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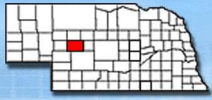
MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of January 11, 2023, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated February 2, 2023. Chairman Arensdorf called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Board members John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf and Brett Nason were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Sheriff Tom Burch, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, and road department employee Ed Black. Nason moved to excuse the County Attorney Whitney Schroeder who was expected to be late due to a family illness. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Chairman Arensdorf noted the Open Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Nason moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

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

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	27,218.77
Adams Bank & Trust	Treasurer Supplies	85.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,539.97
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	746.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,382.34
John Bryant	Mileage	121.18
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	116.64
Custer Public Power	Utilities	598.90
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	254.99
Fastenal Company	Janitorial Supplies	43.96
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	530.89
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	52.40
Holiday Inn Kearney	Treasurer Workshop	129.95
Ideal Linen	Supplies	127.74
IRS	County Share SS/Med	2,024.82
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	176.85
Karen Licking	Postage	13.80
Loup Basin RC&D Council	Dues	200.00
Mid-States Org Crime Info Ctr	Dues	100.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,092.36
NE Assn. Co. Treasurers	Dues	50.00
NE Clerk of Dist Ct. Assn.	Dues	50.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	1,220.50



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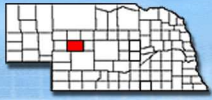
Sandhills RC&D	Dues	100.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	97.50
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	33.88
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	787.37
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	483.09
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.88
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00
West Central Assessor Assn	Dues	25.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,326.88
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	697.06
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,451.64
Croell Inc.	Gravel	341.70
Fastenal Co.	Shop Supplies	139.54
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	106.43
IRS	County Share SS/Med	864.14
K&C Feeds/Grassland Feeds	Supplies	16.80
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,386.69
Michael Todd Ind. Supply	Equipment	481.48
Ronald Munson	Equipment	82.30
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	8,466.89
NMC Exchange LLC	Shop Supplies	416.53
Powerplan	Repairs	898.40
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment	791.96
Troyer Enterprises	Supplies	2,128.63

FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	37.11
Recognition Unlimited	Supplies	76.20

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,230.25

Don Moore was present and addressed the board concerning road conditions.



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The board discussed roads with Ed Black. Due to the recent storms, the department has been working exclusively on snow removal and opening roads. Ed reported that one V -Plow is currently at Troyer's for repair and Dawson Tire has been called to replace one tire on the loader.

Arensdorf reported that the Extended Warranty on the John Deere 770G Grader cannot be renewed.

Nason moved to accept a price quote from Simon Materials for gravel. The quote is for 2,000 ton of Recycled Base Gravel for a delivered price of \$36.00 per ton. Total price quoted: \$72,000.00. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Vernon Waits was present to discuss a Request for Roadwork he had submitted for work needed on 75 Waits Drive. The road needs to be raised and water holes repaired. There was discussion with Nason voicing concern about the county repairing driveways. Bryant made a motion to add the project to the road plan. An Easement will be required. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: Nason.

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

County Attorney Whitney Schroeder arrived at 9:30 AM.

Toni Powers was present and discussed the need for a new ambulance in McPherson County. There are grants available which have been applied for. The Fire Department and volunteers are looking for additional means of raising funds. Discussion was held on the possibility of using some of the *Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund* money to assist with this purchase. This was an informational discussion only and no decisions were made. The commissioners did express their willingness to assist with the purchase.

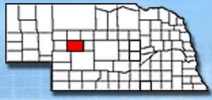
The following Board Appointments were confirmed:

- Mike Krull, Kelly Ward and Vernon Waits – Planning Commission
- John Haller and Randy Fisher – Board of Adjustment
- Dan Arensdorf and Arlan Paxton – Fair Board
- Chelsey McNutt – Park Caretaker @ \$1150.00 per year.
- Arlis Blake – Fair Board - will be confirmed upon his approval at the March meeting.
- Sandhills RC& D- appointment to replace Shareen Munson will be made at the March meeting.
- Lana Watson appointment to West Central District Health Department Board - will be confirmed upon her approval at the March meeting.

At 9:45, a Safety Committee Meeting was held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, Whitney Schroeder, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Ed Black, and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and a presentation on *Working Safely with Hand Tools*.

At 10:00 AM, the annual One & Six- Year Road Plan Hearing was held in the courtroom. Notice of Hearing having been published in the February 2nd edition of the Stapleton Enterprise. Those present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Whitney Schroeder, Ed Black, and Kathy Hoberg. Everyone was given a copy of the plan with a copy available for the public. Tom Werblow reviewed the plan with those present. There were no comments from members of the public. Nason made a motion to approve and adopt the 2023 One & Six- Year Road Plan as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. The hearing was closed at 10:15 AM.

Caleb Johnson was present to discuss the upcoming Budget season. Nason made a motion to accept and sign a *Letter of Engagement for Budget Preparation* between J13 Enterprises, LLC, and McPherson County



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for the 2023-2024 budget year. The fee for the services will be \$2,000.00. If there are additional, unforeseen circumstances, the additional cost will be an hourly rate of \$85.00 plus required travel expenses. Bryant seconded the motion: Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Tom Burch addressed the board about creating a position of Community Service Officer in the Sheriff's Office. There is new online training available, and Burch believes it would benefit McPherson County to create this position. The CSO would be on call, as needed, and would be able to perform title inspections, and take applications for firearms permits. They would also be able to offer traffic control assistance and other duties appropriate to the position. Tom will create a policy for the position in McPherson County and give more information to the board when it is available.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on March 8, 2023.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman