

**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS**

JULY 10, 2024

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **June 12, 2024**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the *Stapleton Enterprise*; issue dated July 4, 2024. The agenda for the meeting was posted in the courthouse and on the county website. 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 meeting room. Board Members Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf and John Bryant were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, road workers Ed Black and Kasey Dailey, and Sheriff K.C. Bang.

Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last Commissioner's Meeting and Board of Equalization Meeting as presented. Nason seconded the motion. 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.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	26,165.45
Ameritas	Retirement	1584.18
Applied Connective	IT Services	1597.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	11104.88
John Bryant	Mileage	167.50
Comfort Inn Kearney	Clerk Workshop	359.85
Richard Cook	Weed Workshop	178.64
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Board Workshop	279.90
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	772.45
DAS ST Accounting	Computer Expenses	172.00
Eakes Office Plus	Maintenance Agreement	380.35
First Concord Benefits	Ins. Deductible Buy-Down	132.00
Grease Monkey	Vehicle Maintenance	124.98
Great Plains Comm.	Telephone/Internet	539.37
Great Plains Comm.	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	95.10
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,932.79
Logan County Treasurer	Veteran's Service Contract	1,649.00
Chelsey McNutt	Equipment Reimbursement	645.96
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,147.99
NACO	Dues	997.08
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	229.90
Ramada Midtown	Treasurer Workshop	321.00
Region II Services	Assessment FY 2024-2025	850.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt	229.52
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	305.18
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	579.60
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	255.34
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	3,000.00
W. Central NE Area Aging	Assessment FY 2024-2025	482.08
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,429.10
Ameritas	Retirement	703.96
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Croell Inc.	Gravel	22,322.39
Croell Inc. Paving	Asphalt	1,722.60
Fastenal Co.	Shop Supplies	19.59

First concord Benefits	Ins. Deductible Buy-Back	116.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	106.47
Inland Truck Parts	Equipment Repairs	6,922.68
IRS	County Share SS/Med	871.97
JM Parts and Equipment	Equipment Repairs	173.27
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	5,145.04
NMC Exchange	Equipment Repairs	95.16
T&S Repair	Equipment Repairs	269.02
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Troyer Enterprises	Equipment Repairs	2,052.65
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,350.00

At 9:15 AM, Kylie Joyce, from Region II Services was present and gave a presentation to the board. Region II Services supports people with developmental disabilities. They currently serve 17 counties in Southwest Nebraska, and currently serve 155 individuals in this region. Region II Services is certified by the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Developmental Disabilities Division. The Region II governing board is comprised of one county commissioner from each of the 17 counties, formed under an Interlocal Agreement. Brett Nason is currently on the governing board from McPherson County. Region II Services is a political subdivision receiving state, federal, county, and local funds.

At 9:30 AM, Audrey Worthing, representing Congressman Adrian Smith, was present and gave the commissioners an update on committees and subject matters the Congressman is currently involved with.

At 10:00 AM, Luke Bonkiewicz was present and gave a NACO update. The new NACO Building in Ogallala should be completed this Fall. There is now a link on the NACO Website called *County Explorer* which contains information and interesting facts about each county in Nebraska. NACO is keeping a close eye on the legislature which is planning to be in Special Session beginning July 25th.

At 10:30 AM, Nason moved to recess the regular meeting and convene as Board of Equalization. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There were no protests filed for this hearing and there were no members of the public present for comment. Nason moved to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The regular meeting re-convened at 10:40 AM.

Ed Black and Kasey Dailey reported that the road department has been doing road maintenance throughout the county. There was discussion about Soddy Road, Cemetery Road, Ringgold Road and Prairie Trace Road. Bryant made a motion to approve the Road Plan presented by Nason. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There was a Safety Committee meeting held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, Whitney Schroeder, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kerri Kramer, Kathy Hoberg, Ed Black, Kasey Dailey and K.C. Bang. Werblow presented flyers and information on *Machine Safety- Emergency Equipment*.

Sheriff K.C. Bang addressed the board concerning the need for a new patrol vehicle. The commissioners will seek three informal bids with preferred requirements.

The commissioners were given several reports from the Treasurer, including the Fund Balance Listing for 6/30/2024, the Fund Balance Six Month Accumulated Report, and the Fund Balance 12 Month Accumulated Report.

Kerri Kramer gave a report on a recent Grant Writing class she attended. There will be more discussion about Grants and Grant Writing at the Budget Workshop.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Report from the Clerk.

The Budget Workshop has been scheduled for August 14th at 1:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

The board will meet again at 9:00 AM on August 14, 2024, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board Chairman