

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **October 11, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated November 2, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Board 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 the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, road worker Ed Black and the County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. 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: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	26,910.20
Ameritas	Retirement	1559.34
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	798.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	7676.16
John Bryant	Mileage	121.18
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	529.29
DAS St. Accounting	Computer Expense	172.00
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	51.00
First National Bank Omaha	Safe Deposit Box	75.00
Grease Monkey	Sheriff Vehicle	89.99
Great Plains		531.85
Communication	Telephone/Internet	
Great Plains		57.96
Communication	Emergency Mngmt	
Heartland Sprinkler		95.00
Systems	Grounds Maintenance	
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	148.69
Holiday Inn Kearney	Workshop	239.90
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,004.88
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,085.78
NE Assn County Officials	Postcard Printing	1,018.81
NE Sheriff's Assn	Dues	175.00
NE Weed Control Assn	Dues	125.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	200.95
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt. Enforce	102.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	466.13
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,431.93
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	80.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	313.27
Verizon	County Court Phone	45.00
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	83.09
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	10,840.00
Ameritas	Retirement	664.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	11,481.90
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	106.97
IRS	County Share SS/Med	826.89
Level LLC	Autogate Sills	1,000.00

McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Medical Enterprises	Drug Test	40.00
Menards	Shop Supplies	244.97
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	6,561.60
NMC Exchange	Equipment Maintenance	175.88
Powerplan	Equipment Maintenance	3,849.30
T and S Repair	Equipment Repairs	5,446.81
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Tractor Warranty	8,925.00
US Bank	Shop Supplies	15.98
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	4,330.00

Jessica Fenske from *Healing Hearts Diversion Program* was present and discussed the program with the board. Nason made a motion to have Chairman Arensdorf sign the annual Memorandum of Understanding. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Whitney Schroeder, McPherson County Attorney reported that she has sent a second letter, concerning zoning violations, to the property owners of Block 5 and part of Block 6 in Tryon. This letter was sent by Certified Mail, and she is waiting for a response.

The board discussed a resolution setting rules and regulations limiting the use of the Miller Park Camping Spaces. Use of the spaces and electrical connections will be permitted between April 1 of any calendar year through November 30 of any calendar year. Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2023-18** Limiting public use of the Miller Park Camping Spaces. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to approve, adopt and sign **RESOLUTION #2023-19** Nirma/Nirma II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreement. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to approve, adopt, and sign **RESOLUTION # 2023-20** Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Road Worker Ed Black reports that the road crew has been hauling rock, repairing holes, replacing signs, and doing maintenance on roads. Ed also reports that they have completed work on Pueppka Drive. The board discussed hiring a contractor to haul approximately 10 loads of rock for the county. This will give the road department more time to complete projects before winter. Inquiries will be made with local contractors regarding pricing.

The Soddy Road was discussed. Tom Werblow, Highway Superintendent, is waiting for lab results on samples taken of the road. The commissioners continue to gather information and will discuss the road again in December.

Bryant made a motion to accept the November Road Plan as presented by Nason, with removal of the Pueppka Drive project. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Those present were Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, Whitney Schroeder, Tom Burch, Ed Black, and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and a presentation titled *Know the Dangers of a PTO* (Power Take Off).

There was a discussion about the McPherson County Sheriff's position. There were no candidates for the position in the 2022 General Election. The Board appointed Tom Burch to the position pending appointment of a qualified applicant. At this time, the board will be re-posting an ad for applicants on the Law Enforcement Academy Website and the McPherson County Website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

The commissioners will meet again on **December 11, 2023**, at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman