

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 12, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of February 12, 2025, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated March 6, 2025. The Meeting Agenda having been posted in the courthouse and on the county website at www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Vice-Chairman Arensdorf who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the court room. Members John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Bryant moved to excuse Commissioner Brett Nason, who was absent due to family vacation, and Tom Werblow who was absent due to illness. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Those present were, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, road employee Ed Black, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

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

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	26,599.39
Ameritas	Retirement	1615.12
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	175.00
Central Plains Valuation	Appraiser Fees	1430.00
Richard Cook	Weed Expenses	434.60
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	768.48
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expenses	194.00
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	626.33
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.41
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	56.00
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,965.98
Chelsey McNutt	Park Contract	330.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,104.22
NE Assn County Officials	Workshop	100.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	583.80
Sandhills Area Sheriff's Assn	Dues	150.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	109.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	181.87
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	345.70
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	10,526.00
Ameritas	Retirement	643.01
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Croell Inc.	Gravel	2,813.55
Croell Inc.	Asphalt	1,210.75
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	516.00
Galaway Dield Repair	Equipment Repairs	1,487.50
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.51

IRS	County Share SS/Med	802.88
JM Parts and Equipment McPherson Co.	Equipment Repairs	51.78
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	2,432.97
Nebraska Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	443.26
NMC	Equipment Repairs	936.55
RS Hydraulic Solutions	Equipment Repairs	220.28
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	14.77
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29
Arlan Paxton	Fair Expenses	338.50

Mike Broomfield and Tyler Brown with Colonial Life were present and addressed the board about a new Group Term Life policy which is available to McPherson County employees.

The policy includes a \$10,000.00 Guarantee Issue Term Life policy for employees who work 17 hours or more per week, at the cost of \$2.00 per employee, which would be paid by the county. Bryant made a motion to enter the program with Colonial Life. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Ed Black was present and reported that the road department has been hauling rock and maintaining roads in the county.

The need for a loader bucket was discussed. An attempt to purchase a bucket at an online auction was unsuccessful. Bryant moved to purchase a new bucket from Titan Machinery, if the amount does not exceed the threshold requiring bids. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to approve the March Road Plan as presented by Bryant.

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

The commissioners and county attorney discussed Right of Way Easements required for roadwork in the county. The county may change the process to include an agreement between parties, rather than an Easement.

The board received a Fund Balance Report from the Treasurer.

Prior to this meeting, the commissioners were notified telephonically by Sheriff K.C. Bang that he has accepted the position of Dundy County Sheriff, and intends to resign his position in McPherson County, effective March 31, 2025. The board has instructed Sheriff Bang to submit an official written resignation stating his intent.

The county attorney and county clerk will immediately advertise the vacancy, requesting applications and resumes which will be reviewed at the next board meeting on April 9, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM. The Board will meet again at 9:00 AM on April 9, 2024, for their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Vice- Chairman

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