

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
December 10, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **November 12, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been posted in the Stapleton Enterprise issue dated **December 4, 2025**, and the McPherson County Website, www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov. 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 the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Sheriff Lawrence Stump, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant made a motion 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	Salaries/Wages	27,629.58
Ameritas	Retirement	1617.16
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	682.20
AT&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	171.24
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8375.43
Central Plains Valuation	Appraisal Fees	372.00
Colonial Life	Insurance	18.00
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	638.49
Das ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	194.00
Eakes Office Plus	Equipment/Supplies	111.54
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	45.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	447.07
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,040.96
Caleb Johnson	Budget Prep	2,458.17
Chelsey McNutt	Park Contract	330.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,226.43
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	429.92
Saint Paul Police Dept	Safety Equipment	526.83
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	109.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	234.15
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	655.81
Verizon	Co Court Phone	40.10
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Salaries/Wages	12,344.60
Ameritas	Retirement	765.76
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2781.58
Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00
Croell Inc.	Gravel	12,213.44
Fessler Tire Company	Equipment Repairs	170.12
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	30.00
Floyds Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	108.62
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	108.01
IRS	County Share SS/Med	942.01
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimburse Funds	2,791.40
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	7,610.12

Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	715.07
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	255.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	320.95

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	44.17
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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Saint Paul Police Dept	Safety Supplies	527.16
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Appointments to the Fair Board and Board of Adjustment were tabled until the January meeting.

Jim Gragg was present and presented the board with a Request for Road Work on Hasenauer Road. After discussion, Nason made a motion to add the Jim Gragg section of Hasenauer Road to the road plan. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. The board received a Request for Road Work on Fiechtner Drive. Approval of this request was granted at the November meeting, pending receipt of the document. This will be added to the road plan. The Board reviewed an Operating Instruction sheet from NDOT concerning paved surface maintenance of intersecting county roads. This was sent by Eldon Starr, pertaining to work requested on Hasenauer Drive. The road department was instructed to investigate the damage and repair it if it is deemed the County's responsibility. Arensdorf moved to approve the Road Plan as presented by Bryant with the addition of Fiechtner Drive and Hasenauer Road (Jim Gragg section). Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There was a Safety Committee meeting held. Those present were Tom Werblow, Whitney Schroeder, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kathy Hoberg and Ed Black. Werblow gave flyers and information about *Quick Coupler Safety and Refueling Equipment*.

At 9:30 AM, Chairman Nason opened the Public Hearing for Vacating Abandoned Roads. Notice of this hearing was published in the Stapleton Enterprise on November 20, 2025, November 27, 2025, and December 4, 2025. Legal Notices were also sent to adjoining landowners. There were 5 members of the public present for the hearing. The landowners were shown the proposed roads on a map, and explanation was given by Tom Werblow and the commissioners.

At 10:00 AM, Miranda Stoll with the Healing Hearts Diversion Program, presented the board with a Memorandum of Understanding for 2026 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid. The MOU was signed by Chairman Nason. Motion made by Arensdorf, seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The NACO 2027-2030 Salary guidelines for county officials were discussed. In accordance with state statutes, the salaries of all elected county officers must be fixed by the county board prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective offices. After reviewing the guidelines and discussion with the county officers, Bryant made a motion to increase the salaries in 2027 for the Sheriff, Treasurer and the Clerk 13.83%. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion to increase the 2027 salary for the Commissioners 7%. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. The resolution fixing the salaries and the cost-of-living formula will be voted on and signed at the January meeting.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:00 AM to meet again at 9:00 AM on January 14, 2026, for their **annual re-organizational meeting**. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and is open to the public.

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk