

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

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **May 10, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated June 1, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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. Bryant made a motion to excuse the County Attorney and Highway Superintendent who were expected to arrive a few minutes late. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Nason moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, which was held on **May 10, 2023**, as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. 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.

| <b>GENERAL</b>              |                             | <b>AMOUNT</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Payroll                     | Wages                       | 27,832.40     |
| Ameritas                    | County Share Retirement     | 1,581.39      |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield      | Insurance                   | 7,676.16      |
| Crowne Plaza Kearney        | Workshop                    | 139.95        |
| Custer Public Power         | Utilities                   | 643.53        |
| DAS ST. Accounting          | Computer Expense            | 70.48         |
| Eakes Office Plus           | Office Supplies             | 54.50         |
| Government Forms & Supply   | Office Supplies             | 103.00        |
| Great Plains Comm           | Phone/Internet              | 529.08        |
| Great Plains Comm           | Emergency Mgmt              | 57.96         |
| Gworks                      | Website GIS                 | 5,000.00      |
| John Haller                 | Equipment Repair            | 66.75         |
| Victoria Hervey Attorney    | Court App Atty              | 60.00         |
| Heartland Sprinkler Systems | Grounds Supplies            | 155.65        |
| Katherine Hoberg            | Mileage                     | 98.25         |
| Ideal Linen                 | Supplies                    | 127.74        |
| IRS                         | SS/Medicare                 | 2,071.77      |
| Lincoln County Treasurer    | Extension Contract          | 1,737.74      |
| Keith County Comm           | Tower Repair/Lease          | 8,490.11      |
| Chelsey McNutt              | Park Contract               | 287.50        |
| Menards                     | Supplies                    | 169.11        |
| MIPS                        | Data Processing/Computer    | 1,027.36      |
| Mullen Auto & Diesel        | Repair                      | 70.50         |
| Brett Nason                 | Mileage                     | 231.87        |
| NE County Attorney's Assn   | Dues/Education              | 484.00        |
| Neal Oil & Auto             | Fuel/Supplies               | 216.09        |
| Nebraska State Patrol       | Computer Expense            | 75.00         |
| NIRMA                       | Insurance                   | 13,426.00     |
| North Platte Hardware       | Supplies                    | 54.26         |
| Whitney Schroeder           | Child Suppt Enforce/Mileage | 97.50         |
| Staples Credit Plan         | Supplies                    | 299.32        |
| Stapleton Enterprise        | Printing/Publishing         | 330.48        |
| Trugreen                    | Grounds Supplies            | 256.00        |
| US Bank                     | Office/Janitor Supplies     | 1,617.67      |
| Viaero                      | Sheriff Phone               | 82.50         |
| Village of Stapleton        | Trash Disposal              | 2,744.00      |
| Donald D. Wilson CPA        | Audit Costs                 | 5,000.00      |

| <b>ROAD</b>               |                         | <b>AMOUNT</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Payroll                   | Wages                   | 13,315.38     |
| Ameritas                  | County Share Retirement | 831.29        |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield    | County Share Insurance  | 2,549.22      |
| Croell Inc.               | Gravel                  | 20,887.77     |
| Dawson Tire & Wheel       | Equipment Repairs       | 1,347.51      |
| Great Plains Comm         | Telephone               | 105.41        |
| Inland Truck Parts Co     | Equipment Repairs       | 138.15        |
| IRS                       | County Share SS/Med     | 1,016.26      |
| JM Parts and Equip        | Equipment Repairs       | 393.86        |
| McPherson Co. Inheritance | Reimbursement Payments  | 2,076.35      |
| Neal Oil & Auto           | Fuel/Supplies           | 7,732.47      |
| NIRMA                     | Insurance               | 16,939.00     |
| T and S Repair LLC        | Equipment Repairs       | 488.76        |
| TC Engineering            | Highway Supt            | 750.00        |
| Troyer Enterprises        | Shop Supplies           | 17.50         |

#### **FAIR**

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| Ideal Linen         | Supplies      | 38.61    |
| Sandhills Catering  | Fair Expenses | 1,000.00 |
| Staples Credit Plan | Supplies      | 47.99    |

#### **SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM**

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| Prairie Hills Café | Senior Meals | 3,902.85 |
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The County Attorney Whitney Schroeder arrived at 9:05. The Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow arrived at 9:10.

Jack Tucker along with 12 members of the public were present to discuss the condition of Soddy Road. There was discussion about the progress of the Soddy Road Safety Project. This project began in 2022 and is funded by money requested from the Hanich Trust. The road department continues to add crushed concrete to add width to the road, and there will be asphalt patching done when the weather permits.

**At 10:00 AM** Bryant made a motion to recess the meeting and convene as Board of Equalization. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Chairman of the BOE, Brett Nason, called the meeting to order. The meeting notice had been published in the Stapleton Enterprise; issue dated June 1, 2023. Nason recognized the Open Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. The board reviewed reports of Over/Under valued property due to clerical errors. Parcel #6000001075 was overvalued at time of abstract due to "No Value Buildings" being added to the record card during the data entry process. Parcel # 600001628 was undervalued due to a clerical error in acre count. The parcel has 640 acres but was on the record card as 639 acres. There were 16 parcels which were undervalued at time of abstract due to a clerical error in the site code. The report of each corrected parcel is available for review in the County Assessor's office. There were no Valuation Protests filed for hearing.

The BOE meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

The Board of Commissioners meeting re-convened at 10:16 AM.

Jean Andersen with AFLAC was present and met with the commissioners. She gave an update on the county's account and products which are available for all McPherson County employees.

Plans chosen by the employees are paid 100% by the employee.

The board discussed **RESOLUTION #2023-9** Closing the Road Sinking Fund. During the recent annual audit, the auditor suggested that there was no need for the fund. He suggested that the Road Sinking Fund be closed, and the money transferred into the Road Fund. Bryant made a motion to adopt and sign Resolution #2023-9, which will close the Road Sinking Fund and instruct the Treasurer to transfer the funds to the Road Fund. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. The board is looking for a person to replace Shareen Munson on the RC&D Board. The matter was tabled until the July meeting.

**At 10:30 AM** Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit

Notice of Hearing was published in the Stapleton Enterprise on June 1, 2023. Letters were sent to property owners within a four-mile radius of the subject property.

The purpose of the hearing was to consider a request for conditional use permit submitted by HI/Cattle Co. The request is for a 500 Head Feedlot on property located at 106 N. Ringgold Road. The Planning Commission held a hearing on the matter and recommends approval from the board. The hearing was open for comment for 15 minutes. There were no members of the public present to comment. Bryant made a motion to give approval for a permit for a 500 head feedlot. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The hearing was closed at 10:45 AM.

Nason made a motion to re-appoint Dennis Licking to his position on the Veteran's Service Board; term ending in 2028. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to accept a letter of resignation from the Fair Board which had been submitted by Kerri Kramer. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant also moved to appoint Lindsey Bernal to the term which expires in January 2024. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Toni Powers was present and asked the board for verification of the \$75,000.00 from the Tribal Fund, which was designated to assist with the purchase of a new ambulance. The board confirmed that this money is designated for the ambulance purchase and will be available for use during the upcoming Fiscal Year.

The commissioners discussed a Road Work request which had previously been submitted by Ryan Schultis for Tupper Drive. The county continues to wait for an easement to be signed by one of the landowners.

The board discussed roads with Ed Black. The road department has been repairing holes and damage to roads. Ed informed the commissioners about the need for repairs on the dump truck.

The Waste Tire Clean up program was addressed. This program will be held on June 23rd and 24th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Ron Munson will oversee the sign in sheet. Ed Black will be present to assist Munson. The tires may be taken to the tree pile collection site South of Tryon on the East side of South Tryon Road. Those bringing tires will be responsible for unloading the tires.

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

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 *Skin Cancer*.

The commissioners examined and approved the annual audit report. **The audit report has been completed and is on file in the County Clerk's office.**

The board reviewed the NIRMA annual billing statement for insurance. McPherson County's annual contribution amount for 2023-24 is \$30,365. This represents a \$7,011, or 30.02 percent increase from last year.

The board reviewed the Fund Balance Report from the Treasurer.

Sheriff Tom Burch gave copies of estimates for courthouse security devices to the commissioners. The sheriff and the commissioners are evaluating the need for additional security measures in the courthouse. Some items may include cameras, monitors and safety glass.

Chairman Jeff Arensdorf signed a contract as the Contractor for the Senior Meal Program.

The board designated a Remington Cordless Leaf Blower/Sweeper as surplus property, and it will be sold as is. Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Nason. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason 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 **July 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