

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 13, 2024

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of February 14, 2024, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated March 7, 2024. The Meeting Agenda having been posted in the courthouse and on the county website at www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Bryant who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the court room. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Sheriff Tom Burch, road employee Ed Black, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Nason made a motion to excuse the County Attorney who was attending a training meeting. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Nason moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	26,871.08
Ameritas	Retirement	1558.31
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	4075.35
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	7676.16
Brouillette, Troshynski	Court App Atty	477.00
Richard Cook	Weed Expenses	277.74
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	565.83
Great Plains		540.29
Communication	Telephone/Internet	
Great Plains		57.96
Communication	Emergency Mngmt	
Highmark Electric	Courthouse Upkeep	272.93
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	53.60
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,005.30
Chelsey McNutt	Park Maintenance Contract	287.50
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,085.78
NE Assn County Officials	Workshop	100.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	398.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	104.52
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	422.71
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	223.82
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	83.10
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	3,000.00
West Central Dist		
Assessors	Dues	25.00
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	10,823.00
Ameritas	Retirement	663.05
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	8,390.42
Croell Inc.	Asphaltic	1,655.15
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	1,345.59
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	106.99
Inland Truck Parts Co.	Equipment Repairs	464.49
IRS	County Share SS/Med	825.60
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	3,491.18
NMC Exchange LLC	Equipment Repairs	51.66
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	12.46
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
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SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,860.00
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Rich Cook was present and presented the board with his annual Weed Evaluation Report. The commissioners confirmed the appointment of Ryan Schultis to the Fair Board. The board will post a Notice of Vacancy for two positions on the Fair Board. Luke Connell has not yet accepted an appointment to the Planning Commission. The commissioners will continue to attempt to contact him before the next meeting.

Ed Black was present and reported that the road department has been hauling rock, repairing roads, and patching asphalt on North Ringgold Road. Nason made a motion to contract with Level LLC for hauling 10 loads of rock to McPherson County. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. The need for a new dump truck was discussed. The board only received one response to the request for sealed bids published in January and posted in February. The bid was declined; therefore, the board will begin to look for a Dump Truck in the open market. The commissioners discussed the option of applying for a Hanich Trust Grant to help with the expense of the truck. Bryant moved to approve the March Road Plan as presented by Arensdorf. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Caden Frank from the NASB was present and addressed the board concerning a request for community- oriented collaboration between the County Board and the School Board. The collaboration request includes creating public outreach and community engagement strategies concerning the needs of the school and county. The process requires a Community Engagement Service Agreement between the County Board and the NASB. The County Attorney will review the Agreement prior to acceptance or denial by the board. Nason made a motion to table the matter until April, giving the County Attorney time to review the Agreement. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Chuck Burr, Caitlin Jacobson and Berva Arensdorf were present and presented the board with information about the Lincoln, Logan, McPherson County Extension program.

Representatives from Murphy Tractor were present and introduced Jordan Gardner, the new Territory Sales manager for our region.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Ed Black, Kasey Dailey, Tom Burch, and Kathy Hoberg.

Werblow presented flyers and information about *Machining Centers and Cutting with Oxygen-Acetylene*.

The board received a Fund Balance Report from the Treasurer.

The commissioners discussed sending a request to the state to increase the speed limit on Highway 97 from Tryon to Mullen from 60 to 65. Mullen is discussing the same request from Mullen to Tryon. Nason moved to make the request. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM. The Board will meet again on April 10, 2024, for their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board Chairman

