

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 8, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization met as per adjournment of December 11, 2024, for the annual Reorganizational Meeting and regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated January 2, 2025. Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Board members Jeffrey Arensdorf, Brett Nason and John Bryant were present. Also present were the County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, County Sheriff K.C. Bang, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Road employee Ed Black was also present. The Chairman noted the Public Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf, and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to appoint Brett Nason as McPherson County Board Chairman and Jeff Arensdorf as Vice-Chairman for 2025. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	26,608.38
Ameritas	Retirement	1615.71
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	806.60
At&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	130.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	11104.88
Brouillette Troshynski	Court App Atty	412.50
John Bryant	Mileage	167.50
Richard Cook	Mileage	32.16
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	586.68
Judy Dailey	Retirement	48.00
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expenses	172.00
D12 Industries	Tower Repair	1350.00
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies	1033.13
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	632.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	541.06
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	180.90
Holiday Inn Kearney	Convention	624.75
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,966.66
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,901.50
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,204.31
NE Assn of Co. Assessors	Dues	100.00
Ned Clerks of District		
Court	Dues	50.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	162.50
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt	229.52
Custer Public Power	Printing/Publishing	163.64
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,557.93
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	632.61
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,032.00
Ameritas	Retirement	677.16
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Croell Inc.	Gravel	13,357.79
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	135.00
Fastenal Company	Equipment Repairs	3.79

First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.37
Inland Truck Parts	Equipment Repairs	3,314.81
IRS	County Share SS/Med	841.59
JM Parts and Equipment McPherson Co.	Equipment Repairs	112.62
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Michael Todd Industrial	Signs	617.68
NAPA Auto Parts	Equipment Repairs	287.99
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	3,373.53
Nebraska Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	3,190.77
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	1,709.81
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	94.35

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Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29
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SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,618.00
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Bryant made a motion to appoint Rich Cook as **McPherson County Weed Superintendent** for 2025, continuing with the current wage of \$14.00 per hour. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION # 2025-1** Appointing Dickinson Land Surveyors of Ogallala, NE, to the position of **McPherson County Surveyor** for 2025. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The 2025 schedule for Road Overseer was set as follows:

Jan-Feb-March – John Bryant **April- May- June** – Brett Nason **July-Aug-Sept** – Jeff Arensdorf **Oct-Nov- Dec** – John Bryant.

Bryant made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2025-2**, McPherson County Road and Labor Prices for the year 2025, adding a cost-of-living increase of 3% for Road Employees with 2 or more Years' experience and no change for Prices Set to Charge. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLUTION #2025-2

MCPHERSON COUNTY ROAD AND LABOR PRICES FOR THE YEAR 2025

PRICES SET TO PAY...WITH BOARD APPROVAL

COUNTY EMPLOYEE	
PERSON, SINGLE HANDED.....	\$18.00 PER HOUR
TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR	\$18.00 PER HOUR
PERSON, SINGLE HANDED	
(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)	\$21.65 PER HOUR
TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR	
(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)	\$21.65 PER HOUR
FARM TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT WITH	
OPERATOR.....	\$90.00 PER HOUR
FARM TRACTOR WITH OPERATOR	
(100 H.P. OR MORE FOR SNOW REMOVAL	\$110.00 PER HOUR

PRICES SET TO CHARGE.... WITH PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL...MINIMUM OF ONE HOUR

PATROL WITH OPERATOR.....	\$200.00 PER HOUR
WHEEL LOADER WITH OPERATOR.....	\$200.00 PER HOUR
JOHN DEERE TRACTOR WITH OPERATOR.....	\$120.00 PER HOUR

(WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT IF HIRED FOR ANY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED PROJECT, THE PRICE WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED BEFORE STARTED.)

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Arensdorf to adopt and approve **Resolution #2025-3** appointing Tom Werblow as **McPherson County Highway Superintendent**, with a total salary of \$9000.00, for the year 2025. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The One-and- Six Year Road Plan Hearing was set for 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. Arensdorf moved to approve the January Road Plan as presented by Bryant. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Roads were discussed with Ed Black. The road department employees have been working on projects in the shop and doing some road maintenance.

Bryant made a motion to excuse Tom Werblow who was absent from the meeting. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to Appoint Tom Werblow, Ed Black and Brett Nason to the 2025 Safety Committee, appointing Brett Nason as Chairman. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Arensdorf seconded by Bryant to adopt and approve **Resolution #2025-4** designating the following **Depositories for McPherson County** in 2025. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant, and Nason. Voting Nay: None: Adams Bank & Trust, First National Bank, Nebraskaland National Bank, Western Nebraska Bank of North Platte, Community First Bank of Stapleton d/b/a Henderson State Bank, Nebraska, The Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust of Lincoln, Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln, NE, Hershey State Bank and Pinnacle Bank.

Bryant moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #2025-5** giving the McPherson County Treasurer the **Authority to Invest Funds** for the year 2025. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf, and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to adopt and approve **Resolution #2025-6** appointing Whitney Schroeder as the **McPherson County Attorney** for the year 2025. The hourly wage being increased to \$13.50 per hour for 100 hours per pay period, plus expenses, with the same insurance benefits which are offered to all full-time McPherson County Employees. Seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to appoint Chris Burch as **Courthouse Custodian** – increasing the wage to \$13.50 per hour for 100 hours per pay period. There are no insurance benefits offered with this position. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to keep the current members on the **Keith County 911 Advisory Board**: John Bryant and Brett Nason, Alternate. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to appoint Jerry Moritz and Kent Fisher to the **McPherson County Planning Commission** for a 3-Year term to expire in 2028. There is a vacancy which will be filled by the board as soon as possible. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to appoint Mike Krull and Dean Seifer to the **Board of Adjustments** with Billie Burch as Alternate. Bryant Seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Appointment to the **Extension Board** was tabled until the February meeting.

Bryant moved to appoint Kevin Starr, Robert Ryland and Tammy Harris to the **Fair Board** for a term of 3-Years to expire in 2028. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A vacancy on the Fair Board from 2024 was tabled until the February meeting.

Bryant made a motion to appoint Jeff Arensdorf as Board Member and Sheila Neal as County Member of the **Sandhills RC&D** for 2025. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to appoint Jeff Arensdorf as representative and Lana Watson as Alternate to the **West Central District Health Department Board** for 2025. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to appoint John Bryant as representative to the **Lexington Area Solid Waste Management Board** and Jeff Arensdorf as Alternate for 2025. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to appoint Brett Nason as Representative to the **West Central Area Aging Board, Region II Behavioral Health Board and Region II Developmental Disabilities Board** for 2025. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to appoint Jeff Arensdorf as Representative and John Bryant as Alternate to the **West Central Development District Board** for 2025. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Chelsey McNutt was named as **Miller Park Caretaker** with a contract amount of \$1320.00 per year. Motion made by Arensdorf, seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf to approve the following appointments in one motion.

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

County Physician – West Central District Health Department in compliance with §71-1626.

Collateral Receipts – Yes

Burial Fees - \$1500.00

Meeting Dates and Times for 2025 – 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM

McPherson County Emergency Manager – K. C. Bang at \$1600.00 per year

McPherson County Zoning Administrator – Kathy Hoberg at \$1800.00 per year

McPherson County Board of Equalization 2025 – Jeff Arensdorf, Chairman and Brett Nason, Vice-Chairman.

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

The commissioners reviewed and approved the 2025 Nirma Insurance Schedule for McPherson County.

The commissioners reviewed the Fund Balance report and 6-month report from the Treasurer.

Arensdorf made a motion to declare the 2008 Ford Expedition, former Law-Enforcement Vehicle, as surplus property to be sold by sealed bids.

Also declared as surplus property was a wooden desk previously used by County Court in the Courtroom. This may be transferred to the county shop or will be sold in the courthouse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on February 12, 2025

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman