

McPherson County Board Minutes



MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

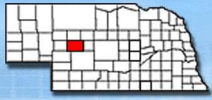
JULY 13, 2022

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of June 8, 2022, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the *Stapleton Enterprise*; issue dated July 7, 2022. The agenda for the meeting was posted in the courthouse and on the county website. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Board Members Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf and John Bryant were present. Also present were, Weed Superintendent Rich Cook, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, road workers Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. Arensdorf made a motion to excuse Whitney Schroeder, county attorney. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting and Board of Equalization 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.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	26873.53
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,514.75
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	3,831.49
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	6,147.38
John Bryant	Mileage	146.25
Richard Cook	Mileage	175.50
Custer Public Power	Utilities	753.74
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	106.32
Eakes Office Plus	Copy Maintenance	92.97
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	526.42
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt	57.96
Grease Monkey	Maintenance/Sheriff	78.99
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	64.35
Ideal Linen	Supplies	109.56
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,998.39
LaQuinta Inn & Suites	Convention	378.90
Loup Basin RC&D	Weed Expense	32.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,027.36
NE Assn County Officials	Workshop/Dues	1,141.71
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	1,321.00
Region II Human Services	Dues	1,643.21
Region II Services	County Share	810.00
Sandhills Septic &	Park Maintenance	195.30



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Trenching

Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Enforcement	216.26
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	324.34
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	215.88
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,347.93
Truegreen	Grounds Maintenance	50.00
Tyler Technologies	Office Supplies/Vets	449.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	187.75
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.21
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,480.00

ROAD

		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	13,704.25
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	857.54
Jeffrey Arensdorf	RR Ties	40.00
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,451.64
Croell Inc.	Gravel	17,996.67

Great Plains Comm	Telephone	103.91
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,046.00
JM Parts and Equip	Shop Supplies	42.99
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	5,337.97
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	11,419.71
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
GB Auto Svc (T.O.Haas)	Repairs	783.40

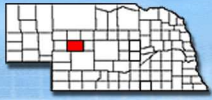
FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	37.11
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SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,221.50
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County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder, arrived at 9:05 AM.



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The commissioners met with Elaine Menzel, legal counsel for Nebraska Association of County Officials, who was present to introduce herself and provide an update on NACO. The Association has purchased property in Ogallala and will be building a central location for meetings and offices. The annual NACO convention will be held at the new Younes Center in Kearney in December.

Belinda Miller was present and addressed the board with a request to vacate 6th Street between Block 43 and Block 48. The commissioners consider this an area of outlet between Platt Street and Brown Street and did not see any purpose for the vacation. The request was denied. Mrs. Miller inquired about the responsibility for mowing the area. The board and Highway Superintendent stated that landowners are responsible for mowing to the middle of roads running along their land.

Section 39-1811 as amended by LB 584 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes requires that all landowners mow all weeds that can be mowed with the ordinary farm mower to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches running along their lands, at least twice a year, not before July 1st, and sometime in July for the first time and sometime in September for the second time.

At 9:30 AM, the board met with Brian Cox from Nebraska Extension. Bryant moved to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services. This agreement is between the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and Lincoln, Logan and McPherson Counties. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. There was discussion about possible mileage paid to appointed members of the extension board. Mr. Cox and Whitney Schoeder will examine the issue and report to the board.

Weed Superintendent, Rich Cook, presented the commissioners with the current weed report and answered questions about weeds in the county.

County roads and equipment were discussed with Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. The road department has completed a road project on Abby Drive, installed auto gates and placed cover on several roads in the county. Jack Tucker and Pamela and Rudy Haynes were present to discuss the condition of Soddy Road. There was much discussion about the specifics of the project which will add width and material to the road. Tom Werblow scheduled a meeting between an asphalt specialist and the road crew which will take place next week. The project will begin with the widening of the road and adding a crushed concrete base to the sides.

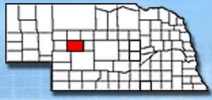
Bryant made a motion to approve the July Road Plan as submitted by Arensdorf. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There was a Safety Committee meeting held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, Whitney Schroeder, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kathy Hoberg, Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. Werblow presented flyers and information on *Road- Side Mower Safety*.

The commissioners signed **Resolution #2022-10** vacating portions of Platte Street and Fourth Street. The vacation was approved by a motion of the board at the June 8, 2022 meeting. The Resolution will be filed in the office of the Register of Deeds in McPherson County.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Second Quarter Fee reports from the County Sheriff and the County Clerk.

The Board reviewed and signed the County Assessor Three Year Plan of Assessment for 2023, 2024 and 2025. Motion by Bryant. Seconded by Arensdorf. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.



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The commissioners were given several reports from the treasurer, including the Fund Balance Listing for 6/30/2022, the Fund Balance Six Month Accumulated Report, the Fund Balance 12 Month Accumulated Report, the County Treasurer's Balance Six Month report for January through June 2022 and the Delinquent Tax Listing.

Arendsdorf made a motion of approval for the treasurer to close the *STOP Program Fund* and transfer the money to the *Law Enforcement Program Fund*. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arendsdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

John Bryant gave a report on the County Board Workshop which he attended in June.

The commissioners approved letters of request for support from Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center, Region II Human Services and Region II Services, Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Arendsdorf. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arendsdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners reviewed a proposal for a new courthouse copy/fax machine which was received from Eakes Office Solutions. The commissioners reviewed the proposal and gave approval for the copier to be replaced when needed.

11: 00 AM -Bryant made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and convene as Board of Equalization. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arendsdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Chairman of BOE, Arendsdorf, called the meeting to order and recognized the Open Meetings Poster on the North wall of the court room. The minutes of the last meeting were included with the previous regular meeting minutes and were approved at 9:00 AM. There were no protests filed for this hearing.

The Assessor presented a Report of Undervalued Property to the board.

Twin Platte NRD reported that Parcel #600001806 contains 131.25 Certified Irrigated Acres which had not been reported to the Assessor at the time of Abstract. The added acres will change the total of Irrigated acres on the parcel from 141.57 to 273.22 acres. The value of the parcel will change from \$489,830 to \$695,862.

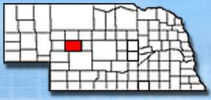
There being no further business for the Board of Equalization, Nason moved to adjourn the meeting. Bryant Seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arendsdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

The board will meet again at 9:00 AM on August 10,2022 for their next regular monthly meeting. There will be a Budget Workshop held during this meeting at 10:30 AM. 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



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