

McPherson County Board Minutes

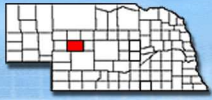


MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 11, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of December 19, 2022, for the annual organizational meeting and regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated January 5, 2023. Chairman Nason called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Board members, Jeffrey Arensdorf, Brett Nason and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Weed Superintendent Rich Cook, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, County Sheriff Tom Burch, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Road employee Ed Black was also present. The Chairman noted the Public Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting with the following correction: *The meeting was called to order by Vice -Chairman Arensdorf, and Arensdorf noted the Public Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom.* The minutes erroneously listed Bryant as completing these actions. The motion by Bryant also included making a correction to the minutes of December 19, 2022, in which it was stated that *"The board acknowledged the election of Kerri L. Kramer to the office of McPherson County Treasurer, term to begin January 5, 2022".* **Correction made stating the term to begin January 5, 2023.** Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to appoint Jeff Arensdorf as McPherson County Board Chairman and Brett Nason as Vice-Chairman for 2023. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Arensdorf abstained. Nason made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	26,096.50
Ace Hardware	Supplies	75.96
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,464.22
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	746.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	9,843.12
Custer Public Power	Utilities	581.35
Judy M. Dailey	Prior Service	48.00
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies/Equipment	207.79
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	529.04
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Supplies	117.39
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,938.98
K&C Feeds/ Grassland Feeds	Supplies	8.40
Menards	Supplies	20.78
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,027.36
NE Assn. Co. Assessors	Dues	60.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	157.00
Donald Nicholson	Prior Service	132.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Training	222.50



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Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	248.84
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	310.89
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,347.93
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	381.78
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.12
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	10,584.25
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	646.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,451.64
Croell Inc.	Gravel	2,300.45
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	105.39
Inland Truck Parts	Parts/Repairs	48.42
IRS	County Share SS/Med	807.33

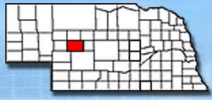
JM Parts and Equipment	Repairs	254.70
K&C Feeds/Grassland Feeds	Supplies	8.40
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,858.91
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	4,831.09
Powerplan	Repairs	420.93
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
GB Auto Svc (T.O.Haas)	Repairs	40.00
US Bank	Shop Supplies	17.72

FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	37.11

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,265.60

COVID ARPA		
K&S Electric/Halls Electric	Generators	23,866.08

At 9:15 AM, the board recognized Kerry Warren and Ryan Schultis, who addressed the board concerning the road on Tupper Drive. There has been a Request for Roadwork submitted for work which is much needed on the road. The road crosses parcels of land which are owned by two different landowners. The project cannot be added to the road plan until easements have been signed by the landowners. One of the landowners has not returned the signed easement to the county. The issue and possible actions were discussed with the County Attorney, Highway Superintendent, and the commissioners.



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Rich Cook, McPherson County Weed Superintendent presented an Annual Noxious Weed Report to the commissioners. Each commissioner was given a copy of the report and it was signed by the board chairman.

Nason made a motion to appoint Rich Cook as McPherson County Weed Superintendent for 2023, increasing the wage to \$14.00 per hour. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Ed Black addressed the board about the need for new dumpsters. Several of the old dumpsters are rusting out on the bottom. The Village of Stapleton will be placing an order for new dumpsters and McPherson County may add an order to be shipped with their order. The dumpsters are estimated to cost \$700 to \$750 each. Bryant made a motion to give Ed permission to order 6 dumpsters. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion was made on the county roads with Ed Black. The road department has been working many hours on snow removal and opening roads, which is much appreciated by the commissioners and the community.

Tom Werblow informed the board that he has examined the *National Functional Classification System Map* which was received from the DOT. Werblow did not see the need to request any changes to the map. Bryant made a motion to have the chairman sign the map and return it to the DOT. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners reviewed a bid for asphalt pulverization submitted by Level LLC. Work requested: Reclaim approximately 1.1 miles of asphalt on Prairie Trace Road in McPherson County, to include pulverization of existing asphalt, Integration of asphalt into subgrade, and compaction and grading of reclaimed road. Bid submitted is \$46,600.00, which is based off using all existing materials and does not include addition of any imported materials. Nason moved to accept the bid from Level LLC for \$46,600.00. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed a warranty renewal letter from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for the John Deere model 770G Grader. This will be added to the February agenda for further review.

The board reviewed an estimate for body work on the dump truck from Twin Rivers Body Shop. Nason moved to accept the bid of \$2500.00. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The 2023 schedule for Road Overseer was set as follows:

Jan-Feb-March – Nason **April- May- June** – Arensdorf **July-Aug-Sept** – Bryant **Oct- Nov- Dec** – Nason.

Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Nason. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2023-1**, McPherson County Road and Labor Prices for the year 2023, adjusting prices set to pay and charge. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion to increase the wages for road employees with two years' county employment by \$1.00 per hour. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLUTION #2023-1

MCPHERSON COUNTY ROAD AND LABOR PRICES FOR THE YEAR 2023

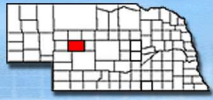
PRICES SET TO PAY...WITH BOARD APPROVAL

COUNTY EMPLOYEE

PERSON, SINGLE HANDED.....\$18.00 PER HOUR

TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR\$18.00 PER HOUR

PERSON, SINGLE HANDED



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(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT).....\$20.50 PER HOUR

TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR

(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT).....\$20.50 PER HOUR

FARM TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT WITH

OPERATOR.....\$90.00

FARM TRACTOR WITH OPERATOR

(100 H.P. OR MORE FOR SNOW REMOVAL\$110.00 PER HOUR

PRICES SET TO CHARGE...WITH PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL...MINIMUM OF ONE HOUR

PATROL WITH OPERATOR.....\$200.00 PER HOUR

WHEEL LOADER WITH OPERATOR.....\$200.00 PER HOUR

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR WITH OPERATOR.....\$120.00 PER HOUR

(WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT IF HIRED FOR ANY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED PROJECT, THE PRICE WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED BEFORE STARTED.)

The One-and- Six Year Road Plan Hearing was set for 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Bryant moved to approve the January Road Plan as presented by Nason. Nason seconded. Voting Aye:

Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There was a safety committee meeting held. Those present were John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, Tom Werblow, Whitney Lindstedt, Ed Black, and Kathy Hoberg.

Werblow gave flyers and information about the dangers of Fatigue on the job.

Nason moved to appoint Tom Werblow, Ed Black, and Jeff Arensdorf to the Safety Committee for 2023, with Jeff Arensdorf Chairman. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Nason and seconded by Bryant to adopt and approve **Resolution #2023-2** appointing Tom Werblow as McPherson County Highway Superintendent, with a total salary of \$9000.00, for the year 2023. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Bryant seconded by Nason to adopt and approve **Resolution #2023-3** designating the following depositories for McPherson County in 2023. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Adams Bank & Trust, First National Bank, Nebraskaland National Bank, Western Nebraska Bank of North Platte, Nebraska, Community First Bank of Stapleton, Nebraska, and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Nason moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #2023-4** giving the McPherson County Treasurer the authority to invest funds for the year 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

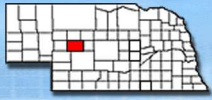
Bryant moved to adopt and approve **Resolution #2023-5** appointing Whitney Schroeder as the McPherson County Attorney for the year 2023. The hourly wage being set at \$11.00 per hour for 100 hours per pay period, plus expenses, with the same insurance benefits which are offered to all full-time McPherson County Employees. Seconded by Nason. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Nason seconded by Bryant to adopt and approve **Resolution #2023-6** appointing Bonnie Edwards of North Platte, Nebraska, to act in the capacity of McPherson County Surveyor for the year 2023. No Fees will be charged to McPherson County. Clients will be charged regular rates for the survey work. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint John Bryant and Alternate Brett Nason to the **911 Advisory Board** for 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to appoint, pending their approval, Mike Krull, Kelly Ward and Vernon Waits to the **Planning Commission** for a 3-year term to expire in 2026. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint, pending their approval, Jeff Arensdorf, John Haller and Randy Fisher (alternate), to the **Board of Adjustments** for a 3-year term to expire in 2026. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.



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Bryant made a motion to appoint, pending their approval, Arlis Blake, Dan Arensdorf and Arlan Paxton, to the **Fair Board** for a 3-year term to expire in 2026. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint, pending their approval, Jeff Arensdorf and Shareen Munson to the **Sandhills RC&D Board** for 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to appoint Jeff Arensdorf and Lana Watson, pending her approval, to the **West Central District Health Department Board** for 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf to the **Lexington Area Solid Waste Management Board** for 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf.

Bryant moved to appoint Brett Nason as representative to the **West Central Area Aging Board and Region II Mental Health Board** for 2023. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint Jeff Arensdorf and John Bryant as representative and alternate to the **West Central Development District Board** for 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The following appointments were approved in one motion made by Nason and seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

County Physician- West Central District Health Department in compliance with §71-1626.

Official Means of Publication – The Stapleton Enterprise and www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov

Collateral Receipts-yes

Burial Fees-\$1500.00

Meeting Dates and Time for 2023- 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM

Miller Park Caretaker-Chelsey McNutt at \$1150.00 per year (pending her approval)

McPherson County Emergency Manager- Tom Burch at \$1600.00 per year

McPherson County Zoning Administrator- Kathy Hoberg at \$1800.00 per year

McPherson County Board of Equalization Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2023 – Brett Nason, Chairman. Jeff Arensdorf, Vice-Chairman.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Reports from the County Sheriff and the County Clerk.

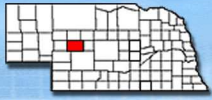
The commissioners reviewed and approved the 2023 Nirma Insurance Schedule for McPherson County. Motion made by Nason and seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners reviewed Fund Balance reports from the Treasurer.

The board reviewed a proposal and scope of work for courtroom updates provided by Conference Technologies, INC. The Courtroom Technology Upgrade Project was initiated by the State of Nebraska and will include audio/visual upgrades for the courtroom. The total amount of expenses listed for hardware and installation in the CTI proposal will be paid by the state administrative office. The cost to the county will depend on the extent of the prep-work required to put in the new system. Nason made a motion to sign the Notice to Proceed. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The clerk informed the board that McPherson county's application for a grant to fund a Scrap Tire Clean -up Program has been approved. The program will take place June 23rd and 24th of this year.

McPherson County also made an application to the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund which is part of the American Rescue Plan Act. The total amount of funds awarded to McPherson County in will be \$100,000.00. Future discussion will be made on qualified and best use of these funds for the County.



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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on February 8, 2023.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeff Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

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