

**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND**  
**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS**  
**APRIL 10, 2024**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of March 13, 2024, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated April 4, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Bryant. Members John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Sheriff KC Bang, Deputy Tom Burch, Road Worker Ed Black, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Chairman Bryant noted the Open Meetings Act which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Bryant made a motion to excuse Commissioner Brett Nason. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	26,614.30
Ameritas	Retirement	1614.48
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	826.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	12793.6
Brouillette, Troshynski	Court App Atty	476.00
John Bryant	Mileage	105.19
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	627.7
DAS ST Accounting	Computer Expenses	172
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	368.71
Election Systems & Software	Election Supplies	948.1
Great Plains		539.37
Communication	Telephone/Internet	
Great Plains		57.96
Communication	Emergency Mngmt	
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage/Supplies	86.71
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,985.65
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	117.92
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,085.78
Brett Nason	Mileage	91.12
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	776.90
Platte Valley		
Communications	License Fees	2,365.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt	125.00
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	510.76
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	795.47
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	83.10
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	3,000.00
<b>ROAD</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	11,032.00
Ameritas	Retirement	677.16
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	23,302.46
Croell Inc.	Asphaltic	4,355.45
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	75.90
Earl's Auto Glass LLC	Equipment Repairs	275.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	106.47

Inland Truck Parts Co.	Equipment Repairs	1,827.54
IRS	County Share SS/Med	841.59
Level LLC	Contractural Hauling	2,372.50
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	5,247.30
NMC Exchange LLC	Equipment Repairs	383.89
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

**FAIR**

Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
Custer Public Power	Lights	450.49
Arlan Paxton	Fair Expenses	411.00

**SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM**

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,450.00
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Rich Cook was present and discussed an Interlocal Agreement between McPherson County and Logan County for Veteran’s Service.

The agreement will provide for the cooperative provision of services to veterans in the respective counties. The purpose of the cooperative agreement shall be to permit the Logan County Veteran’s Service Officer to serve as the McPherson County Veteran’s Service Officer. This agreement shall commence July 1, 2024, for a term of one year. McPherson County shall pay Logan County the sum of \$1649.00 per year for the initial term of this agreement. Cindy Gregg was appointed to the Fair Board for a three-year term to expire in 2027. The Commissioners are still looking for someone to fill one remaining vacancy on the board. Bryant made a motion to appoint County Sheriff KC Bang as McPherson County Emergency Manager, effective April 1, 2024. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

**At 9:30 AM**, Bryant moved to recess the Board of Commissioner’s Meeting and resolve itself as Board of Equalization. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Chairman Arensdorf called the meeting to order. Those present were, Board members Jeff Arensdorf and John Bryant, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Sheriff KC Bang, Deputy Tom Burch, Treasurer Kerri Kramer, and Clerk/Assessor Kathy Hoberg.

The board reviewed the 421 Permissive Exemption applications for 2024. There were five applications reviewed. The assessor recommended approval of all applications. Bryant moved to approve all the applications as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The Board of Equalization was adjourned at 9:45 AM and the regular session of the Board of Commissioners commenced.

**At 10:00 AM** the board discussed the proposed collaboration between the McPherson County Board of Commissioners and the McPherson County Board of Education. The Board of Commissioners was asked by the Board of Education to review and sign a **Community Engagement Service Agreement** with the Nebraska Association of School Boards. “The NASB provides services to Nebraska public leadership to strengthen community development and offers a Community Engagement Service in which to engage stakeholders in a community’s vision to support quality of life.” The agreement would have been for a term of one year, unless extended by agreement of the parties, with an estimated fee of \$2500.00 not including reasonable travel expenses. The agreement was discussed at length with the county attorney. The Board does offer their full support to the school, and projects that will benefit the school district and McPherson County. However, because the school board has signed a Community Engagement Service Agreement with the NASB, the commissioners feel it would be a duplication of services to enter into this agreement. Motion made by Bryant to reject this proposal. Motion seconded by Arensdorf. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners discussed roads with Ed Black. Ed reported that the road department has been filling holes, adding cover, and repairing roads.

John Bryant acknowledged the receipt of a check in the amount of \$100,000.00, which is part of a grant from the Robert F. Hanich Trust. This check is the fourth installment of a grant of \$500,000.00, which is to be used on the *Soddy Road Safety Improvement Project*.

The commissioners voiced their appreciation and gratitude to Adams Bank & Trust for the grant. The Soddy Road Project is much needed and the grant greatly benefits McPherson County.

Arensdorf made a motion to accept the April Road Plan, presented by Bryant, with the addition of adding an auto gate and raising the road on Gragg Drive. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners reviewed a proposal submitted by Figgins Construction for repairs and armor coating on Soddy Road. There was no action taken on the proposal.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were Tom Werblow, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, Whitney Schroeder, Ed Black, KC Bang, Tom Burch, and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and information about *Crack Sealing Safety and Asphalt Patching Safety*.

The commissioners reviewed the Fund Balance Report from the Treasurer.

The board received and signed Quarterly Fee Reports from the Clerk and the Sheriff.

Arensdorf made a motion to approve and sign a Road Crossing Permit submitted by Custer Public Power, for placing a Three-Phase power line beneath 4<sup>th</sup> & Brooks in Tryon. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to move the date of the June commissioner's meeting from Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, to Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. This will allow the commissioners to attend the Budget Workshop and Board Workshop in Kearney from June 12-14. The clerk will also attend the Budget Workshop and Clerk's Workshop in Kearney on these dates. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:00 AM. They will meet again at 9:00 AM, on May 8, 2024, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg  
McPherson County Clerk

John E. Bryant  
McPherson County Board Chairman

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