

McPherson County Board Minutes

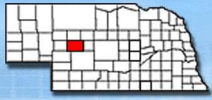


MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS APRIL 13, 2022

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of March 9, 2022, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated April 7, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason. Members John Bryant, Jeffrey Arensdorf and Brett Nason were present. Also present were the County Sheriff Tom Burch, Road Worker Ed Black, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Chairman Nason noted the Open Meetings Act which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting with the following additions: In compliance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-3108 (b), the board concluded it was not practicable to secure and record at least three informal bids for the replacement radio equipment referenced in Resolution 2022-28. The board also concluded that the ambulance lift referenced in Resolution 2022-27 is a unique or noncompetitive item per Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-3109 (1)(a) and that the county can save a significant amount of money by entering to a special purchase per Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-3109 (3). 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.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	25,947.17
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,452.22
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	10.22
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,255.52
John E. Bryant	Mileage	29.25
Central Plains Valuation	Appraisal Fees	1,950.00
Richard Cook	Weed Expenses	189.08
Custer Public Power	Utilities	695.83
DAS ST Accounting	Computer Expense	190.64
Jodi Dudley	Mileage	40.95
Eakes Office Plus	Copy Maintenance	293.70
ES&S	Election Supplies	1,029.04
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	526.42
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	93.60
Ideal Linen	Supplies	106.70
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,933.17
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,737.74
Whitney Lindstedt	County Atty Expenses	212.36
McPherson County Court	Court Costs	34.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	978.72
Brett Nason	Mileage	87.75
NE Assn County Treasurers	Workshop	125.00



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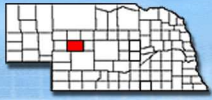
NE Assn County Officials	Budget Workshop	100.00
Nebraska State Patrol	Computer Expense	56.25
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	678.00
Physicians Laboratory Svcs.	Autopsy Costs	2,554.00
Sandhills RC&D	Dues	100.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	90.07
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	659.60
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	71.28
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.31
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal/Equip Rental	2,480.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	12,402.63
Ace Hardware	Supplies	116.94
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	769.68
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Croell Inc.	Gravel	4,000.27
Fastenal Co.	Shop Supplies	7.67
Galaway Field Repair	Machine Repair	14,345.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	103.91
Inland Truck Parts	Machine Repair	10,244.60
IRS	County Share SS/Med	946.44
JM Parts	Machine Repair	191.90
McPherson Co.	Reimbursement Payments	5,337.97
Inheritance	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	6,517.41
Neal Oil	Machine Repair	733.68
RS Hydraulic Solutions	Highway Supt	750.00
TC Engineering	Shop Supplies	24.27
Troyer Enterprises	Safety Supplies	244.78
US Bank		

FAIR		
Custer Public Power	Lights	639.22
Ideal Linen	Supplies	34.74

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,153.50

The board reviewed a report from the McPherson County Treasurer, stating that the amount of money received from the Federal Fund Purchase Program was almost 500.00 lower than the



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preliminary amount budgeted for.

At 9:30 AM, the commissioners conducted an interview with Chelsey McNutt, who had applied for the position of Miller Park Caretaker. Nason made a motion to appoint Chelsey McNutt to the position. The terms will remain the same as the previous year and will be reviewed in June. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners discussed roads with Ed Black. Ed reported that they have been hauling clay and gravel. All repairs on equipment have been completed.

Carl Rundback was present and there was further discussion on the Road Work Request which had been submitted for Tupper Drive. No decisions were made and the road has not been added to the road plan pending an Easement signed by the landowner.

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

At 10:30 AM, Dan Connell was present and addressed the board requesting the closure of Platt Street from the North right of way line of Fourth Street to the South right of way line of Third Street. This street is 100 ft. wide and is currently not in use. The board agreed to begin the required process for vacating this street. This includes sending letters to adjoining landowners and a public meeting which will be scheduled for May 11, 2022.

Mr. Vanderheiden, Superintendent of McPherson County Schools, was present and stated that the school board has been contacted about this matter and has no objection to the request. The school is also an adjoining landowner in the request made last week, for closure of Platt Street, East of Block 30 and Fourth Street, North of Block 30. Mr. Vanderheiden stated that the school board also has no objection to vacating these streets. Both requests will be scheduled for public meeting on May 11, 2022.

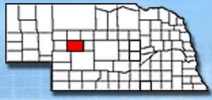
A Safety Meeting was held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Tom Burch, Kathy Hoberg and Ed Black. Tom Werblow provided information and flyers on Infectious Diseases and Blood Pathogens.

The board reviewed a proposal letter from Keith County Emergency Management/911 for Dispatch Service costs. The terms of the proposal are not final and will be reviewed again with representatives of Keith County Emergency Management/911.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the quarterly reports from the Sheriff and the Clerk. Kathy Hoberg, McPherson County Assessor, presented the board with the Reports and Opinions from the Property Tax Administrator. The level of value for Residential Real Property is 100%. The level of value for Commercial Real Property is 100% and the level of value for Agricultural Land in McPherson County is 69%. The opinion of the Property Tax Administrator is, McPherson County Assessor's quality of assessment meets generally accepted mass appraisal techniques and there were no recommendations made by the Administrator.

The Assessor presented a Report of Omitted Property for approval by the board. It had come to the Assessor's attention that the taxable value of the 50 x 100 building located on Parcel #600029735 had not been added to the total value of the parcel. Therefore, the taxable value of the building was not assessed on March 19, 2022. The commissioners approved and signed the report.

The commissioners were given a letter from the County Treasurer reporting that she has closed her Public Sale for 2020 Delinquent Property Taxes as of March 15, 2022. There was one Parcel for sale and no one showed up for the sale on March 7, 2022. Parcel #600001806 remains unsold for want of bidders.



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Arendsdorf made a motion to appoint members of the Veteran's Service Officer Board as follows: Harold Arendsdorf-term expiring 2023, Terry Neal-term expiring 2024, Kent Fisher-term expiring 2025, Doug Schmidt-term expiring 2026 and Dan Connell-term expiring 2027. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arendsdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed a price estimate for a new lawnmower for the Courthouse and Miller Park. Bryant moved to accept the estimate and purchase the mower from Mike's M/C & ATV Repair in North Platte for \$4338.00. Arendsdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arendsdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to revoke a motion made on March 9, 2022, authorizing Brett Nason to sign an agreement for land surveying with Nebraska DOT. Arendsdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arendsdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arendsdorf made a motion to revoke a motion made on March 9, 2022, adopting Resolution 2022-29 approving the agreement. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arendsdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners acknowledged receipt of a letter and check from the Robert Hanich Trust for \$100,000.00. This is the second of five payments that will be made over the next four years for the Soddy Road Safety Improvement Project.

The board received a Proposal from K&S Electric Inc. DBA Halls Electric and Services in North Platte, for new generators. The commissioners are considering the purchase of generators for the courthouse, fire hall and fair building. These are designated emergency shelters and communication centers. The generators will be purchased with the money received from Coronavirus State and Local fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan.

This is the only proposal received at this time and the commissioners have reached out to other potential bidders for proposals.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:30 AM. They will meet again at 9:00 AM, on May 11, 2022, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman

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