

**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS**

OCTOBER 11, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **September 20, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated October 5, 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 John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, road employee Ed Black, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, Treasurer Kerri Kramer, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023, Special Hearing for Liquor License, Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request, the Budget Hearing and Special Commissioner's Meeting as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason, and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Nason made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	27,121.85
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,562.83
Applied Connective Tech	IT Consultant	1,775.61
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,676.16
John Bryant	Mileage	32.75
Richard Cook	Mileage	98.25
Custer Public Power	Utilities	514.61
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	172.00
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies/ Maintenance	380.24
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	529.16
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Victoria Hervey	Court App. Atty	558.50
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	52.40
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,021.08
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	45.85
Loup Basin RC&D	Weed/Postage	26.73
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,085.78
Brett Nason	Mileage	98.25
NE Assn County Officials	Postcard Printing	720.01
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	355.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt. Enforce	227.18
Sec. of State	Election Convention	40.00
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	420.12
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	125.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	407.99
Verizon	County Court Phone	53.80
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.52
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	10,840.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	664.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	5,392.98
Croell Inc.	Asphaltic	6,336.50
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	105.45
IRS	County Share SS/Med	826.89
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	3,137.46

Nebraska Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	523.24
Powerplan	Equipment Maintenance	50.87
Stapleton Enterprise	Mowing Notice	30.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
US Bank	Shop Supplies	112.02

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
Prairie Hills Café	Fair Supplies	206.56

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,850.00
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Rich Cook was present and gave a Weed Report to the commissioners.

Bryant made a motion to Approve and Adopt **RESOLUTION #2023-17** Setting Subdivision Levies for 2023.

The motion was seconded by Nason. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Levies were set as follows:

MCPHERSON COUNTY

GENERAL FUND	0.158038
ROAD FUND	0.092692
FAIR FUND	0.001925
FAIR BUILDING	0.000285
TOTAL	0.252940

MCPHERSON COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

GENERAL FUND	0.005352
SINKING FUND	0.001629
TOTAL	0.006981

TOTAL COUNTY & FIRE 0.259921

MCPHERSON COUNTY SCHOOL

GENERAL	0.694671
QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSE	0.029964
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	0.023554
TOTAL	0.748189

MID PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GENERAL FUND	0.054626
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.020000
Total	0.074626

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT NO. 16

TOTAL 0.015000

UPPER LOUP

TOTAL 0.012792

TWIN PLATTE

TOTAL 0.019036

ARTHUR COUNTY SCHOOLS

GENERAL	0.852860
BUILDING FUND	0.014673
TOTAL	0.867533

STAPLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GENERAL	0.620384
BOND FUND	0.051223
TOTAL	0.671607

County Roads were discussed with Ed Black. The department continues to haul rock, patch asphalt, repair and maintain roads.

There was much discussion on how to proceed with the process of pulverizing the asphalt on the Soddy Road. There was also discussion about the condition of Prairie Trace Road following the pulverization of that asphalt. Rudy Haynes, Pamela Haynes, and Jack Tucker were present and gave input and asked questions.

Tom Werblow will take samples of the asphalt and do more research on the project. Brett Nason will contact other counties about their experience with this process.

The Commissioners reviewed a Quote for an Extended Warranty on the 2021 Case IH Farmall 120A Tractor, which was submitted by Titan Machinery.

Bryant moved to accept the quote for the Premier Option with a coverage period of 84 months/6000 hours. The price for this option is \$8925.00. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to accept the October Road Plan as presented by Nason, with two modifications. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee Meeting was held. Those present were, Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Whitney Schroeder, Ed Black, Tom Burch, Kerri Kramer, and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow gave flyers and a presentation about ***Basic Facts about Mold and Dampness.***

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Reports presented by the Sheriff and Clerk.

The board received and reviewed the Fund Balance Report and Delinquent Tax Listing from the Treasurer.

The Commissioners reviewed a Contract for Property Appraisal submitted by the Assessor. This will be for pick-up work only. Nason made a motion to accept and sign the contract. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Courthouse maintenance projects were discussed. Kerri Kramer will list needed projects and apply for a grant to help with the expense of the projects. These will include cracks in the ceiling, stretching or replacing carpet, cracks in drywall and cracks in the foundation beneath windows, security cameras and safety film for the windows.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM. They will meet again on November 8, 2023, at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman