

**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND**  
**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **January 8, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated February 6, 2025, and at [www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov](http://www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov). Chairman Brett Nason called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Board members John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf and Brett Nason were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Sheriff K.C. Bang, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, and road department employee Ed Black. County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder, was present via Zoom. Chairman Nason noted the Open Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

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

<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	28,024.96
All Star Auto Glass`	Sheriff Vehicle Repair	375.00
Ameritas	Retirement	1711.34
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	806.60
At&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	131.02
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	11104.88
Brouillette Troshynski	Court App Atty	287.50
John Bryant	Mileage	129.50
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	747.72
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expenses	172.00
Datashield	Shredding/Disposal	121.90
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies	99.98
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	32.00
Grease Monkey	Sheriff Vehicle Repair	134.98
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	378.08
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,075.03
Loup Basin RC&D	Weed Dues	200.00
Mid States Org. Crime Info.	Dues	100.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,448.68
NE Assn of Clerks, RD, Elec	Dues	50.00
NE Assn County Treasurers	Dues	75.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	1,404.40
Sandhills RC&D	Dues	100.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	109.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	552.65
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	88.77
Viaero Wireless	Sheriff Phone	121.28
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00
West Central Dist. Assr Assn	Dues	25.00

<b>ROAD</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	13,124.00
Ameritas	Retirement	818.38
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Croell Inc.	Gravel	1,050.42
Fastenal Company	Equipment Repairs	3.75
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.51
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,001.63
JM Parts and Equipment	Equipment Repairs	110.08
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Menards	Shop Supplies	99.99
Mills Hardware	Shop Supplies	388.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	4,319.47
Nebraska Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	7.91
NMC	Equipment Repairs	1,079.12
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	197.21
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
T&S Repair	Equipment Repairs	2,217.98
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	276.90
Troyer Enterprises	Shop Supplies	133.65
US Bank	Supplies	156.63
Weathercraft	Building Repair	1,743.75
<b>FAIR</b>		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29

The Board had previously published a **Notice to Bidders** requesting **sealed bids** for a 2008 Ford Expedition, former Sheriff's patrol vehicle. The board received three sealed bids. **At 9:00 AM** the commissioners opened the bids. The first bid was \$2001.00, the second bid was \$1650.00, and the third bid was \$527.00. Bryant made a motion to accept the bid presented by K. C. Bang for \$2001.00. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board tabled appointments to the Fair Board, Extension Board, and West Central District Health Department until March.

**At 10:00 AM**, a **One-and Six-Year Hearing** was held. The meeting had been posted seven (7) days prior at three locations in Tryon, McPherson County, Nebraska. Tom Werblow presented each board member with a copy of the One-and Six -Year Road Plan. Werblow explained each page of the plan which describes each project within the county. There were no members of the public present to offer input. Bryant moved to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2025-7** Adopting the 2024-2025 One-and Six-Year Road Improvement Program. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. A copy of the One- & Six-Year Road Plan is kept on file in the McPherson County Clerk's Office.

Ed Black reported that the road department has been working on road prep for a planned project on Prairie Trace Road. Ed also reported on maintenance and repairs which have been completed on road equipment. Nason made a motion to approve the February Road Plan as presented by Bryant. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The Commissioners discussed a new cost estimate for crushed concrete, received from Simon Construction. Tom Werblow did a price comparison, and it was decided that crushed concrete will be purchased from Simon Construction.

The board discussed the need for a new loader bucket for the Case IH Farmall 120 A Tractor. The board gave approval for a representative of the county to purchase a bucket via auction, price not to exceed \$2500.00.

Tom Werblow informed the commissioners that we will be receiving our last grant check from the Hanich Trust this year. Tom Werblow will apply for another grant this Fall.

Tom Werblow also told the board that he had inquired with the Nebraska Infrastructure HUB Website about a possible grant for McPherson County. Response from the organization indicated that there is nothing currently available which fulfills the needs of McPherson County.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kathy Hoberg, K.C. Bang, and Ed Black. Tom Werblow gave flyers and information about *Shop Safety at Work and Home*.

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

The board signed the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (2024) Fee Report from the Sheriff.

The board received a price quote from Level LLC for concrete work needed in front of the courthouse. They also received a quote from The Glass Doctor of Central Nebraska for ADA Compliant Doors at the courthouse entrance. They are waiting for a quote from Larry's Glass for the doors. These projects will be submitted for a possible grant through The Childers Funds at Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation.

Those still needing to file the Statement of Financial Interests with the Secretary of State were reminded that March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for filing.

The officials were informed that there will be a West Central District meeting held in Ogallala on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM, MT. Those planning to attend are Brett Nason, K.C. Bang, Kerri Kramer and Kathy Hoberg.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on March 12, 2025.

Brett W. Nason  
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg  
McPherson County Clerk