

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **August 14, 2024**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated September 5, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chairman Bryant, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, Road Worker Ed Black, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg.

Arensdorf made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting with one correction necessary for a clerical error. 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
Payroll	Wages	26,133.78
Ameritas	Retirement	1582.04
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	784.60
Kenneth Bang	Uniform Allowance	84.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	11104.88
Burt County Sheriff's Office	Law Equipment	750
Cloudfire Services	Courthouse Repairs	577.4
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	862.63
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies	24.30
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	104.58
Great Plains Communication	Telephone/Internet	540.35
Great Plains Communication	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Hampton Inn Kearney	Assessor Workshop	434.85
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	75.04
Ideal Linen	Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,930.36
Logan County Treasurer	Patrol Vehicle	27,000.00
Chelsey McNutt	Park Contract	287.50
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,104.22
NE Assn County Officials	West Central Meeting	125.00
NE Sheriff's Assn	Workshop	400.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	144.49
NE Safety & Fire Equip	Inspection	40.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	104.52
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	389.14
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	125.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	575.50
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	134.46
Whitetail Screen Print	Sheriff Uniform	136.50
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,032.00
Ameritas	Retirement	677.16
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Croell Inc.	Gravel	19,079.09
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	2,713.43
Fastenal	Supplies	40.00
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	106.97

IRS	County Share SS/Med	841.59
JM Parts & Equipment	Supplies	61.04
Level LLC	Hauling	3,872.50
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	5,638.66
NE Safety & Fire Equip	Inspection	110.00
NE Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	183.32
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	1,155.16

FAIR

Cindy Gregg	Fair Expense	170.36
Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	285.00

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	4,114.00
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The road department is in need of a new Pick-up. Brett Nason presented several bids to the board for review. The board did not accept any of the bids presented, and Nason will continue to search.

The board reviewed a *Request for Road Work* filed by Alyssa Waits for a gravel road at 201 S. Tryon Rd. After discussion, Arensdorf made a motion to approve the request and add it to the Road Plan.

Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: Nason.

The commissioners discussed the condition of South Tryon Road. There have been several incidences of people getting stuck as they attempt to travel from Tryon to North Platte. The road shows as a through road on GPS devices but is not passable for most vehicles. Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow will research and identify the correct signs to be posted, keeping McPherson County in compliance with state regulations. Bryant made a motion to approve the September Road Plan presented by Nason. Arensdorf seconded.

Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Roads were discussed with Ed Black. The road workers have been doing road and auto-gate repairs and maintenance. Robert Watson with Level LLC was contacted about pulverizing the pavement on Prairie Trace Road. Watson will send a bid for the project prior to the October Commissioner's Meeting.

Ben Dutton from the Lincoln, Logan, McPherson Extension was present and introduced himself to the commissioners. Dutton is the new Lead Educator with the Extension, specializing in Economic Development.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were, Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Whitney Schroeder, Tom Werblow, Ed Black, K C Bang and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and information about *Machine Safety – Overhead Power Line Contact*.

The Treasurer presented the Fund Balance Reports, Delinquent Tax Listing and Distress Warrant Report to the board.

The Sheriff voiced concerns about the speed limits on the paved roads in the County. Tom Werblow will conduct an Engineering Study on Ringgold Road, Soddy Road, Cemetery Road and Diamond Bar Road. The results of the study will be sent to the County Board.

The Assessor presented the board with the 2024 Permissive Exemption Report which will be published by the Board of Equalization on September 26, 2024.

John Bryant was chosen to be the Board Representative for McPherson County at the Joint Public Hearing to be held September 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

The Commissioners discussed a report that McPherson County is listed on the *Center for Immigration Studies'* website, as a Sanctuary County. McPherson County has not passed a resolution making us a Sanctuary County, and there are no plans to do so. The County Attorney will look into the process of removing our county from this list.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

The board will meet on September 19, 2024, at 9:00 AM, for the Tax Request Hearing, Budget Hearing, and the meeting to adopt the 2024-2025 Budget and set the final tax request. These hearings will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

The next regular board meeting will be held on October 9, 2024, at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk