

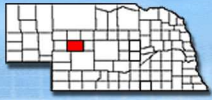
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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS May 11, 2022

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of April 13, 2022, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated May 5, 2022. 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 and Brett Nason were present. Also present were the County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Sheriff Tom Burch, Road Worker Ed Black, Weed Superintendent/Veteran's Service Officer Rich Cook and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Nason made a motion to excuse Jeff Arensdorf who was absent due to illness. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. 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.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	25165.98
Ace Hardware	Supplies	61.94
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,399.50
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	970.30
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,255.52
John E. Bryant	Mileage	200.08
Custer Public Power	Utilities	587.59
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	71.77
ES&S	Election Supplies	1,909.52
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	526.42
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Gworks	Website Costs	5,000.00
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage/Supplies	197.21
Ideal Linen	Supplies	109.56
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,873.40
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage	87.36
Loup Basin RC&D	Weed Dues	200.00
Menards	Supplies	126.47
Mikes Motorcycle & ATV	Mower	4,338.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,037.25
Brett Nason	Mileage	79.56
NE Assn County Officials	Board Workshop	100.00
Nebraska Cnty Atty Assn	Dues/Education	484.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	522.49
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	360.63



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Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	1,335.13
Trugreen	Grounds Maintenance	80.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	893.55
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.21
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,510.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	9,892.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	600.21
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Croell Inc.	Gravel	9,294.26
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	103.91
IRS	County Share SS/Med	754.36
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	5,337.97
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	5,489.14
NE Truck Center	Parts	2.00
Platte Valley Comm	Radio Repair	230.51

RS Hydraulic Solutions	Machine Repair	202.37
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Ideal/Bluffs Facility Sol.	Supplies	40.62
Ideal Linen	Supplies	35.67

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

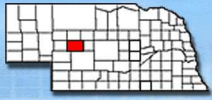
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,992.00
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The Board discussed setting the date and time for a Public Hearing regarding the vacation of Platt Street from 3rd Street and Hwy 97 and Fourth Street between Brown Street and Platt Street. Mr. Vanderheiden, Superintendent of McPherson County Schools, was present for discussion. The Public Hearing for the closures will be held at the next commissioner's meeting on June 8, 2022 which begins at 9:00 AM.

Rich Cook presented the board with the Noxious Weed Reports and Requirements Summary for 2021. The report states that McPherson County is meeting the requirements of the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act. The report was signed by Chairman Nason and will be returned to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture by Cook. Rich Cook also discussed Veteran's Service with the commissioners. Nason made a motion to appoint Dennis Licking to the Veteran's Service Board replacing Harold Arensdorf. The term will expire in January, 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

At 9:15 AM, Trent Neal was present to discuss building an approach on the West side of the Neal Oil Bulk Plant. John Bryant noted that he has examined the area and the board will have Ed Black look at the area and give input on the best plan for this project.

County roads were discussed with road worker Ed Black. The commissioners discussed a Request for Road Work which had been submitted by Linda Kemp. The occupant of the property reported that they are very



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happy with repairs that were completed on the road last year, but that the auto-gate fills and floods. The road department will look at the road and auto-gate and determine what needs to be done and the commissioners will determine if this is a county issue.

Bryant moved to accept the May Road Plan as presented by Nason. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Members present were John Bryant, Brett Nason, Whitney Lindstedt, Tom Werblow, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow presented information and gave flyers about Protection from Lightning Strikes.

The commissioners approved corrections of clerical errors on Resolution #2022-27 and #2022-28. These resolutions should be numbered as #2022-8 and #2022-9. Resolution #2022-8 also lists Great Plains Communications as the seller but this was corrected to list Platte Valley Communications as the seller.

The commissioners received and reviewed the Fund Balance Listing from the Treasurer.

Nason made a motion to sign the Management Representation Letter from the Auditor. McPherson County's annual audit was completed on April 28, 2022. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board signed the 2022-2023 contract with West Central Area Agency on Aging for the Senior Meal Program and the contract with Prairie Hills Café for the program.

The commissioners discussed the 2022 rates for Health and Dental Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. Health insurance rates increased 17.14%. Rates for Dental insurance increased 5.87%.

McPherson County pays the premium for up to employee/spouse coverage for Health Insurance.

Employees pay all deductibles and co-pays. Dental Insurance premiums are paid fully by the employee.

Bryant made a motion to continue the current benefit program with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska.

Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners voted to designate MIPS as the county printing service. This service will be used, if needed to print tax increase postcards in compliance with LB644.

The board discussed repairs to the portable toilets in Miller Park. The commissioners approved Sandhills Septic to make necessary repairs.

At 10:30 AM, the commissioners met with representatives of Keith County 911 and discussed the new proposal for Dispatch Service costs. The proposal is as follows: The fee shall be 1% of the Counties' Personal and Real Property taxes based on the preceding year's budget, to be no lower than \$4000 per year as earlier agreed upon. This fee will be revisited every two years in April.

Bryant moved to accept and sign the proposal. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50AM.

The next regular board of commissioners meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on June 8, 2022. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman