

**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS**

OCTOBER 9, 2024

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **September 19, 2024**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated October 3, 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 John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Road Department employee Ed Black, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Nason moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024, Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request, the Budget Hearing and Special Commissioner's Meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf 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	25,785.45
Ameritas	Retirement	1558.53
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	792.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	11104.88
Brouillette Troshynski	Court App Atty	514.50
John Bryant	Mileage	105.19
Richard Cook	Weed Expenses	65.66
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	735.77
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expenses	172.00
Jodi Dudley	Mileage	52.26
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies	217.43
ES&S	Election Supplies	1273.53
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	32.00
Alexandra Gonzalez	Vehicle Decal Application	1600.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	540.35
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	75.04
Ideal Linen	Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,903.71
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,901.50
Lincoln County Detention	Prisoner Safekeeping	550.00
Loup Basin RC&D	Weed Postage	33.90
McPherson Cty Treasurer	Vehicle Title	10.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,104.22
Brett Nason	Mileage	91.12
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	224.80
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Support	334.04
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	1,036.70
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	5,115.86
Trugreen	Grounds Upkeep	80.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	587.45
Verizon	County Court Phone	53.92
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	134.46
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,032.00
Ameritas	Retirement	677.16
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Croell Inc.	Gravel	13,234.74
Croell Inc.	Asphalt	2,082.20
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	820.79
Fastenal	Supplies	49.36

First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	106.97
Inland Truck Parts	Equipment Repairs	58.78
IRS	County Share SS/Med	841.59
JM Parts & Equipment McPherson Co.	Supplies	180.19
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	3,003.02
NE Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	1,233.74
T&S Repair LLC	Equipment Repairs	1,116.18
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Troyer Enterprises	Supplies	49.63

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
US Bank	Supplies	34.76

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,333.00
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Arensdorf made a motion to Approve and Adopt **RESOLUTION #2024-15** Setting Subdivision Levies in McPherson County for 2024/2025.

The motion was seconded by Nason. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. Levies were set as follows:

MCPHERSON COUNTY	
GENERAL FUND	0.139883
ROAD FUND	0.100957
FAIR FUND	0.001511
FAIR BUILDING	0.000254
TOTAL	0.242605

MID PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE		
GENERAL FUND		0.000000
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL	0.020000
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EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT NO. 16		
TOTAL		0.015000

MCPHERSON COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	
GENERAL FUND	0.004763
SINKING FUND	0.001449
TOTAL	0.006212

UPPER LOUP NRD		
TOTAL		0.013723

TOTAL COUNTY & FIRE	0.248817
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TWIN PLATTE NRD		
TOTAL		0.017533

MCPHERSON COUNTY SCHOOL	
GENERAL	0.653088
QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSE	0.026704
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	0.019205
TOTAL	0.698997

ARTHUR COUNTY SCHOOLS		
GENERAL		0.794089
BUILDING FUND		0.011934
QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSE		0.010229
TOTAL		0.816252

STAPLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
GENERAL		0.674334
BOND FUND		0.048453
TOTAL		0.722787

County Roads were discussed with Ed Black. The department continues to haul rock, patch asphalt, repair and maintain roads.

The policy on Road Department holiday pay was discussed. The road employees currently work four ten-hour days each week. Therefore, Bryant made a motion to change the current policy of paying 8 hours for a holiday to 10 hours. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There was discussion on how to proceed with the process of pulverizing the asphalt on Prairie Trace Road. Robert Watson was present and presented an estimate of costs to the board. The estimate exceeds the threshold requiring sealed bids. Tom Werblow will compose a request for sealed bids which will be published, and all bids received will be opened at the November 13th meeting.

The commissioners discussed the need for stockpiling clay for use on county roads. Bryant made a motion to have Brett Nason excavate clay on his property for a machine rent charge of \$135.00 per hour, up to \$5,000.00.

Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Nason abstained.

The board is continuing to look for a pick-up for the Road Department. The matter will be discussed again at the November 13th meeting.

Bryant made a motion to accept the October Road Plan as presented by Arensdorf, with one modification. The road located at 701 North Ringgold Road has been completed and will be removed from the Road Plan. Nason Seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee Meeting was held. Those present were, Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Whitney Schroeder, Ed Black, Kerri Kramer, and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow gave flyers and a presentation about ***Fatigue Avoidance and The Three Point Rule***. The committee also reviewed the NiRMA Safety Committee Resource Handbook. McPherson County would like to verify that we are following necessary requirements for Workman's Compensation and Liability issues. Whitney Schroeder contacted Chad Engle with NiRMA, and he is planning to visit with the board and Safety Committee at the December commissioner's meeting.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Report presented by the Clerk.

The board received and reviewed the Fund Balance Report and Delinquent Tax Listing from the Treasurer.

The Commissioners reviewed a Contract for Property Appraisal submitted by the Assessor. This will be for pick-up work only. Nason made a motion to accept and sign the contract. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The annual NACO Conference will be held December 18-20 in Kearney. Those planning to attend will be John Bryant, Kerri Kramer and Kathy Hoberg.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 AM. They will meet again on November 13, 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.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board Chairman