

**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S AND**  
**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **January 10, 2024**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated February 8, 2024, and at [www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov](http://www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov). Chairman John Bryant called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Board members John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf and Brett Nason were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, County Sheriff Tom Burch, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, and road department employee Ed Black. Chairman Bryant noted the Open Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

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

<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	28,036.87
Ameritas	Retirement	1637.00
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	798.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	7676.16
John Bryant	Mileage	123.95
Central Plains Valuation	Appraisal Fees	1365
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	708.05
DAS St. Accounting	Computer Expense	344.00
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	54.50
Great Plains		540.29
Communication	Telephone/Internet	
Great Plains		57.96
Communication	Emergency Mngmt	
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	53.6
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,094.46
Lincoln County		
Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,778.40
Loup Basin RC&D	Mileage/Weeds	200.00
McPherson County		
Court	Court Costs	34.00
Mid-States Org. Crime		
Info	Sheriff Dues	100.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,396.73
NE Assn Co. Clerks	Dues	50.00
NE Assn Co. Treasurers	Dues	50.00
NE Assn Co. Assessors	Dues	75.00
NE Clerks of Dist Court	Dues	50.00
NE State Patrol	Computer Expense/Sheriff	75.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	511.61
Sandhills RC&D	Dues	100.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	104.52
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	614.66
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,431.93
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	1,029.06
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	83.10
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	3,000.00

<b>ROAD</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	12,495.00
Ameritas	Retirement	775.91
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	3,355.20
Fastenal	Shop Supplies	35.60
Front Street Auto Glass	Equipment Repairs	133.50
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	106.99
Inland Truck Parts Co.	Equipment Repairs	5,204.31
IRS	County Share SS/Med	953.50
JM Parts & Equipment McPherson Co.	Supplies	719.87
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Mills Hardware	Shop Tools	1,396.99
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	4,294.42
NE Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	234.31
NMC Exchange LLC	Equipment Repairs	212.56
North Platte Hardware	Shop Supplies	35.98
RS Hydraulic Solutions LLC	Equipment Repairs	261.82
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	50.00
T&S Repair LLC	Equipment Repairs	4,934.78
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Troyer Enterprises	Supplies	37.85
US Bank	Shop Supplies	12.89
 <b>FAIR</b>		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
 <b>SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM</b>		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,820.00

Josh Streiff was present and addressed the board concerning a meeting of the school board and the Nebraska Association of School Boards which was held on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the High School. The school board would like the commissioners to collaborate with them in a community engagement program through NASB. The county is researching legal aspects of engaging in the program. This will be discussed again at the March Board meeting.

At 9:30 AM the commissioners held an interview with Kenneth C. (K.C.) Bang of Decatur NE. who had applied for the County Sheriff's position. Mr. Bang has been a Certified Law Enforcement Officer with the State of Nebraska since 1984. After discussion, Bryant made a motion to hire Kenneth C. Bang for the position of McPherson County Sheriff. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Robert Watson was present and discussed the Soddy Road Project with the commissioners and Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow. The board is collecting information about the best way to proceed with pulverizing the asphalt and the best material to mix with the asphalt prior to laying it down as a road base. There were several members of the public present. Rudy Haynes, Pamela Haynes, Josh Streiff, Jack Tucker, John Tucker, Kasey Dailey, and Ed Black, each gave input and asked questions.

At 10:00 AM, a **One-and Six-Year Hearing** was held. Tom Werblow presented each board member with a copy of the One-and Six -Year Road Plan. Werblow explained each page of the plan which describes each project within the county. There were members of the public present, but no public input to the hearing. Nason moved to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2024-7** Adopting the 2023-2024 One-and Six-Year Road Improvement Program. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The Board had previously published and posted a **Notice to Bidders** requesting **sealed bids** for a Dump Truck. The board received one sealed bid which was opened and read at 10:30 AM. The bid was beyond the age and specifications of the Notice to Bidders. Bryant made a motion to deny the bid. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Ed Black reported that the road department has been dragging and grading roads. Ed also gave an update on repairs which have been completed on the Western Star Semi Truck. Bryant made a motion to approve the February Road Plan as presented by Arensdorf. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The board discussed a renewal to the JD Link subscription on the John Deere 770G Grader. The subscription was renewed. There were no fees for the renewal.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kathy Hoberg, Kasey Dailey, and Ed Black. Tom Werblow gave flyers and information about *Safe Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles*.

The county attorney and the commissioners discussed the Zoning issues on Blocks 5 and 6. They feel there is progress being made to resolve the issue and this is appreciated by the board.

Arensdorf made a motion to approve the following appointments. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Scott Hoberg and Matt Burch, Planning Commission-Approved

Lana Watson, West Central District Health Dept-Approved

Sheila Neal, Sandhills RC&D-Approved

Ed Black to replace Randy Fisher on the Board of Adjustments -Approved

To be appointed or replaced in March:

Ryan Schultis, Fair Board- Appointed pending his approval.

Luke Connell, Planning Commission – Appointed pending his approval.

Replace Lindsey Bernal and Cindy Gregg on the Fair Board

The board received and reviewed the Fund Balance Reports from the Treasurer.

Those still needing to file the Statement of Financial Interests with the Secretary of State were reminded that March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for filing.

The commissioners were reminded that there will be a West Central District meeting held in Ogallala on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on March 13, 2024.

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Katherine E. Hoberg

McPherson County Clerk

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John E. Bryant

McPherson County Board Chairman