

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS
May 10, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **April 12, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated May 4, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chairman Arensdorf, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were Sheriff Tom Burch, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg and Road Worker Ed Black. The County Attorney and Highway Superintendent were expected to arrive a few minutes late. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, which was held on **April 12, 2023**, as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Nason abstained as he was absent from the last meeting. Voting Nay: None.

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	26,845.96
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,514.80
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	776.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,382.34
John Bryant	Mileage	121.18
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	120.52
Custer Public Power	Utilities	515.04
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
D12 Industries	Emergency Mgnt/Repairs	1,012.34
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	529.08
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Halls Electric and Svcs	Install Generators	9,428.27
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	224.02
Holiday Inn Kearney	Clerk/Treas Workshop	243.90
Ideal Linen	Supplies	127.74
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,996.31
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,027.36
Naco Planning & Zoning	Dues	40.00
NE Assn County Officials	BOE/Clerk Workshop	175.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	2,042.02
Sandhill Septic	Grounds Repairs	60.00
Whitney Schroeder	Child Suppt Enforce/Mileage	97.50
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	60.48
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	307.82
Sunset Law Enforcement	Supplies	70.66
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	80.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	522.85
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.50
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,004.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	675.27
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,451.64
Croell Inc.	Gravel	13,974.35
Croell Inc. Paving	Asphalt	1,096.25
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	1,284.04
Galaway Field Repair	Equipment Repairs	470.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	105.41
IRS	County Share SS/Med	839.44
JM Parts and Equip	Equipment	66.10
Level LLC/Robert Watson	Asphalt Reclaim	45,000.00

McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	4,840.32
Simon Materials	Crushed Concrete	903.96
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	37.11
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SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,115.20
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Halls Electric	Generator Install	921.73
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The County Attorney Whitney Schroeder arrived at 9:10. The Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow arrived at 9:15.

The board discussed roads with Ed Black. The road department has been repairing holes and damage to roads. The roads are still very dry from the drought, but they are hopeful the recent moisture will allow them to do more road grading and repairs.

The board reviewed and discussed a Request for Road Work submitted for Pueppka Drive. This road is on the road plan and the work is scheduled to be completed soon. Nason moved to accept the May Road Plan as presented by Arensdorf. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

At 9:30 AM, the commissioners held a conference call with Caleb Johnson. The purpose of the call was to discuss Resolutions for the Road Sinking Fund. Final decisions concerning this fund and the resolutions will be made prior to the June meeting.

At 10:00 AM, the board met with Val Jansante from Congressman Adrian Smith's office. Mr. Jansante informed the board that Congressman Smith is currently a member of the Trade Committee and gave information on some of the tasks he is working on. Mr. Jansante held a Mobile Office and was available in the courthouse until 12:00 PM to answer questions from the public.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Members present were John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Schroeder, Tom Werblow, Ed Black, and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow presented information and gave flyers about Suspended Loads and Securing Machines for Transport.

Chairman Jeff Arensdorf signed the Management Representation Letter from the Auditor Don Wilson. McPherson County's annual audit was completed on April 28, 2023.

The board reviewed the Fund Balance Reports from the Treasurer.

The commissioners discussed the 2023 rates for Health and Dental Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. Health and Dental insurance rates will increase 3.98%. McPherson County pays the Health Insurance premium for up to employee/spouse or employee/children coverage. Employees pay all deductibles and co-pays. Dental Insurance premiums are paid fully by the employee. Nason made a motion to continue the current benefit program with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to declare the old generator, which was recently replaced, surplus property. The generator will be sold as is. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.

The next regular Board of Commissioner's meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on **June 12, 2023**. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman