

# McPherson County Board Minutes

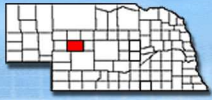


## MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 9, 2022

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of February 9, 2022, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated March 3, 2022. Meeting Agenda having been posted in the courthouse and on website at [www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov](http://www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov). 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 and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Sheriff Tom Burch, road employee Ed Black and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to excuse Commissioner Jeff Arensdorf who had advised that he may be late or absent due to personal business. Motion also included excusal of County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, who was absent due to inclement weather. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	25,396.20
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,370.48
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,255.52
Richard Cook	Weed Expenses	164.56
Custer Public Power	Utilities	621.23
DAS ST Accounting	Computer Expense	106.32
Eakes Office Plus	Copy Maintenance	1,352.22
EJS Supply	Dumpster Lids	1,381.63
ES&S	Election Supplies	735.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	527.13
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Supplies	106.70
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,891.02
Menards	Supplies	32.70
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	978.75
NE Assn County Treasurers	Dues	50.00
NE Assn County Officials	Workshop	140.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	482.00



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NIRMA	Sheriff Workshop	25.00
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	639.82
The Radar Shop	Radar Maintenance	98.00
US Bank	Office Supplies	270.01
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.00
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal/Equip Rental	2,480.00
W Central Dist Assr Assn	Dues	25.00

<b>ROAD</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	9,580.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	579.15
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	104.31
Inland Truck Parts	Equipment Repair	9,320.88
IRS	County Share SS/Med	730.50
JM Parts	Machine Repair	40.82
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	5,337.97

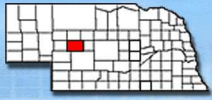
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	1,837.98
Powerplan	Maintenance	539.68
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Tractor Supply	Shop Supplies	119.99
Troyer Enterprises	Shop Supplies	85.62
US Bank	Shop Supplies	156.75

<b>FAIR</b>		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	34.74
Arlan Paxton	Fair Expenses	23.20

## **SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM**

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,703.00
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Everett Kemp was present and addressed the board requesting the closure of two streets bordering property which he recently purchased. The streets are Platt Street, East of Block 30, Tryon and Fourth Street, North of Block 30, Tryon. Both streets are 100 ft. wide and are currently not in use. Kemp stated the purpose of this request is for Economic Development. Bryant made a motion to begin the required process for closing streets. This includes sending letters to adjoining landowners and one or more public meetings. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Commissioner Jeff Arensdorf arrived at 9:15 AM.



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The board reviewed a Request for Roadwork which was submitted for Tupper Drive. The Highway Superintendent will create Easements for the landowners to sign prior to the project being added to the Road Plan.

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

The commissioners reviewed an Agreement for Land Surveying with Nebraska Department of Transportation. The agreement is connected to an improvement project planned by the State on Hwy 97, North of Tryon. Bryant moved to have Board Chairman Nason sign the agreement. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-29 approving the agreement. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Tom Werblow conducted a Safety Committee meeting. Those present were Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and a presentation on "Seven Common Accident Causes".

Caleb Johnson was scheduled to attend the meeting but was unable to attend due to inclement weather. Johnson will attend the Commissioner's Meeting in April to discuss the Budget process for 2022.

Arensdorf made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2022-27 allowing the purchase of an ambulance lift, using money received from Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, as part of the American Rescue Plan. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

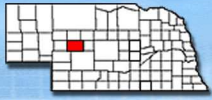
Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2022-28 allowing the purchase of Replacement Radio Equipment, using money received from Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, as part of the American Rescue Plan. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

McPherson County Assessor Kathy Hoberg addressed the board concerning 2022 Valuations. There will be an increase in value for Grassland for the 2022 tax year. Irrigated and Dryland will see no change. Values are set by a statistical sales study from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021. McPherson County conducted a mass inspection on all residential, commercial and ag buildings in 2021. The results of the inspection and adjustments are currently being input into the CAMA system. A new depreciation schedule will be put into the system this summer. There will be no value changes to residential or commercial property for the 2022 tax year. Value changes to residential and commercial property, resulting from the inspection and new depreciation schedule, will take effect in 2023.

The commissioners were given a copy of the NIRMA (insurance) Annual Report and a letter of introduction from KC Pawling, NIRMA's Road Safety and Loss Prevention Specialist, for their review.

The board was informed that NIRMA will be presenting a series of five regional seminars in April. The topic of this year's seminars will be cyber security. Brett Nason and Kathy Hoberg will attend the event which will be held at the Haythorn Ranch on April 14, 2022.

The Clerk gave information to the Board concerning the recent e-mail hacking incident



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suffered by McPherson County. The Clerk has been communicating with the IT department at the Secretary of State's Office and two separate IT companies in the state. We are receiving bids for migrating McPherson County to a new, more secure e-mail server as well as full IT services. This is a priority situation which needs to be resolved as soon as possible, for the safety and security of the county.

Nason made a motion to give County Clerk Kathy Hoberg the authority to move forward with contract decisions and to sign an agreement with an IT company. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Rich Cook was present and addressed the commissioners about the position of Veteran's Service Officer in McPherson County. The county has issued a notice of cancellation to Lincoln County, as required by the terms of the current interlocal agreement, terminating that agreement. Nason made a motion to appoint Rich Cook as the McPherson County Veteran's Service Officer. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Arensdorf to appoint Kevin Starr, Robert Ryland and Tammy Harris to the McPherson County Fair Board for a three- year term to expire in January 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM. The Board will meet again on April 13, 2022, for their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Brett W. Nason  
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg  
McPherson County Clerk

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