

**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S**

**PROCEEDINGS**

**AUGUST 9, 2023**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **July 12, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting and Budget Workshop. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated August 4, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Arensdorf who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, Jeffrey Arensdorf and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Road employee Ed Black, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, Sheriff Tom Burch, and County Attorney Whitney Schroeder. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason 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	27,472.67
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,557.11
Applied Connective Tech	IT Consultant	776.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,676.16
John Bryant	Mileage	121.18
Richard Cook	Mileage/Supplies	392.02
Custer Public Power	Utilities	700.87
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	94.64
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	529.16
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Victoria C. Hervey	Court App Atty	418.95
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	235.80
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,047.92
K.C. Electric Inc	Courthouse Upgrades	1,007.33
Lincoln County Clerk	Probation Officer	785.70
Menards	Supplies	104.99
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,085.78
NE Assn County Clerks	Workshop/Dues	50.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	152.10
Region II Human Services	Annual Fee	1,692.51
Resource Management Co.	Tire Hauling	7,502.22
Sandhill Area Sheriff's Assn	Dues	150.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt Enforce	97.50
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	381.31
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,431.93
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	130.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	105.88
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.52
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00
Area Agency on Aging	Annual Fee	467.36

**ROAD**

**AMOUNT**

Payroll	Wages	11,168.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	686.34
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	17,696.45
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	3,978.33

Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	105.45
Inland Truck Parts Co	Equipment Repairs	910.24
IRS	County Share SS/Med	851.99
JM Parts and Equip McPherson Co.	Equipment	35.78
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Medical Enterprises	Drug Testing	35.00
Midland's Occupational Med	Drug Testing	20.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Equipment Repairs	200.08
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	7,198.06
RS Hydraulic Solutions	Equipment Repairs	84.49
Stapleton Enterprise	Mowing Notice	30.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Maintenance	460.00

**FAIR**

Hooker County Tribune	Fair Paper	50.00
Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61

**SENIOR MEAL  
PROGRAM**

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,990.00
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Nason made a motion to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement between Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency and McPherson County and approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2023-14** appointing John Bryant as Representative and Jeff Arensdorf as Alternate Representative to Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint Sheila Neal as the County Member to the Sandhills RC&D, replacing Shareen Munson for 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed the 2023-2024 Propane Bid Proposals from Neal Oil. Nason made a motion to approve the proposal for the McPherson County Courthouse with estimated gallons of 2,000 at \$1.44 per gallon and the proposal for the McPherson County Dept of Roads with estimated gallons of 2,000 at \$1.44 per gallon. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Region II Human Services for FY 2023-2024 with a requested annual share of \$1,692.51. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2023-10** Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance and a motion to sign and file the Annual Certification Form. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Roads were discussed with Ed Black. The department has been working to repair water holes and washed-out roads.

There was a Road Work Request submitted by Rudy Haynes for an auto-gate needed on Kramer Road. The request was approved and added to the Road Plan.

There was a Road Work Request submitted by Bonnie Kats for work needed on North mail Road. The request was approved and added to the Road Plan. Both landowners will sign Easements prior to the commencement of the projects.

Repairs needed on the fascia of the Road Shop are still pending due to delays in receiving bids from contractors.

The board received two bids for lighting upgrades in the Road Shop.

The bid from Hall Electric & SE was \$4,356.92 and the bid from Highmark Electric was \$2,345.54.

Bryant made a motion to accept the bid from Highmark Electric for \$2,345.54. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners began discussing obtaining bids for grinding asphalt on the asphalt roads in the county. When they are ready to proceed, the county will advertise, asking for sealed bids on the project.

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

The board reviewed the Fund Balance Reports and the Delinquent Tax Report from the Treasurer. Nason made a motion to renew the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Sandhills Area Sheriff's Association. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. The county clerk informed the commissioners that the Annual NACO Conference is scheduled to take place in Kearney on December 13, 14 and 15. These dates conflict with the December Commissioner's Meeting. Nason made a motion to move the date of the December Commissioner's Meeting to Monday, December 11, 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. The Commissioners reviewed and signed the county office inventories. There was some discussion about Zoning regulations concerning feedlots in the county and possible zoning violations in Tryon. The commissioners reviewed current regulations and procedures set forth in the *Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations for McPherson County*.

At **11:30 AM**, a Budget Workshop was held. Caleb Johnson was present and presented the board with the preliminary budget information. The budget request for each fund was reviewed and discussed.

The meeting was recessed at 12:20 PM for a lunch break.

The meeting resumed at 1:20 PM.

Nason made a motion to approve and adopt **Resolution # 2023-11** Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt **Resolution #2023-12** Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds (1%). Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #2022-13** Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the budget workshop and the meeting were adjourned at 3:40 PM. The board will meet again at 9:00 AM on September 13, for their regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf  
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg  
McPherson County Clerk