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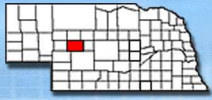


MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of August 10, 2022, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated September 8, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Chairman Nason, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, Road Worker Ed Black, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. The minutes of the previous meeting had been approved at the Budget Meeting which was held at 9:00 AM on this date. Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	26,650.75
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,499.71
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	994.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	6,147.38
Richard Cook	Mileage/Weed	100.00
Custer Public Power	Utilities	934.49
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
Eakes Office Plus	Copy Maintenance/Supplies	1,552.84
Election Systems &Software	Supplies	152.01
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	531.10
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	154.38
Ideal Linen	Supplies	113.94
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,981.35
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,737.74
Chelsey McNutt	Park Maintenance	287.50
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,252.36
NACO	Workshop	175.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	217.00
Nebraska Safety & Fire	Inspections	40.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites	Assessor Workshop	328.47
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	89.89
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	306.56
Trugreen	Grounds maintenance	130.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	187.55
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.91



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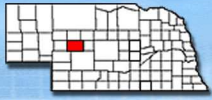


Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,480.00
W. Central Area Agency Aging	Dues	448.96

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	12,973.00
Ace Hardware	Supplies	28.97
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	808.17
Beveridge Inc.	Crushed Concrete	6,617.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,451.64
Croell Inc.	Gravel	7,273.46
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	106.55
IRS	County Share SS/Med	990.07
JM Parts and Equip	Shop Supplies	137.04
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	5,337.97
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Repairs	169.36
NAPA Auto Parts	Machine Parts	47.98

Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	8,692.21
Nebraska Safety&Fire	Inspections	40.00
RS Hydraulic Solutions	Repairs	88.58
Sandhills Auto&Tractor Sandhills	Repairs	325.06
Septic&Trenching	Contract Labor	161.00
Simon Contractors	Gravel	3,150.26
T&S Repair LLC	Repairs	1,359.30
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Repairs	774.31
Troyer Enterprises	Repairs	264.26
US Bank	Supplies	961.85
Weavers Tree Service	Tree Removal	750.00

FAIR		
Cindy Gregg	Fair Expenses	60.23
James Griffin	Judge Expense	103.75
Pam Hamilton	Judge Expense	198.75



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Ideal Linen	Supplies	37.11
Bailey Johnson	Judge Expense	106.25
Kristy Lage	Judge Expense	98.75
Nathan Lashley	Judge Expense	306.25
Menards	Fair Expenses	167.89
T.L. Meyer	Judge Expense	332.25
Willow Creek Embroidery	Fair Expenses	825.00

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,858.60
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COVID ARPA

FYR-TEK	Power Load	2,100.00
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Arensdorf made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2022-17 Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations**, adopting the proposed 2022-2023 McPherson County Budget. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2022-18 Property Tax Request**, which will cause the tax rate to be **.228569** which is different than the 2021-2022 tax rate of **.238804**, per \$100 of assessed value. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the McPherson County Board of Commissioners will increase compared to last year's operating budget by **9.21%**. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners discussed roads with Ed Black. The road department has been working on the Soddy Road Project. They are currently placing gravel/rock on the shoulders and adding width to the road. The road department plans to return to maintaining roads in the county to include dragging and patching but will also continue the Soddy Road Project.

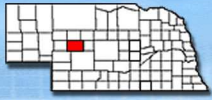
The board discussed the Request for Road Work for an access road to a new home located on section 15-19-30, which had been tabled at the last meeting. Bryant made a motion to add the project to the road plan. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: Nason.

Bryant made a motion to approve the September Road Plan as presented by Arensdorf. Arensdorf seconded.

Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Whitney Schroeder, Tom Burch, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg.

Tom Werblow gave flyers and information about Protection from Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, and Sumac. The commissioners received and reviewed the Fund Balance Listing for August 31, 2022, which was provided by the Treasurer.



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There was discussion on bids for 3 generators. The board of commissioners had previously approved allocating money from the COVID/ARPA Fund to the purchase of 3 Generators. At the board meeting in August, the board requested that a Request for Bids be published. The request was written by the Highway Superintendent and sent to the clerk. The clerk emailed the Notice to Bidders to the newspaper with request to publish. Due to unknown reasons, the Notice was not received by the newspaper and therefore not published. The commissioners have reached out to three companies for bids and have received two proposals. The first proposal is from K&S Electric, Inc. DBA Halls Electric and Services for \$34,216.08. The second proposal was received from Platte Valley Electric, LLC for \$51,327.00. There was no proposal received from the third company. Due to the receipt of the two bids and the lowest bid falling below the \$50,000.00 threshold, the commissioners decided to forego publishing the Notice to Bidders. Bryant made a motion to accept the bid proposal from Halls Electric and Services for \$34,216.08, with payment being made from the ARPA Fund. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

In keeping with §23-3115, the large generator which is currently located behind the courthouse will be declared surplus property sold.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:00 AM and met as Board of Equalization.

Chairman Arensdorf called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM. Those present were Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Whitney Schroeder, and Kathy Hoberg. The Open Meetings Law is posted on the North wall of the Courtroom.

Nason made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior BOE meeting which was held in July 2022. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed the report of McPherson County Permissive Exemptions including Cemeteries as presented by the County Assessor. The board will publish the list by September 30.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

The board will meet again on October 12, 2022, at 9:00 AM for their next regular meeting. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

ATTEST: _____
McPherson County Clerk

McPherson County Board Chairman