

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 13, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **July 9, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting and Budget Workshop. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated August 7, 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 Brett Nason and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Road employee Ed Black, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, Treasurer Kerri Kramer and County Attorney Whitney Schroeder. Nason made a motion to excuse Jeff Arensdorf who was absent. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. The commissioners reviewed the Fund Balance Report from the Treasurer. Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	28,934.29
Ameritas	Retirement	1705.22
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	834.20
AT&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	261.71
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8375.43
John E. Bryant	Mileage	129.50
Colonial Life	Insurance	23.20
Richard Cook	Mileage	84.00
Custer County Chief	Printing/ Office Supplies	70.27
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	1010.92
Das ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	194.00
Datashield	Shredding	122.00
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	66.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.22
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,135.56
Lincoln County Clerk	Probation Officer	1,351.19
Lindemeier Law Office	Court App Attorney	125.00
Logan County Treasurer	Veteran's Service Contract	1,700.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,226.43
NACO	Open Meeting Posters	7.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	260.50
Region II Services	Annual Assessment	1,743.62
Sandhills Custom Creations	Sheriff Uniform	36.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	109.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	567.24
Lawrence Stump	Notary	114.10
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,683.93
Trugreen	Courthouse/Park Maint.	631.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	936.79
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	14,423.00
Ameritas	Retirement	876.84
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2781.58
Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00
Croell Inc.	Gravel	29,460.55
Fastenal Company	Supplies	86.43
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	44.00

Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	52.21
Inland Truck Parts	Equipment Repairs	2,166.77
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,101.02
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Mills Hardware	Shop Tools	21.98
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	9,473.91
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	2,933.39
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	30.00
T&S Repair	Equipment Repairs	1,321.28
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Troyer Enterprises	Equipment Repairs	26.40

FAIR

Cindy Gregg	Fair Expenses	44.68
Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29
Menards	Fair Expenses	102.32
Rixstine Recognition	Fair Expenses	412.40
Robert Ryland	Fair Expenses	750.86
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publish	285.00
Sandhill Catering	Fair Expenses	350.00
US Bank	Fair Building Supplies	36.92

INHERITANCE

Cole Construction & Maint	Sodbuster Disc	13,267.00
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Pursuant to §84-1410, members of the public were given an opportunity to speak. There was much discussion with members who requested an update on the Soddy Road Project, and the Hanich Trust Grant Funds.

Bryant made a motion to approve and sign a Road Crossing Permit submitted by Custer Public Power District, requesting approval to conduct a directional drilling operation under Hasenauer Rd. in McPherson County, Nebraska. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. The road department reported that they need a flatbed trailer to replace the current one which is beyond repair. The board agreed there is need for this and will look for a replacement to purchase. Nason moved to hire Corbin Miller as a temporary part-time road employee to help with asphalt patching and other projects throughout the county. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve the August Road Plan, removing an auto-gate which was replaced on Gragg Drive. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board received and reviewed an Engineering Report conducted on Fowler Drive from Tom Werblow. Bryant made a motion to adopt and sign **RESOLUTION # 2025-11** Setting the date, place and time for a public hearing on the proposed vacation and abandonment of Fowler Drive. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2025-12** Annual Certification of Program Compliance and Annual Certification Form for the Highway Buyback program. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to adopt and sign **RESOLUTION # 2025-13** Allowing the purchase of a Sod Buster Disc in the amount of \$13, 267.00 to be made from the Inheritance Fund with a re-payment plan from the Road Fund. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to adopt and sign **RESOLUTION # 2025-14** Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to adopt and sign **RESOLUTION # 2025-15** Tax Allocation Miscellaneous Districts. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A Weed Equipment Waiver presented by Rich Cook was discussed. The matter was tabled until the September meeting.

Appointments to the Fair Board, West Central Health Department and Board of Adjustment were tabled until the September meeting.

Bryant moved to approve the appointment of Jennifer Hill to the Lincoln, Logan, McPherson Extension Board. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to appoint Chelsey McNutt to the Planning Board, replacing Luke Connell. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were Tom Werblow, Whitney Schroeder, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Kathy Hoberg, Ed Black and Kerri Kramer. Tom Werblow gave flyers and information about *General Decontamination and Hazard Assessments*.

The board reviewed and signed the county office inventories for 2025.

The commissioners reviewed the 2025-2026 Propane Bid Proposals from Neal Oil. Bryant moved to accept the proposals for the McPherson County Courthouse and the McPherson County Road Department. Each bid is for an estimated 2,000 Gallons @ \$1.45 per gallon. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Interlocal Participation Letter for Behavioral Health Programs with Region II Human Services and pay the annual share of \$1743.62. Nason seconded.

Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The Commissioners and the County Attorney received and reviewed the Trustee's Report and Accounting of the Robert F. Hanich Trust.

The commissioners were informed that the Fall West Central District meeting will be held in Ogallala on September 25, 2025. Nason, Kramer and Hoberg plan to attend the meeting.

At 11:30 AM, Nason recessed the meeting for a lunch break to re-convene at 1:00 PM for the Budget Workshop.

At 1:00 PM, the meeting resumed, and the Budget Workshop began.

Those present were, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Kerri Kramer, Lawrence Stump, Kathy Hoberg and Budget Preparer Caleb Johnson. Budgets for each county office were discussed at length.

There being no further business, the Budget Workshop and the meeting were adjourned at 4:30 PM. The board will meet again at 9:00 AM on September 10, 2025, for their regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk