

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 11, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **May 14, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated June 5, 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 Treasurer Kerri Kramer, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, Road Workers Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The Commissioners reviewed the Fund Balance Reports from the Treasurer.

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

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	28,080.75
Ameritas	Retirement	1647.61
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	865.43
Jeff Arensdorf	Mileage	190.40
At&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	131.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8375.43
Brouillette Troshynski		600.00
Kingston	Court App Atty	
Richard Cook	Mileage	242.20
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	693.16
Eakes Office Plus	Maintenance Agreement	114.45
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	363.30
First National Bank	Safe Deposit Box	235.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.55
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Heartland Sprinkler System	Grounds Supplies	325.30
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	203.00
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,073.14
Keith County Comm	Emergency Tower Expenses	10,874.85
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	123.20
Level LLC	Concrete Work	8,000.00
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,901.50
Lindemeier Law Office	Court App Atty	612.50
Chelsey McNutt	Park Contract	330.00
Menards	Janitorial Supplies	7.96
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,104.22
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	204.42
NiRMA	Insurance	14,143.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Support	109.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	205.91
Stryker Sales LLC	Supplies	300.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	1,463.92
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00
Donald D Wilson	Audit Costs	6,238.00
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,521.90
Ameritas	Retirement	710.23
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2781.58
Croell Inc.	Gravel	16,707.71
Fessler Tire Company	Equipment Repairs	1,239.95

First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.61
IRS	County Share SS/Med	879.06
JM Parts and Equipment	Equipment Repairs	503.88
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	4,575.70
NiRMA	Insurance	17,778.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Troyer Enterprises	Equipment Repairs	823.72
US Bank	Supplies	43.02

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29
Sandhill Catering LLC	Fair Expenses	1,000.00

LAW ENF OPERATING

US Bank	Supplies	866.53
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Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2025-8** Increasing the weekly hour requirement for health insurance eligibility from 20 hours to 32 hours.

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

Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2025-9** Approving an Agreement with the State of Nebraska DOT, to proceed with construction of Project No. STP-92(113) Control No. 61675, directing and authorizing the County Board to sign the agreement on behalf of McPherson County. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: Nason.

The commissioners reviewed and discussed a proposed Permit for Use of Facilities of McPherson County, concerning the use of the 4H-Fair Arena. Jennifer Hill addressed the board about allowing students to use the arena for practice. There will be more discussion on the issue at the July Commissioner's meeting. The board will ask representatives from the Fair Board, Tryon Roping Club and Logan/McPherson High School Rodeo Club, to be present to add input on the matter.

At 10:30 AM There were no Valuation Protests filed and no members of the public present to address the board of Equalization.

Bryant moved to re-appoint Wiley Fisher to the Veteran's Service Board, term to expire 2030. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve renewal of the Veteran's Service Interlocal Agreement between Logan County and McPherson County with a consideration amount of \$1700.00 for F/Y 2025-2026. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason.

Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint Kendra Nason to the McPherson County Extension Board, term expiring 2027. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The remaining vacancy on the Extension Board, Fair Board vacancy, and member of the West Central Health Department Board will be addressed at the July Commissioner's Meeting.

Roads were discussed with Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. Equipment repairs and contract hauling by Level LLC were discussed and approved.

Nathan Kramer submitted a request for vacation of Fowler Drive. A resolution instructing the Highway Superintendent to conduct a traffic study on the road will be presented to the board at the July Commissioner's meeting.

Purchase of a Sod Buster Attachment will be on the July meeting agenda.

Arensdorf made a motion to approve the June Road Plan presented by Nason. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

At 10:40 AM, Aflac representative, Madison Cogdill, was present and met with the commissioners, giving information about Aflac Insurance Services. Madison also met with each employee concerning renewal of their plans. All Aflac enrollment is voluntary and paid 100% by the employee.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kerri Kramer, Kathy Hoberg, Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. Tom Werblow gave information and flyers about *Material Safety Data Sheets and Hazardous Materials Identification System*.

Kerri Kramer reported that McPherson County has been awarded a Betterment Grant from the Bob & Susan Childers Funds at Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, in the amount of \$25,000.00. The funds will be used for needed courthouse repairs and upgrades. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the following bids: The Glass Doctor, \$2436.27 for conversion of front doors to meet ADA Compliance. K&S Electric Co., \$2325.00 for electricity -ADA Compliance doors. Jim Carlson Drywall LLC, \$1550.00 for drywall repair in the courthouse. Tracy Jackson, \$5800.00 – labor and materials for painting in the courthouse. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Level LLC recently completed sidewalk replacement and expansion of the handicap parking space in front of the courthouse, for an amount of \$8,000.00, which was paid for with the Childers Grant funds.

The board reviewed and signed the 3-Year Plan of Assessment presented by the County Assessor, Kathy Hoberg. Included in the plan is a Residential Reappraisal to be conducted in 2026. This will include updating the costing manual and depreciation tables.

Arensdorf made a motion to designate CSG as the printer of the Joint Public Hearing cards for McPherson County if needed. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board received and reviewed the Annual Audit Report for June 30, 2024. **The audit report has been completed and is on file in the office of the County Clerk.**

An Understanding of Services letter from Contryman Associates PC was reviewed. Contryman Associates PC will be conducting the McPherson County Audit for June 2025, 2026, and 2027. Bryant made a motion to have the Board Chairman, County Clerk and County Treasurer sign the letter. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed the Billing Statement for NIRMA/NIRMA II County insurance. The Total Annual Contribution amount for 2025-2026 will be \$31,921. This represents a 4.94 percent increase from last year. Arensdorf moved to continue insurance coverage through NIRMA with no change to deductible amounts. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to approve the 2025/2026 Region II billing assessment for McPherson County in the amount of \$862.00. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Arensdorf moved to approve the Bridge of Hope requested support amount of \$500.00 for 2025-2026. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk