

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S

PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 14, 2024

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **July 10, 2024**, for their regular monthly meeting and Budget Workshop. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated August 8, 2024. 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. Members Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Road employee Ed Black, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, Treasurer Kerri Kramer, Sheriff K.C. Bang, and County Attorney Whitney Schroeder. 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.

| GENERAL | | AMOUNT |
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| Payroll | Wages | 27,216.90 |
| Ameritas | Retirement | 1655.15 |
| Applied Connective | IT Consultant | 784.60 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield | Health Insurance | 11104.88 |
| John E. Bryant | Mileage | 123.95 |
| Richard Cook | Weed Expenses | 198.99 |
| Custer Public Power | Lights/Electricity | 971.41 |
| DAS ST Accounting | Computer Expenses | 344.00 |
| DataShield | Onsite Shredding | 107.52 |
| Eakes Office Plus | Supplies | 66.40 |
| First Concord Benefits | Deductible Buy-Down | 32.00 |
| Great Plains | | 554.29 |
| Communication | Telephone/Internet | |
| Great Plains | | 57.96 |
| Communication | Emergency Mngmt | |
| Katherine Hoberg | Mileage | 53.60 |
| Ideal Linen | Supplies | 138.16 |
| IRS | SS/Medicare | 2,013.23 |
| Kerri Kramer | Mileage | 239.86 |
| MIPS | Data Processing/Computer | 1,104.22 |
| Neal Oil & Auto | Fuel/Supplies | 325.80 |
| Region II Human Svcx | Annual Shard | 1,726.36 |
| Whitney Schroeder | Mileage | 104.52 |
| Stapleton Enterprise | Printing/Publishing | 343.40 |
| Trugreen | Grounds Supplies | 256.00 |
| US Bank | Supplies/Expenses | 1,256.58 |
| Viaero | Sheriff Phone | 75.73 |
| ROAD | | AMOUNT |
| Payroll | Wages | 13,540.00 |
| Ameritas | Retirement | 846.45 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield | Health Insurance | 2766.04 |
| Croell Inc. | Gravel | 28,852.54 |
| Croell Inc. | Asphalt | 1,313.70 |
| Dawson Tire & Wheel | Equipment Repairs | 2,032.87 |
| Fastenal | Supplies | 27.53 |
| First Concord Benefits | Deductible Buy-Down | 16.00 |
| Great Plains Comm | Phone/Internet | 106.97 |
| Inland Truck Parts | Equipment Repairs | 128.39 |
| IRS | County Share SS/Med | 1,033.44 |
| Level LLC | Hauling | 4,745.00 |

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| McPherson Co. | | |
| Inheritance | Reimbursement Payments | 2,515.00 |
| Neal Oil & Auto | Fuel/Supplies | 8,067.27 |
| Platte Valley Comm | Radio Repair | 97.32 |
| T & S Repair | Equipment Repairs | 832.52 |
| TC Engineering | Highway Supt | 750.00 |
| Thorson Construction | Building Repair | 250.00 |
| Titan Machinery | Equipment Repairs | 237.70 |

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| Tim Davis | Judge Expense | 244.97 |
| Rodger Farr | Judge Expense | 145.22 |
| Charlene Fichtner | Judge Expense | 178.00 |
| Hooker County Tribune | Publishing | 75.00 |
| Ideal Linen | Supplies | 38.61 |
| Margaret Ann Neal | Judge Expense | 103.30 |
| Dennis Pace | Judge Expense | 121.80 |
| Robert Ryland | Fair Expense | 231.32 |
| Sandhill Catering LLC | Fair Meat | 298.36 |
| Billie Jo Schrad-Boyle | Judge Expense | 315.50 |

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

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| Prairie Hills Café | Senior Meals | 3,971.00 |
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Pursuant to §84-1410, members of the public were given an opportunity to speak. The public comment section was limited to 15 minutes total. There were no members of the public who chose to speak. The commissioners reviewed the 2024-2025 Propane Bid Proposals from Neal Oil. Nason moved to accept the proposals for the McPherson County Courthouse and the McPherson County Road Department. Each bid is for an estimated 2,000 Gallons @ \$1.52 per gallon. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Interlocal Participation Letter for Behavioral Health Programs with Region II Human Services and pay the annual share of \$1726.36. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to upgrade the County's contract with Great Plains Communications, increasing the Standard Internet Access from 20x20 Mbps to 50x5 Mbps. The approximate cost increase will be \$50.00 or less per month. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The Commissioners and the County Attorney received and reviewed the Trustee's Report and Accounting of the Robert F. Hanich Trust.

Nason made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2024-9** Annual Certification of Program Compliance and Annual Certification Form for the Highway Buyback program. Arensdorf Seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf, and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to adopt and sign **RESOLUTION # 2024-10** Tax Allocation Miscellaneous Districts. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to adopt and sign **RESOLUTION # 2024-11** 1% Increase Restricted Funds. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to adopt and sign **RESOLUTION # 2024-12** Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There was a discussion about the condition of Soddy Road. Jack Tucker, John Tucker and Rudy Haynes were present and informed the board that they have trucking companies who are voicing concerns and hesitation about hauling equipment and livestock on the road. The commissioners continue to research and look for the best solution for repairing the road. The board is reaching out to other counties and road construction companies questioning their experiences with turning a paved road back to gravel. Jordan Gardner with Murphy Tractor was present and introduced himself to the board.

Bryant made a motion to approve the Road Plan as 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, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kathy Hoberg, K. C. Bang, Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. Tom Werblow gave flyers and information about Machine Safety - Submersion and Safely Using Loaders.

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

Arensdorf made a motion to appoint the State Print Shop for the LB 644 Pink Postcards if necessary.

Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed and signed the county office inventories for 2024.

Sheriff K.C. Bang presented the board with bids for a patrol vehicle. The board reviewed listings from Van Horn Ford Chevrolet of Newhall, IA, OpenSource Autos of Mission, KS and Logan County, NE.

Nason moved to accept the bid for a 2018 Dodge Ram from Logan County Sheriff's Office. Included in the sale are a Watchguard Camera, decked storage unit, new Tonneau Cover, grill guard, interior lights/control, gun safe and custom- built cage. The price of the vehicle is \$27,000.00. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed and signed the second quarter fee report from the sheriff.

At 11:10 AM, Bryant recessed the meeting for a lunch break to re-convene at 1:00 PM for the Budget Workshop.

At 1:00 PM, the meeting resumed, and the Budget Workshop began.

Those present were, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kerri Kramer, Kathy Hoberg and Budget Preparer Caleb Johnson. Budgets for each county office were discussed at length.

There being no further business, the Budget Workshop and the meeting were adjourned at 4:30 PM.

The board will meet again at 9:00 AM on September 11, 2024, for their regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk