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2022-1**, McPherson County Road and Labor Prices for the year 2022, increasing the wages by \$1.00 per hour for employees with 2 years or more experience, leaving all other prices to pay and charge, the same as 2021. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

**RESOLUTION #2022-1**

**MCPHERSON COUNTY ROAD AND LABOR PRICES FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**PRICES SET TO PAY...WITH BOARD APPROVAL**

COUNTY EMPLOYEE

PERSON, SINGLE HANDED.....\$18.00 PER HOUR

TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR .....\$18.00 PER HOUR

PERSON, SINGLE HANDED

(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT).....\$19.50 PER HOUR

TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR

(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT).....\$19.50 PER HOUR

FARM TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT

OPERATOR.....\$60.00

**PRICES SET TO CHARGE....WITH PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL...MINIMUM OF ONE HOUR**

PATROL WITH OPERATOR.....\$185.00 PER HOUR

WHEEL LOADER WITH OPERATOR.....\$185.00 PER HOUR

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR WITH OPERATOR.....\$100.00 PER HOUR

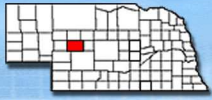
**(WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT IF HIRED FOR ANY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED PROJECT, THE PRICE WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED BEFORE STARTED.)**

The One-and- Six Year Road Plan Hearing was set for 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

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

There was a safety committee meeting held. Those present were John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, Tom Werblow, Whitney Lindstedt, Ed Black, Rich Cook and Kathy Hoberg.

Werblow gave flyers and information about Machine Safety and Power Line Contact.



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Bryant moved to appoint Tom Werblow, Ed Black and Brett Nason to the Safety Committee for 2022, with Brett Nason the Chairman. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Arensdorf and seconded by Bryant to adopt and approve **Resolution #2022-2** appointing Tom Werblow as McPherson County Highway Superintendent, with a total salary of \$9000.00, for the year 2022. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Arensdorf seconded by Bryant to adopt and approve **Resolution #2022-3** Setting the salaries for elected County Attorney and elected County Surveyor for the next term of office, starting in January 2023. The annual salary for the office of County Attorney is established at \$6,000.00 per year for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026. The salary for County Surveyor is established at \$400.00 per year for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Bryant moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #2022-4** designating the following depositories for McPherson County in 2022. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Adams Bank & Trust, First National Bank, Nebraskaland National Bank, Western Nebraska Bank of North Platte, Nebraska, Community First Bank of Stapleton, Nebraska, and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf to adopt and approve **Resolution #2022-5** giving the McPherson County Treasurer the authority to invest funds for the year 2022. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to adopt and approve **Resolution #2022-6** appointing Whitney Schroeder Lindstedt as the McPherson County Attorney for the year 2022. The hourly wage being set at \$11.00 per hour for 100 hours per pay period, plus expenses, with the same insurance benefits which are offered to all full-time McPherson County Employees. Seconded by Arensdorf. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Arensdorf seconded by Bryant to adopt and approve **Resolution #2022-7** appointing Bonnie Edwards of North Platte, Nebraska, to act in the capacity of McPherson County Surveyor for the year 2022. No Fees will be charged to McPherson County. Clients will be charged regular rates for the survey work. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint John Bryant and Alternate Brett Nason to the **911 Advisory Board**. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to appoint, upon their approval, Jerry Moritz, Will Coffman and Kent Fisher to the **Planning Commission** and Mike Krull, Dean Seifer, and Billie Burch (alternate) to the **Board of Adjustment** for a three-year term to begin January 2022. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Members of the Fair Board will be contacted and appointments will be made in February.

Arensdorf moved to appoint Kathleen Craig to the **Extension Board** for a three-year term to begin January 2022. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The following appointments were made with one motion made by Arensdorf and seconded by Nason. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

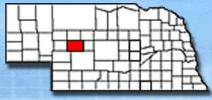
Sandhills RC&D- Board Member – Jeffrey Arensdorf - County Member for 2022 – Shareen Munson.

West Central District Health Department Board- Representative- Jeffrey Arensdorf- Alternate for 2022- Lana Watson.

Lexington Area Solid Waste Management Board – Representative – John Bryant – Alternate for 2022-Jeffrey Arensdorf.

West Central Area Aging Board, Region II Mental Health Board, West Central Weed Management Area Board – Representative for 2022- Brett Nason.

West Central Development District Board – Representative-Jeffrey Arensdorf – Alternate for 2022-John Bryant.



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Nason moved to adopt, in one motion, the following appointments. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

McPherson County Physician- Dr. Margaret Boyer of Mullen (pending approval)

Official Means of Publication- Stapleton Enterprise and [www.mcpherson.ne.gov](http://www.mcpherson.ne.gov).

Collateral Receipts - yes

Burial Fees -\$1500.00.

Meeting Dates and Times for 2022- The second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM.

McPherson County Emergency Manager- Tom Burch- Salary set at \$1500.00 per year.

McPherson County Zoning Administrator – Kathy Hoberg- Salary set at \$1800.00 per year.

McPherson County Board of Equalization Chairman for 2022 – Jeffrey Arensdorf.

McPherson County Board of Equalization Vice Chairman for 2022- Brett Nason.

Nason made a motion to approve an increase of \$1.00 per hour for the Courthouse Custodian, raising the wage to \$12.00 per hour for 100 hours per pay period. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The position of Miller Park Caretaker will be advertised and applications for the position will be taken at a later date.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Reports from the County Sheriff and the County Clerk. The Annual Secretary of State Report of County Officers was signed by each official.

The commissioners reviewed and approved the 2022 Nirma Insurance Schedule for McPherson County.

Motion was made by Nason and seconded by Arensdorf. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Replacement of the courthouse generator, which is not working, was discussed. The current generator powers the courthouse, the fire hall which is the Emergency Operations Center and the fair building which is the Emergency Community Shelter. The commissioners are reviewing several options which include repairing the current generator, or replacing it with two generators or a separate generator for each building. The matter will be discussed at the February meeting.

McPherson county had applied for a grant to fund a Scrap Tire Clean -up Program. We were informed by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy that the application would not be funded for the following reason: Due to limited funds, scrap tire applications with duplicate area coverage were not funded this grant year. Another scrap tire clean-up event will be held in Stapleton in 2022 and this event will include McPherson County. We do not have a date for the program in Stapleton at this time.

The commissioners discussed potential items which could be purchased with the American Rescue Plan Act money. A Final Rule has been released by the Department of Treasury which will take effect in April, 2022. This ruling helps clarify qualified uses for local governments and will help the board decide on the best use of the money for McPherson County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on February 9, 2022.

Katherine E. Hoberg  
McPherson County Clerk

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