

**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS**

**JULY 9, 2025**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **June 11, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in *The Stapleton Enterprise*; issue dated July 3, 2025. The agenda for the meeting was posted in the courthouse and on the county website. 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. Board Members Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf and John Bryant were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, and road workers Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last Commissioner’s Meeting and Board of Equalization Meeting as presented. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners reviewed several reports from the Treasurer, including the Fund Balance Listing for 6/30/2025, the Fund Balance Six Month Accumulated Report, and the Fund Balance 12 Month Accumulated Report.

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	27,371.83
Ameritas	Retirement	1599.76
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	834.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8375.43
Bomgaars Supply	Law Enforcement Supplies	144.95
Brouillette Troshynski		287.50
Kingston	Court App Atty	
Colonial Life	Insurance	18.00
Comfort Inn Kearney	Clerk Workshop	404.85
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Board Workshop	289.90
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	810.77
Das ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	194.00
Eakes Office Plus	Maintenance Agreement	559.85
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	110.96
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.22
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,026.45
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,226.43
NACO	Dues/Assessor Workshop	1,238.66
NE Sheriff's Assn	Workshop	445.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	80.54
Region II Services	Annual Assessment	862.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Support	234.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	249.94
Trugreen	Maintenance	320.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	256.24
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00
W Cent Area Agency		
Aging	Annual Assessment	487.60
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,868.30
Ameritas	Retirement	733.61
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2781.58
Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00

Croell Inc.	Gravel	24,267.24
Croell Paving	Asphalt	2,425.85
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.41
IRS	County Share SS/Med	905.58
JM Parts and Equipment	Equipment Repairs	502.31
Level LLC	Hauling/Steel Products	3,372.50
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	3,675.89
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	3,429.81

## FAIR

Hooker County Tribune	Printing	75.00
Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29

The Board discussed public use of the Fair Arena. Jennifer Hill was present and asked questions about High School Students being able to use the arena for practice. The matter was referred to the McPherson County Fair Board, as it was determined that the use of the property falls under the authority of the Fair Board.

At 9:30 AM, Kylie Joyce, from Region II Services, was present and gave a presentation to the board. Region II Services supports people with developmental disabilities. They currently serve 17 counties in Southwest Nebraska and currently serve 154 individuals in this region. Region II Services is certified by the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Developmental Disabilities Division. The Region II governing board is comprised of one county commissioner from each of the 17 counties, formed under an Interlocal Agreement. Brett Nason is the representative from McPherson County. Region II Services is a political subdivision receiving state, federal, and local funds.

At 9:45, Madison Cogdill, from AFLAC was present and gave the board a final review of services for 2025.

At 10:15 AM, Beth Ferrell was present and gave a NACO update. Each commissioner was given a flyer outlining a link on the NACO Website called *County Explorer* which contains information and interesting facts about each county in Nebraska. NACO continues to keep an eye on the legislature, and the commissioners were given updates on bills affecting County Government.

At 10:30 AM, Nason moved to recess the regular meeting and convene as Board of Equalization. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Parcel # 600013723 -Report of Damaged Real Property- Form 425. Nason moved to approve the requested reassessment of a building due to complete destruction caused by fire. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There were no protests filed, and no members of the public present to address the board.

Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Equalization and resume the regular commissioner's meeting. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason.

Ed Black and Kasey Dailey reported that the road department has been doing road maintenance and repairing washouts throughout the county.

Arensdorf made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION #2025-10** Directing the Highway Superintendent to conduct a Study of Use of Fowler Drive. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Tom Werblow addressed the board regarding a possible application to the Hanich Trust for additional grant funds.

"The Board of Commissioners of McPherson County hereby wish to publicly express appreciation and thanks to the Hanich Trust and its advisor Adams Bank & Trust for the financial assistance provided to help improve the safety and reliability of Soddy Road, here in McPherson County. We look forward to continuing this relationship into the future to complete this very important project to the citizens of our McPherson County."

Arensdorf made a motion to approve the purchase of a Sod Buster Disc and sign a purchase agreement with Cole Construction and Maintenance, located in Broken Bow, NE. Purchase price of the disc is \$13,267.00. The purchase to be paid from the Inheritance Fund, with a 4- year repayment plan from the Road Fund. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve the Road Plan as presented by Nason. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.  
There was a Safety Committee meeting held. Those present were Tom Werblow, Whitney Schroeder, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kerri Kramer, Kathy Hoberg, Ed Black, and Kasey Dailey.  
Werblow presented flyers and information on *Agricultural Tractor Safety*.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Reports from the Clerk and the Sheriff.  
The Treasurer discussed a DHHS Agreement with the board. There was no motion to accept the agreement.  
The board re-visited the matter of a dead tree which needs to be removed from the area of the Fair Building and Calf Shelter. Tom Werblow will contact a tree removal service to remove the tree as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.  
The board will meet again at 9:00 AM on August 13, 2025, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

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