

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **August 13, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated September 4, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by Chairman Nason, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, Road Workers Ed Black and Kasey Dailey, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Treasurer Kerri Kramer, Sheriff Lawrence Stump and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Arensdorf abstained as he was absent from the last meeting. 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	27,589.85
Ace Hardware	Supplies	11.99
Ameritas	Retirement	1614.48
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	652.20
AT&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	130.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8375.43
Billie Burch	Mileage/Election	98.00
Central Plains Valuation	Appraiser Fees	1770.00
Colonial Life	Insurance	18.00
Comfort Inn Kearney	Assessor Workshop	389.85
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	275.75
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	1013.52
Das ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	194.00
Eakes Office Plus	Equipment/Supplies	394.99
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	45.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.22
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	267.40
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,037.92
Chelsey McNutt	Park Contract	330.00
Mills Hardware	Equipment/Supplies	129.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,226.43
NACO	West Central Meeting	50.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	711.90
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	109.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	356.06
Tree Medic	Tree Removal	2,500.00
Trugreen	Courthouse/Park Maint.	130.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	118.42
Van Velson Law Office	Court App Atty	1,083.00
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	12,304.90
Al's Towing	Equipment Repairs	1,037.99
Ameritas	Retirement	710.23
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2781.58
Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00
Croell Inc.	Gravel	20,077.64
Croell Paving	Asphalt	7,565.40
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	30.00

Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.41
IRS	County Share SS/Med	938.97
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,791.40
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	5,068.29
NMC Exchange	Equipment Repairs	12,773.90
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	661.87
SW Farm & Auto Supply	Equipment Repairs	35.12
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	120.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	82.50
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29
Rixstine Recognition	Fair Expenses	47.61

At 9:15 AM, Jordan Gardner and Isaac Hughes from Murphy Tractor met with the commissioners. Isaac Hughes was introduced as their new Product Support Sales Representative. The commissioners visited with Rich Cook about a Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement with Sandhills Weed Management Area and Custer County. Arensdorf made a motion to sign the agreement. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion authorizing Chairman Nason to sign an Application for a Hanich Trust Grant, prepared by Tom Werblow. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. County Attorney Whitney Schroeder addressed the board and presented an Interlocal Agreement between Lincoln County and McPherson County, relating to the control of predator and pest animals. Arensdorf made a motion to sign the agreement. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Appointments to the Fair Board, West Central Health Department and Board of Adjustment were tabled until the October meeting.

At 9:30 AM, Nason recessed the meeting and opened the Public Hearing. Notice of the hearing was published in the September 4th edition of The Stapleton Enterprise, and Legal Notices were sent to the adjoining landowners. The purpose of the hearing was the vacation and abandonment of Fowler Drive – the road going through the N1/2 of Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 30 West of the 6th P.M., McPherson County, Nebraska. There were no members of the public present to add comments. Bryant made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2025-16** Closing and Vacating the road. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. The hearing was closed and the meeting resumed. Zach Thurbur from Nebraska Department of Transportation, was present and had discussion with the board concerning public roads, mail routes, driveways and easements. Mr. Thurbur agreed to stay and visit with the commissioners at the end of the meeting. Ed Black and Kasey Dailey reported that the road department has been patching asphalt and hauling rock.

There was a road work request submitted by Karen Hasenauer, requesting replacement of an auto-gate on Fuller Drive. After discussion, and review of the Comprehensive Road Plan for McPherson County, the decision was made that the county road ended at the auto-gate, and the gate and sills belong to the landowner, and may be replaced as they see fit.

The county owned dovetail flatbed trailer is no longer fit to haul heavy equipment and is beyond repair. Therefore, it needs to be replaced. Arensdorf made a motion to set a bid cap of \$45,000.00 for purchase of a flatbed trailer at an auction. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the Road Plan, with the removal of Fowler Drive. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Whitney Schroeder, Tom Werblow, Ed Black, Kasey Dailey and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and information about *The Dangers of Snakes*.
The commissioners continued their discussion of county roads and review of a road map with Mr. Thurber from the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

The board will meet on September 17, 2025, at 9:00 AM, for the Tax Request Hearing, Budget Hearing, and the special meeting to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget and set the final tax request. These hearings will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

The next regular board meeting will be held on October 8, 2025, at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman