

**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S AND  
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 12, 2023**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of March 8, 2023, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated April 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chairman Arensdorf. Members John Bryan and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Sheriff Tom Burch, Road Worker Ed Black, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Chairman Arensdorf noted the Open Meetings Act which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Bryant made a motion to excuse Commissioner Brett Nason. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	27,727.17
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,555.39
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	2,591.08
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,382.34
Central Plains Valuation	Appraiser Fees	2,321.00
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	137.50
Custer Public Power	Utilities	585.47
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	210.60
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	530.24
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	52.40
Ideal Linen	Supplies	127.74
IRS	County Share SS/Med	2,063.70
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	45.85
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,737.74
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	County Court Expenses	21.43
Menards	Supplies	31.39
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,027.36
Brett Nason	Mileage	98.25
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	807.00
North Platte Telegraph	Sheriff Ad	665.00
Whitney Schroeder	Child Suppt Enforce/Mileage	222.50
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	29.66
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	163.98
Sunset Law Enforcement	Supplies	293.45
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	1,100.40
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	218.12
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.88
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00
<b>ROAD</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	13,315.38
Ace Hardware	Supplies	59.96
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	831.29
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,451.64
Croell Inc.	Gravel	6,102.72
Croell Inc. Paving	Asphalt	945.00

Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	3,400.00
Fastenal Co.	Shop Supplies	23.84
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	105.41
Inland Truck Parts	Equipment Repairs	12,313.26
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,016.26
JM Parts and Equip	Equipment	298.20
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,386.69
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	3,365.78
Platte Valley Comm	Radio Repair	232.50
Powerplan	Repairs	1,013.42
Simon Materials	Crushed Concrete	17,649.38
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Twin Rivers Body Shop	Equipment Repairs	3,748.12
US Bank	Supplies	57.80

#### **FAIR**

Custer Public Power	Lights	439.29
Ideal Linen	Supplies	37.11
Arlan Paxton/Treasurer	Fair Expenses	561.50

#### **SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM**

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals/ARPA	7,497.35
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Logan and Jennifer Hill were present and addressed the board concerning an application for a Conditional Use Permit. The Commissioners referred the matter to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will meet on April 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM, for their annual meeting and will review the application at this meeting.

Rich Cook was present and presented the Board with the Annual Weed Compliance Report. The report was reviewed by the commissioners and signed by Chairman Arensdorf.

Bryant moved to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2023-8** Designating LATCF funds to assist with the purchase of a new ambulance for McPherson County. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve and sign a Change Order for Updated Equipment in the courtroom. The change order adds a wireless lapel microphone to equipment which will be installed in the courtroom. The equipment is being installed as part of Statewide Standardized Courtroom Upgrades. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners discussed roads with Ed Black. Ed reported that the road department has been grading and dragging roads. They have also been patching asphalt on the Ringgold Road.

John Bryant acknowledged the receipt of a check in the amount of \$100,000.00, which is part of a grant from the Robert F. Hanich Trust. This check is the third installment of a grant of \$500,000.00, which is to be used on the *Soddy Road Safety Improvement Project*.

Bryant made a motion to accept the April Road Plan as presented by Arensdorf. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were Tom Werblow, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and information about *Safety of Synthetic Web Slings* and *Safety Measures for Water Pumps*.

The commissioners reviewed the Fund Balance Report from the Treasurer.

Sheriff Tom Burch gave information to the commissioners about security measures he is considering for the courthouse. Burch is gathering quotes for safety glass material, door locks and cameras.

Assessor, Kathy Hoberg, gave a Report of Valuation Change after the Abstract to the commissioners. There were 17 parcels which had a value change after the Abstract was filed with the state. These were all due to clerical errors and have been corrected.

The board received and signed Quarterly Fee Reports from the Clerk and the Sheriff.

Bryant made a motion to move the date of the June commissioner's meeting from Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, to Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This will allow the clerk to attend the Clerk's

Workshop in Kearney from June 14-16. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The board discussed the two applicants which were interviewed in March for the Sheriff's position. The decision was made that neither applicant will be hired. The position will remain open, and the county will continue to accept applications. Bryant will contact both applicants and inform them of the board's decision.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:40 AM. They will meet again at 9:00 AM, on May 10, 2023, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg  
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf  
McPherson County Board Chairman

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