

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

OCTOBER 8, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **September 17, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated October 2, 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 Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Road Department employee Ed Black, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant made a motion to excuse the County Attorney Whitney Schroeder who was absent due to training. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025, Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request, the Budget Hearing and Special Commissioner’s Meeting as presented, noting that the published copy of these minutes, on September 25, 2025, stated that they were acknowledged by Chairman Nason. Chairman Nason was not present at these meetings, and the published editions should have been acknowledged by Jeff Arensdorf. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. Nason abstained.

The commissioners reviewed the Fund Balance Reports provided by 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	Salaries & Wages	27258.86
Ace Hardware	Supplies	41.92
Ameritas	Retirement	1592.12
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	5725.00
AT&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	151.34
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8375.43
Jim Carlson Drywall LLC	Courthouse Repairs	1550.00
Central Plains Valuation	Appraiser Fees	9735.00
Colonial Life	Insurance	18.00
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	858.69
Das ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	194.00
Datashield	Shredding	122.00
Eakes Office Plus	Equipment/Supplies	260.43
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	45.00
Grease Monkey	Vehicle Maintenance	104.99
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.22
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Halls Electric & Services	Courthouse Doors	2475.00
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,012.60
Tracy Jackson	Courthouse Paint	4,800.00
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	114.10
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,226.43
Musser Well Drilling	Courthouse Repairs	162.99
Brett Nason	Mileage	85.40
NE Sheriff's Assn	Dues	30.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	222.93
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt	234.20
Sec. of State Elections Div	Workshop	60.00
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	753.31
Trugreen	Courthouse/Park Maint.	130.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	317.49

Verizon	Co Court Phone	53.93
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3000.00
Ward Laboratories	Law Enforcement Supplies	9.73

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Salaries & Wages	12049.00
Ameritas	Retirement	701.46
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2781.58
Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00
Croell Inc.	Gravel	11,556.36
Croell Paving	Asphalt	41,335.30
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	30.00
Floyds Truck Center-NP	Equipment Repairs	6,746.91
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.41
IRS	County Share SS/Med	919.40
JM Parts and Equipment	Equipment Repairs	290.82
Level LLC	Hauling	1,186.25
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,791.40
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	3,862.29
NMC Exchange	Equipment Repairs	1,420.60
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	72.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	2,087.43
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	69.33

FAIR		
David Deangelis	Judge	188.47
Turena Ehlers	Judge	112.26
Rodger Farr	Judge	146.53
Tim Gibbens	Judge	184.71
Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29
Kristi Kreuscher	Judge	162.25
Tamara Nichols	Judge	197.55
Arlan Paxton-Secretary	Fair Expenses	316.00
Prairie Hills Café	Fair Expenses	202.62
Bradee Schvett	Judge	64.54

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McPherson Co Rural Fire	Ambulance	75,000.00
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Kent Fisher was present and discussed problems with irresponsible trash disposal at the Ringgold dumpsters.

The commissioners will have a discussion with the Sheriff and County Attorney concerning placement of cameras, and possible citations issued for illegal dumping and littering. The commissioners would like to remind everyone that all items are to be properly placed inside the dumpsters, and not beside the dumpsters. Please consider making more frequent trips, to avoid large loads, which cause overflow and blowing trash. These requests are made regarding the dumpsters in Tryon also.

The Planning Board has informed the commissioners that the county's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations need to be updated. The Planning Board received two quotes for consultation fees. The first was from Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc. for \$35,300.00. The second from West Central Nebraska Development District for \$12,500.00. The Planning Commission recommended WCNDD. Bryant made a motion to approve a contract with WCNDD for \$12,500.00 with a time frame of no longer than one year. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The Planning Board requested moratoriums be placed on wind energy systems, solar energy systems and Crypto Mining operations, while the regulations are being reviewed. Bryant made a motion to approve and accept **RESOLUTION #2025-19** Invoking and approving a twelve (12) month moratorium on accepting any wind farm applications, and **RESOLUTION #2025-21** Invoking and approving a twelve (12) month moratorium on accepting any solar farm applications. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There will be a resolution presented for Crypto Mining operations at the November meeting. Arensdorf made a motion to approve and accept **RESOLUTION #2025-20** Setting 2025-2026 Subdivision Levies in McPherson County. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

MCPHERSON COUNTY		MCPHERSON COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	
GENERAL FUND	0.139260	GENERAL FUND	0.004471
ROAD FUND	0.100419	SINKING FUND	0.001361
FAIR FUND	0.000378	TOTAL	0.005832
FAIR BUILDING	0.000137		
TOTAL	0.240194	TOTAL COUNTY & FIRE	0.246026

MCPHERSON COUNTY SCHOOL	
GENERAL	
L	0.652331
QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSE	0.025064
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	0.018026
TOTAL	0.695421

County Roads were discussed with Ed Black. The department continues to haul rock, patch asphalt, repair and maintain roads.

Vacation of several abandoned county roads was discussed. The commissioners will make a request by resolution in November to have Tom Werblow complete an engineering study on the roads.

The commissioners reviewed a Request for Road Work submitted for Bullington Drive. The matter was tabled to November, and the road department was asked to review the condition of the road.

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

A Safety Committee Meeting was held. Those present were Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow gave flyers and a presentation about *Parking on a Slope and Safe Operation on a Slope*.

The board received and reviewed the Delinquent Tax Listing from the Treasurer.

The annual NACO Conference will be held December 17-19 in Kearney. Those planning to attend will be Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, Kerri Kramer, Lawrence Stump and Kathy Hoberg.

The board discussed the process of changing the address of a residence on Hasenauer Road.

Nason made a motion to approve the purchase of an Ariens 18” 99cc Single-Stage Gas Snow Blower for the courthouse. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM. The Board will meet again on November 12, 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