

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
May 14, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **April 9, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated May 8, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason, 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 County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg and Road Worker Ed Black. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. 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	28,357.15
Ace Hardware	Supplies	27.98
Ameritas	Retirement	1666.26
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	2239.60
At&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	131.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8328.66
John Bryant	Mileage	129.5
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	122.53
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	621.43
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expenses	388.00
Datashield	Shredding	122.00
Eakes Office Plus	Maintenance Agreement	99.98
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	97.74
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.55
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Gworks	GIS Costs	5000.00
Hebbert Ranch	Towing Fees	300.00
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	42.70
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,100.46
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	86.80
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,104.22
NACO	Workshop	300.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	93.81
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	109.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	417.48
Sunset Law Enforcement	Supplies	328.99
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	320.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	1,144.52
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	13,990.00
Ameritas	Retirement	876.84
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Croell Inc.	Gravel	24,718.22
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
Floyds Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	323.40
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.61
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,067.88

JM Parts and Equipment	Equipment Repairs	421.41
Level LLC	Asphalt Pulverization	55,000.00
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	8,634.34
NMC Exchange	Equipment Repairs	277.54
Paulsen Inc	Concrete	2,394.50
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	5,862.33
RS Hydraulic Solutions	Equipment Repairs	105.19
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
US Bank	Supplies	20.98

FAIR

Custer Public Power	Fair Lights	520.45
Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29

At 9:15 AM, the board met with Meghan Trevino from the West Central District Health Department. Each Commissioner was given a packet containing information about Public Health Programs and Services available from the department.

There were no members of the public who wished to address the board during the public comment section of the meeting.

John Bryant made a motion to appoint Lawrence Stump as McPherson County Emergency Manager.

This position was vacated by K.C. Bang and the wage is currently \$1600.00 per year. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to appoint Arlan Paxton to the Planning Board. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Berva Arensdorf submitted a letter of resignation from the West Central Health Department Board. The commissioners acknowledged and accepted the letter and voiced their appreciation for Berva's service. This vacancy, a vacancy on the Fair Board and two vacancies on the Extension Board were tabled until the June Commissioner's meeting.

The board discussed roads with Ed Black. The road department has been repairing and maintaining roads. Ed informed the board that the large flat bed trailer needs to be replaced.

Nathan Kramer was present and addressed the board about repairs and maintenance needed on Fowler Drive. The matter was discussed, and a decision will be made after some research by the board and Highway Superintendent.

Arensdorf moved to approve the May Road Plan as presented by Nason. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Members present were John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Schroeder, Tom Werblow, Ed Black, Kerri Kramer and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow presented information and gave flyers about Understanding Material Safety Data Sheets.

The board reviewed the Fund Balance Reports from the Treasurer.

The Assessor presented the board with the 2025 Reports and Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator.

McPherson County's Level of Value for 2024 is 100% for Residential and Commercial, and 75% for Agriculture. The Quality of Assessment meets generally accepted mass appraisal techniques and there were no recommendations made by the administrator.

The Board reviewed an appraisal contract with Central Plains Valuation presented by the Assessor.

There will be a Residential re-appraisal with updated Marshall & Swift coding and depreciation tables implemented in 2026. The proposed contract fees will be \$17,700.00. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the contract. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The 2025 rates for Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance were reviewed. McPherson County's rates for health insurance will increase by 0.6%. Dental insurance rates, which are paid 100% by the employee, will not increase. Bryant made a motion to maintain the current insurance plan, with an increase in minimum hours required for an employee to qualify for the insurance. The minimum number of hours to qualify for insurance coverage, to be set by resolution at the June meeting, will increase from 20 hours per week to 32 hours per week. This will be added to the McPherson County Personnel System. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board received, reviewed and signed the Management Representation Letter for the June 30, 2024, audit conducted by Donald D. Wilson, CPA.

The commissioners reviewed an Acquisition Contract from Nebraska DOT granting a temporary easement to a tract of land located in the NW ¼ of Section 16-18-31, McPherson County, Nebraska, for drive construction purposes located on the Southerly Highway 97 right of way line. The Easement Area may be used for the temporary relocation of utilities during the construction of the project. Upon completion and acceptance of Project 97-3(107), all rights, interest, and use of the above-described temporary easement area shall be returned to the county with the aforesaid changes completed. The state agrees to purchase the right of way and/or easement for a payment of \$100.00. Motion by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf to sign the contract. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: Nason.

The contract was signed by Chairman Nason.

The board discussed public use of the County Fair Arena. The County Attorney will contact the county insurance provider (NiRMA) for further guidance on the subject.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

The next regular Board of Commissioner’s meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025**. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

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Katherine E. Hoberg	Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Clerk	McPherson County Board Chairman