

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 8, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization met as per adjournment of December 11, 2024, for the annual Reorganizational Meeting and regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated January 2, 2025. Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Board members Jeffrey Arensdorf, Brett Nason and John Bryant were present. Also present were the County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, County Sheriff K.C. Bang, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Road employee Ed Black was also present. The Chairman noted the Public Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf, and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to appoint Brett Nason as McPherson County Board Chairman and Jeff Arensdorf as Vice-Chairman for 2025. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. 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	26,608.38
Ameritas	Retirement	1615.71
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	806.60
At&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	130.92
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	11104.88
Brouillette Troshynski	Court App Atty	412.50
John Bryant	Mileage	167.50
Richard Cook	Mileage	32.16
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	586.68
Judy Dailey	Retirement	48.00
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expenses	172.00
D12 Industries	Tower Repair	1350.00
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies	1033.13
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	632.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	541.06
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	180.90
Holiday Inn Kearney	Convention	624.75
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,966.66
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,901.50
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,204.31
NE Assn of Co. Assessors	Dues	100.00
Ned Clerks of District Court	Dues	50.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	162.50
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt	229.52
Custer Public Power	Printing/Publishing	163.64
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,557.93
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	632.61
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,032.00
Ameritas	Retirement	677.16
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Croell Inc.	Gravel	13,357.79
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	135.00
Fastenal Company	Equipment Repairs	3.79

First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.37
Inland Truck Parts	Equipment Repairs	3,314.81
IRS	County Share SS/Med	841.59
JM Parts and Equipment McPherson Co.	Equipment Repairs	112.62
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Michael Todd Industrial	Signs	617.68
NAPA Auto Parts	Equipment Repairs	287.99
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	3,373.53
Nebraska Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	3,190.77
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	1,709.81
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	94.35

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29
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SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,618.00
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Bryant made a motion to appoint Rich Cook as **McPherson County Weed Superintendent** for 2025, continuing with the current wage of \$14.00 per hour. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION # 2025-1** Appointing Dickinson Land Surveyors of Ogallala, NE, to the position of **McPherson County Surveyor** for 2025. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The 2025 schedule for Road Overseer was set as follows:

Jan-Feb-March – John Bryant **April- May- June** – Brett Nason **July-Aug-Sept** – Jeff Arensdorf **Oct-Nov- Dec** – John Bryant.

Bryant made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2025-2**, McPherson County Road and Labor Prices for the year 2025, adding a cost-of-living increase of 3% for Road Employees with 2 or more Years' experience and no change for Prices Set to Charge. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLUTION #2025-2

MCPHERSON COUNTY ROAD AND LABOR PRICES FOR THE YEAR 2025

PRICES SET TO PAY...WITH BOARD APPROVAL

COUNTY EMPLOYEE	
PERSON, SINGLE HANDED.....	\$18.00 PER HOUR
TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR	\$18.00 PER HOUR
PERSON, SINGLE HANDED	
(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)	\$21.65 PER HOUR
TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR	
(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)	\$21.65 PER HOUR
FARM TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT WITH	
OPERATOR.....	\$90.00 PER HOUR
FARM TRACTOR WITH OPERATOR	
(100 H.P. OR MORE FOR SNOW REMOVAL	\$110.00 PER HOUR

PRICES SET TO CHARGE.... WITH PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL...MINIMUM OF ONE HOUR

PATROL WITH OPERATOR.....	\$200.00 PER HOUR
WHEEL LOADER WITH OPERATOR.....	\$200.00 PER HOUR
JOHN DEERE TRACTOR WITH OPERATOR.....	\$120.00 PER HOUR

(WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT IF HIRED FOR ANY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED PROJECT, THE PRICE WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED BEFORE STARTED.)

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Arensdorf to adopt and approve **Resolution #2025-3** appointing Tom Werblow as **McPherson County Highway Superintendent**, with a total salary of \$9000.00, for the year 2025. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The One-and- Six Year Road Plan Hearing was set for 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. Arensdorf moved to approve the January Road Plan as presented by Bryant. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Roads were discussed with Ed Black. The road department employees have been working on projects in the shop and doing some road maintenance.

Bryant made a motion to excuse Tom Werblow who was absent from the meeting. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to Appoint Tom Werblow, Ed Black and Brett Nason to the 2025 Safety Committee, appointing Brett Nason as Chairman. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Arensdorf seconded by Bryant to adopt and approve **Resolution #2025-4** designating the following **Depositories for McPherson County** in 2025. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant, and Nason. Voting Nay: None: Adams Bank & Trust, First National Bank, Nebraskaland National Bank, Western Nebraska Bank of North Platte, Community First Bank of Stapleton d/b/a Henderson State Bank, Nebraska, The Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust of Lincoln, Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln, NE, Hershey State Bank and Pinnacle Bank.

Bryant moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #2025-5** giving the McPherson County Treasurer the **Authority to Invest Funds** for the year 2025. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf, and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to adopt and approve **Resolution #2025-6** appointing Whitney Schroeder as the **McPherson County Attorney** for the year 2025. The hourly wage being increased to \$13.50 per hour for 100 hours per pay period, plus expenses, with the same insurance benefits which are offered to all full-time McPherson County Employees. Seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to appoint Chris Burch as **Courthouse Custodian** – increasing the wage to \$13.50 per hour for 100 hours per pay period. There are no insurance benefits offered with this position. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to keep the current members on the **Keith County 911 Advisory Board**: John Bryant and Brett Nason, Alternate. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to appoint Jerry Moritz and Kent Fisher to the **McPherson County Planning Commission** for a 3-Year term to expire in 2028. There is a vacancy which will be filled by the board as soon as possible. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to appoint Mike Krull and Dean Seifer to the **Board of Adjustments** with Billie Burch as Alternate. Bryant Seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Appointment to the **Extension Board** was tabled until the February meeting.

Bryant moved to appoint Kevin Starr, Robert Ryland and Tammy Harris to the **Fair Board** for a term of 3-Years to expire in 2028. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A vacancy on the Fair Board from 2024 was tabled until the February meeting.

Bryant made a motion to appoint Jeff Arensdorf as Board Member and Sheila Neal as County Member of the **Sandhills RC&D** for 2025. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to appoint Jeff Arensdorf as representative and Lana Watson as Alternate to the **West Central District Health Department Board** for 2025. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to appoint John Bryant as representative to the **Lexington Area Solid Waste Management Board** and Jeff Arensdorf as Alternate for 2025. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to appoint Brett Nason as Representative to the **West Central Area Aging Board, Region II Behavioral Health Board and Region II Developmental Disabilities Board** for 2025. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to appoint Jeff Arensdorf as Representative and John Bryant as Alternate to the **West Central Development District Board** for 2025. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Chelsey McNutt was named as **Miller Park Caretaker** with a contract amount of \$1320.00 per year. Motion made by Arensdorf, seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf to approve the following appointments in one motion.

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

County Physician – West Central District Health Department in compliance with §71-1626.

Collateral Receipts – Yes

Burial Fees - \$1500.00

Meeting Dates and Times for 2025 – 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM

McPherson County Emergency Manager – K. C. Bang at \$1600.00 per year

McPherson County Zoning Administrator – Kathy Hoberg at \$1800.00 per year

McPherson County Board of Equalization 2025 – Jeff Arensdorf, Chairman and Brett Nason, Vice-Chairman.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Report from the County Clerk.

The commissioners reviewed and approved the 2025 Nirma Insurance Schedule for McPherson County.

The commissioners reviewed the Fund Balance report and 6-month report from the Treasurer.

Arensdorf made a motion to declare the 2008 Ford Expedition, former Law-Enforcement Vehicle, as surplus property to be sold by sealed bids.

Also declared as surplus property was a wooden desk previously used by County Court in the Courtroom. This may be transferred to the county shop or will be sold in the courthouse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on February 12, 2025

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 12, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **January 8, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated February 6, 2025, and at www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov. Chairman Brett Nason called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Board members John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf and Brett Nason were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Sheriff K.C. Bang, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, and road department employee Ed Black. County Attorney, Whitney Schroeder, was present via Zoom. Chairman Nason noted the Open Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

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	Wages	28,024.96
All Star Auto Glass`	Sheriff Vehicle Repair	375.00
Ameritas	Retirement	1711.34
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	806.60
At&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	131.02
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	11104.88
Brouillette Troshynski	Court App Atty	287.50
John Bryant	Mileage	129.50
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	747.72
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expenses	172.00
Datashield	Shredding/Disposal	121.90
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies	99.98
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	32.00
Grease Monkey	Sheriff Vehicle Repair	134.98
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	378.08
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,075.03
Loup Basin RC&D	Weed Dues	200.00
Mid States Org. Crime Info.	Dues	100.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,448.68
NE Assn of Clerks, RD, Elec	Dues	50.00
NE Assn County Treasurers	Dues	75.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	1,404.40
Sandhills RC&D	Dues	100.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	109.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	552.65
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	88.77
Viaero Wireless	Sheriff Phone	121.28
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00
West Central Dist. Assr Assn	Dues	25.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	13,124.00
Ameritas	Retirement	818.38
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Croell Inc.	Gravel	1,050.42
Fastenal Company	Equipment Repairs	3.75
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.51
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,001.63
JM Parts and Equipment	Equipment Repairs	110.08
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Menards	Shop Supplies	99.99
Mills Hardware	Shop Supplies	388.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	4,319.47
Nebraska Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	7.91
NMC	Equipment Repairs	1,079.12
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	197.21
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
T&S Repair	Equipment Repairs	2,217.98
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	276.90
Troyer Enterprises	Shop Supplies	133.65
US Bank	Supplies	156.63
Weathercraft	Building Repair	1,743.75
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29

The Board had previously published a **Notice to Bidders** requesting **sealed bids** for a 2008 Ford Expedition, former Sheriff's patrol vehicle. The board received three sealed bids. **At 9:00 AM** the commissioners opened the bids. The first bid was \$2001.00, the second bid was \$1650.00, and the third bid was \$527.00. Bryant made a motion to accept the bid presented by K. C. Bang for \$2001.00. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board tabled appointments to the Fair Board, Extension Board, and West Central District Health Department until March.

At 10:00 AM, a **One-and Six-Year Hearing** was held. The meeting had been posted seven (7) days prior at three locations in Tryon, McPherson County, Nebraska. Tom Werblow presented each board member with a copy of the One-and Six -Year Road Plan. Werblow explained each page of the plan which describes each project within the county. There were no members of the public present to offer input. Bryant moved to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2025-7** Adopting the 2024-2025 One-and Six-Year Road Improvement Program. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. A copy of the One- & Six-Year Road Plan is kept on file in the McPherson County Clerk's Office.

Ed Black reported that the road department has been working on road prep for a planned project on Prairie Trace Road. Ed also reported on maintenance and repairs which have been completed on road equipment. Nason made a motion to approve the February Road Plan as presented by Bryant. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The Commissioners discussed a new cost estimate for crushed concrete, received from Simon Construction. Tom Werblow did a price comparison, and it was decided that crushed concrete will be purchased from Simon Construction.

The board discussed the need for a new loader bucket for the Case IH Farmall 120 A Tractor. The board gave approval for a representative of the county to purchase a bucket via auction, price not to exceed \$2500.00.

Tom Werblow informed the commissioners that we will be receiving our last grant check from the Hanich Trust this year. Tom Werblow will apply for another grant this Fall.

Tom Werblow also told the board that he had inquired with the Nebraska Infrastructure HUB Website about a possible grant for McPherson County. Response from the organization indicated that there is nothing currently available which fulfills the needs of McPherson County.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kathy Hoberg, K.C. Bang, and Ed Black. Tom Werblow gave flyers and information about *Shop Safety at Work and Home*.

The board received and reviewed the Fund Balance Reports from the Treasurer.

The board signed the 4th Quarter (2024) Fee Report from the Sheriff.

The board received a price quote from Level LLC for concrete work needed in front of the courthouse. They also received a quote from The Glass Doctor of Central Nebraska for ADA Compliant Doors at the courthouse entrance. They are waiting for a quote from Larry's Glass for the doors. These projects will be submitted for a possible grant through The Childers Funds at Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation.

Those still needing to file the Statement of Financial Interests with the Secretary of State were reminded that March 1st is the deadline for filing.

The officials were informed that there will be a West Central District meeting held in Ogallala on March 27th at 9:00 AM, MT. Those planning to attend are Brett Nason, K.C. Bang, Kerri Kramer and Kathy Hoberg.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on March 12, 2025.

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 12, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of February 12, 2025, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated March 6, 2025. The Meeting Agenda having been posted in the courthouse and on the county website at www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Vice-Chairman Arensdorf who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the court room. Members John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Bryant moved to excuse Commissioner Brett Nason, who was absent due to family vacation, and Tom Werblow who was absent due to illness. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Those present were, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, road employee Ed Black, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

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Central Plains Valuation	Appraiser Fees	1430.00
Richard Cook	Weed Expenses	434.60
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	768.48
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expenses	194.00
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	626.33
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.41
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Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	56.00
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,965.98
Chelsey McNutt	Park Contract	330.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,104.22
NE Assn County Officials	Workshop	100.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	583.80
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Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	181.87
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	345.70
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	10,526.00
Ameritas	Retirement	643.01
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Croell Inc.	Gravel	2,813.55
Croell Inc.	Asphalt	1,210.75
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	516.00
Galaway Dield Repair	Equipment Repairs	1,487.50
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.51

IRS	County Share SS/Med	802.88
JM Parts and Equipment McPherson Co.	Equipment Repairs	51.78
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	2,432.97
Nebraska Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	443.26
NMC	Equipment Repairs	936.55
RS Hydraulic Solutions	Equipment Repairs	220.28
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	14.77
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29
Arlan Paxton	Fair Expenses	338.50

Mike Broomfield and Tyler Brown with Colonial Life were present and addressed the board about a new Group Term Life policy which is available to McPherson County employees.

The policy includes a \$10,000.00 Guarantee Issue Term Life policy for employees who work 17 hours or more per week, at the cost of \$2.00 per employee, which would be paid by the county. Bryant made a motion to enter the program with Colonial Life. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Ed Black was present and reported that the road department has been hauling rock and maintaining roads in the county.

The need for a loader bucket was discussed. An attempt to purchase a bucket at an online auction was unsuccessful. Bryant moved to purchase a new bucket from Titan Machinery, if the amount does not exceed the threshold requiring bids. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to approve the March Road Plan as presented by Bryant.

Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners and county attorney discussed Right of Way Easements required for roadwork in the county. The county may change the process to include an agreement between parties, rather than an Easement.

The board received a Fund Balance Report from the Treasurer.

Prior to this meeting, the commissioners were notified telephonically by Sheriff K.C. Bang that he has accepted the position of Dundy County Sheriff, and intends to resign his position in McPherson County, effective March 31, 2025. The board has instructed Sheriff Bang to submit an official written resignation stating his intent.

The county attorney and county clerk will immediately advertise the vacancy, requesting applications and resumes which will be reviewed at the next board meeting on April 9, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM. The Board will meet again at 9:00 AM on April 9, 2024, for their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Vice- Chairman

Publish: March 20, 2025

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 9, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of March 12, 2025, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated April 3, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the Deputy Tom Burch, Road Worker Ed Black, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Chairman Nason noted the Open Meetings Act which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Nason 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
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Ameritas	Retirement	1233.44
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Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,628.22
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	115.50
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,901.50
Lindemeier Law Office	Court App Atty	137.50
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,240.22
Brett Nason	Mileage	85.40
NE Assn County Officials	Board/Clerk Workshop	225.00
NE State Patrol	Computer Expenses	112.50
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	184.24
Platte Valley Comm	Siren	1,084.95
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Support	234.20
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Ameritas	Retirement	645.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
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Croell Inc.	Gravel	32,050.87
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Fessler Tire Co	Equipment Repairs	754.13

First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
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JM Parts and Equipment McPherson Co.	Equipment Repairs	32.96
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	4,284.79
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	224.74
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	4,066.66
US Bank	Supplies	221.73
FAIR		
Dry Creek Western Wear	Fair Expenses	392.00
Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29

There was a discussion concerning the use of the dumpsters in Ringgold. Nason made a motion to instruct the clerk to publish a Public Notice reminding the public of the items which are prohibited from being placed in the county dumpsters. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. This list includes dumpsters in Tryon and Ringgold. There are no current rules or regulations concerning the frequency of dumping items, but the public is asked to be mindful of the way items are placed in the dumpsters. Items extending out of the dumpsters may cause damage to the truck or the dumpster when being dumped. Items placed beside the dumpsters will not be picked up.

At 9:15 AM Greg Mooney from Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), visited with the board about *Medicare Guidance for County Employees and Communities*. NACO has partnered with licensed insurance agents at Pro Insurance Resources to offer Medicare guidance and resources to county employees and community members. There will be open meetings held quarterly in Ogallala. The district representative from NACO would also be willing to come to the county or receive calls if needed. If you are nearing retirement, or considering Medicare options, contact the county clerk for more information.

At 9:30 AM Audrey Worthing from Congressman Adrian Smith's office visited with the Commissioners. She gave information about their website including information about the Youth Advisory Council for High School Students, Military Academy applications and opportunities for Internships. For more information, visit their website at adriansmith.house.gov. She was available in the courthouse for anyone who wanted to visit with her until 10:45 AM.

The board discussed roads with Ed Black. The road crew has been hauling rock and crushed concrete and maintaining roads throughout the county. They have prepared the Prairie Trace Road for the pulverization project to be completed by Level LLC.

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

The commissioners acknowledged receipt of a \$100,000.00 check from Adams Bank & Trust, Robert F. Hanich Charitable Trust Grant. This is the final payment for the McPherson County Soddy Road Safety Improvement Project. The commissioners voiced their appreciation and gratitude to Adams Bank & Trust for the grant. The Soddy Road Project is much needed, and the grant greatly benefits McPherson County.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting Held. Those present were, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, Whitney Schroeder, Kathy Hoberg and Ed Black. Werblow gave a flyer and information about *Protecting the Public and Safer Work Zones*.

Arensdorf moved to accept the formal resignation letter from K.C. Bang which was received after the March 12th meeting. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

At 10:00 AM Nason made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into closed session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the position of McPherson County Sheriff, in accordance with §84-1410(d) when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting. As part of the motion, Nason requested that the County Attorney, County Clerk and Chief Deputy be retained in the room.

Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. The closed session concluded at 11:00 AM and the board resumed the regular meeting. Bryant made a motion to offer the position of McPherson County Sheriff to Lawrence Stump from Broken Bow, Nebraska. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The Commissioners were informed that the Board of Equalization Workshop and the Board of Commissioners Workshop will be held in Kearney on June 4-5, 2025. John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf will attend both workshops.

There was discussion about hiring a new auditor for the county, as Don Wilson will not continue in that capacity following the 2025 Spring audit. Due to Don's retirement and the State Auditor's office ceasing to conduct county audits, there is high demand for those willing to do our audits. McPherson County received a Proposal of Services from Contryman Associates, P.C., with a fee range of \$14,000.00 to \$18,000.00. Bryant made a motion to accept the proposal. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:25 AM. They will meet again at 9:00 AM, on May 14, 2025, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
May 14, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **April 9, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated May 8, 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 County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg and Road Worker Ed Black. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. 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	28,357.15
Ace Hardware	Supplies	27.98
Ameritas	Retirement	1666.26
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	2239.60
At&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	131.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8328.66
John Bryant	Mileage	129.5
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	122.53
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	621.43
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expenses	388.00
Datashield	Shredding	122.00
Eakes Office Plus	Maintenance Agreement	99.98
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	97.74
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.55
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Gworks	GIS Costs	5000.00
Hebbert Ranch	Towing Fees	300.00
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	42.70
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,100.46
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	86.80
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,104.22
NACO	Workshop	300.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	93.81
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	109.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	417.48
Sunset Law Enforcement	Supplies	328.99
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	320.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	1,144.52
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	13,990.00
Ameritas	Retirement	876.84
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2766.04
Croell Inc.	Gravel	24,718.22
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
Floyds Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	323.40
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.61
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,067.88

JM Parts and Equipment	Equipment Repairs	421.41
Level LLC	Asphalt Pulverization	55,000.00
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	8,634.34
NMC Exchange	Equipment Repairs	277.54
Paulsen Inc	Concrete	2,394.50
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	5,862.33
RS Hydraulic Solutions	Equipment Repairs	105.19
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
US Bank	Supplies	20.98

FAIR

Custer Public Power	Fair Lights	520.45
Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29

At 9:15 AM, the board met with Meghan Trevino from the West Central District Health Department. Each Commissioner was given a packet containing information about Public Health Programs and Services available from the department.

There were no members of the public who wished to address the board during the public comment section of the meeting.

John Bryant made a motion to appoint Lawrence Stump as McPherson County Emergency Manager. This position was vacated by K.C. Bang and the wage is currently \$1600.00 per year. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to appoint Arlan Paxton to the Planning Board. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Berva Arensdorf submitted a letter of resignation from the West Central Health Department Board. The commissioners acknowledged and accepted the letter and voiced their appreciation for Berva's service. This vacancy, a vacancy on the Fair Board and two vacancies on the Extension Board were tabled until the June Commissioner's meeting.

The board discussed roads with Ed Black. The road department has been repairing and maintaining roads. Ed informed the board that the large flat bed trailer needs to be replaced.

Nathan Kramer was present and addressed the board about repairs and maintenance needed on Fowler Drive. The matter was discussed, and a decision will be made after some research by the board and Highway Superintendent.

Arensdorf moved to approve the May Road Plan as presented by Nason. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Members present were John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Schroeder, Tom Werblow, Ed Black, Kerri Kramer and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow presented information and gave flyers about Understanding Material Safety Data Sheets.

The board reviewed the Fund Balance Reports from the Treasurer.

The Assessor presented the board with the 2025 Reports and Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator. McPherson County's Level of Value for 2024 is 100% for Residential and Commercial, and 75% for Agriculture. The Quality of Assessment meets generally accepted mass appraisal techniques and there were no recommendations made by the administrator.

The Board reviewed an appraisal contract with Central Plains Valuation presented by the Assessor. There will be a Residential re-appraisal with updated Marshall & Swift coding and depreciation tables implemented in 2026. The proposed contract fees will be \$17,700.00. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the contract. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The 2025 rates for Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance were reviewed. McPherson County's rates for health insurance will increase by 0.6%. Dental insurance rates, which are paid 100% by the employee, will not increase. Bryant made a motion to maintain the current insurance plan, with an increase in minimum hours required for an employee to qualify for the insurance. The minimum number of hours to qualify for insurance coverage, to be set by resolution at the June meeting, will increase from 20 hours per week to 32 hours per week. This will be added to the McPherson County Personnel System. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board received, reviewed and signed the Management Representation Letter for the June 30, 2024, audit conducted by Donald D. Wilson, CPA.

The commissioners reviewed an Acquisition Contract from Nebraska DOT granting a temporary easement to a tract of land located in the NW ¼ of Section 16-18-31, McPherson County, Nebraska, for drive construction purposes located on the Southerly Highway 97 right of way line. The Easement Area may be used for the temporary relocation of utilities during the construction of the project. Upon completion and acceptance of Project 97-3(107), all rights, interest, and use of the above-described temporary easement area shall be returned to the county with the aforesaid changes completed. The state agrees to purchase the right of way and/or easement for a payment of \$100.00. Motion by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf to sign the contract. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: Nason.

The contract was signed by Chairman Nason.

The board discussed public use of the County Fair Arena. The County Attorney will contact the county insurance provider (NiRMA) for further guidance on the subject.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

The next regular Board of Commissioner's meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025**.

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

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 11, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **May 14, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated June 5, 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 County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, Road Workers Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. Bryant moved 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	Wages	28,080.75
Ameritas	Retirement	1647.61
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	865.43
Jeff Arensdorf	Mileage	190.40
At&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	131.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8375.43
Brouillette Troshynski		600.00
Kingston	Court App Atty	
Richard Cook	Mileage	242.20
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	693.16
Eakes Office Plus	Maintenance Agreement	114.45
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	363.30
First National Bank	Safe Deposit Box	235.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.55
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Heartland Sprinkler System	Grounds Supplies	325.30
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	203.00
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	138.16
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,073.14
Keith County Comm	Emergency Tower Expenses	10,874.85
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	123.20
Level LLC	Concrete Work	8,000.00
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,901.50
Lindemeier Law Office	Court App Atty	612.50
Chelsey McNutt	Park Contract	330.00
Menards	Janitorial Supplies	7.96
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,104.22
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	204.42
NiRMA	Insurance	14,143.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Support	109.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	205.91
Stryker Sales LLC	Supplies	300.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	1,463.92
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00
Donald D Wilson	Audit Costs	6,238.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,521.90
Ameritas	Retirement	710.23
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2781.58
Croell Inc.	Gravel	16,707.71
Fessler Tire Company	Equipment Repairs	1,239.95

First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	16.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.61
IRS	County Share SS/Med	879.06
JM Parts and Equipment	Equipment Repairs	503.88
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,515.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	4,575.70
NiRMA	Insurance	17,778.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Troyer Enterprises	Equipment Repairs	823.72
US Bank	Supplies	43.02

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	41.29
Sandhill Catering LLC	Fair Expenses	1,000.00

LAW ENF OPERATING

US Bank	Supplies	866.53
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Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2025-8** Increasing the weekly hour requirement for health insurance eligibility from 20 hours to 32 hours.

Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2025-9** Approving an Agreement with the State of Nebraska DOT, to proceed with construction of Project No. STP-92(113) Control No. 61675, directing and authorizing the County Board to sign the agreement on behalf of McPherson County. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: Nason.

The commissioners reviewed and discussed a proposed Permit for Use of Facilities of McPherson County, concerning the use of the 4H-Fair Arena. Jennifer Hill addressed the board about allowing students to use the arena for practice. There will be more discussion on the issue at the July Commissioner’s meeting. The board will ask representatives from the Fair Board, Tryon Roping Club and Logan/McPherson High School Rodeo Club, to be present to add input on the matter.

At 10:30 AM There were no Valuation Protests filed and no members of the public present to address the board of Equalization.

Bryant moved to re-appoint Wiley Fisher to the Veteran’s Service Board, term to expire 2030. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve renewal of the Veteran’s Service Interlocal Agreement between Logan County and McPherson County with a consideration amount of \$1700.00 for F/Y 2025-2026. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint Kendra Nason to the McPherson County Extension Board, term expiring 2027. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The remaining vacancy on the Extension Board, Fair Board vacancy, and member of the West Central Health Department Board will be addressed at the July Commissioner’s Meeting.

Roads were discussed with Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. Equipment repairs and contract hauling by Level LLC were discussed and approved.

Nathan Kramer submitted a request for vacation of Fowler Drive. A resolution instructing the Highway Superintendent to conduct a traffic study on the road will be presented to the board at the July Commissioner’s meeting.

Purchase of a Sod Buster Attachment will be on the July meeting agenda.

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

At 10:40 AM, Aflac representative, Madison Cogdill, was present and met with the commissioners, giving information about Aflac Insurance Services. Madison also met with each employee concerning renewal of their plans. All Aflac enrollment is voluntary and paid 100% by the employee.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kerri Kramer, Kathy Hoberg, Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. Tom Werblow gave information and flyers about *Material Safety Data Sheets and Hazardous Materials Identification System*.

Kerri Kramer reported that McPherson County has been awarded a Betterment Grant from the Bob & Susan Childers Funds at Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, in the amount of \$25,000.00. The funds will be used for needed courthouse repairs and upgrades. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the following bids: The Glass Doctor, \$2436.27 for conversion of front doors to meet ADA Compliance. K&S Electric Co., \$2325.00 for electricity -ADA Compliance doors. Jim Carlson Drywall LLC, \$1550.00 for drywall repair in the courthouse. Tracy Jackson, \$5800.00 – labor and materials for painting in the courthouse. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Level LLC recently completed sidewalk replacement and expansion of the handicap parking space in front of the courthouse, for an amount of \$8,000.00, which was paid for with the Childers Grant funds.

The board reviewed and signed the 3-Year Plan of Assessment presented by the County Assessor, Kathy Hoberg. Included in the plan is a Residential Reappraisal to be conducted in 2026. This will include updating the costing manual and depreciation tables.

Arensdorf made a motion to designate CSG as the printer of the Joint Public Hearing cards for McPherson County if needed. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board received and reviewed the Annual Audit Report for June 30, 2024. **The audit report has been completed and is on file in the office of the County Clerk.**

An Understanding of Services letter from Contryman Associates PC was reviewed. Contryman Associates PC will be conducting the McPherson County Audit for June 2025, 2026, and 2027. Bryant made a motion to have the Board Chairman, County Clerk and County Treasurer sign the letter. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed the Billing Statement for NIRMA/NIRMA II County insurance. The Total Annual Contribution amount for 2025-2026 will be \$31,921. This represents a 4.94 percent increase from last year. Arensdorf moved to continue insurance coverage through NIRMA with no change to deductible amounts. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to approve the 2025/2026 Region II billing assessment for McPherson County in the amount of \$862.00. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to approve the Bridge of Hope requested support amount of \$500.00 for 2025-2026. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

The next regular Board of Commissioner's meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on **July 9, 2025**. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

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 Kingston		287.50
Colonial Life	Court App Atty 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

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

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

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of the Budget Hearing which was held beginning at 9:15 AM and adjourned at 9:30 AM on this date.

Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated September 11, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Vice - Chairman Arensdorf at 9:35 AM. Arensdorf noted the Open Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Brett Nason was absent due to illness. Also present were the County Treasurer Kerri Kramer and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg.

The minutes of the September board meeting, held on September 10, 2025, were approved at a hearing held at 9:00 AM on this date.

Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt the 2025-2026 McPherson County Budget and Set the Final Tax Request. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt **Resolution # 2025-17 Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations.** Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #2025-18 Property Tax Request,** which will cause the tax rate to be **.240194**, which is different than the 2024-2025 rate of **.242605** per \$100 of assessed value.

Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the McPherson County Board of Commissioners will increase compared to last year's operating budget by **7.18%**.

Vice -Chairman Arensdorf adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM. The board will meet again on October 8, 2025, at 9:00 AM for their regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

ATTEST: _____
McPherson County Clerk

McPherson County Board Chairman

**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 Kreuzscher	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

COVID - ARPA

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	
GENERAL FUND	0.139260
ROAD FUND	0.100419
FAIR FUND	0.000378
FAIR BUILDING	0.000137
TOTAL	0.240194

MCPHERSON COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	
GENERAL FUND	0.004471
SINKING FUND	0.001361
TOTAL	0.005832
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

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 12, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **October 8, 2025**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated November 6, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Board 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 Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, road worker Ed Black, Sheriff Lawrence Stump, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder and the County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board 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	28,369.24
Ameritas	Retirement	1667.08
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	707.20
AT&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	171.24
Benchmark Gov't Solutions	Training Expenses	22.90
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8375.43
John Bryant	Mileage	129.50
Colonial Life	Insurance	18.00
Comfort Inn Kearney	Election Conference	220.00
Richard Cook	Weed Mileage	233.10
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Sheriff Conference	899.70
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	559.71
Das ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	194.00
Derksen Portable Buildings	Park Building	5139.50
D12 Industries	Generator Inspection	1350.00
Eakes Office Plus	Equipment/Supplies	65.35
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	365.86
First National Bank of Omaha	Safe Deposit Box	75.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	447.07
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Heartland Sprinkler System	Grounds Maintenance	95.00
Kathy Hoberg	Mileage	155.40
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	276.32
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,097.54
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	2,016.56
Menards	Supplies	416.94
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	2,225.25
NACO	Convention/Dues	1,998.66
NE Sheriff's Assn	Dues	205.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	144.24
Ringgold Auto Body	Vehicle Repair	1,145.00
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	217.84
Lawrence Stump	Mileage	186.20
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,683.93
Trugreen	Grounds Maintenance	279.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	142.34
Verizon	Co Court Phone	40.11
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Salaries/Wages	13,990.00
Ameritas	Retirement	876.84
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2781.58
John Bryant	Supplies	274.82
Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00
Croell Inc.	Gravel	21,485.02
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	30.00
Floyds Truck Center-NP	Equipment Repairs	463.63
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	163.21
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,067.89
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,791.40
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Equipment Repairs	1,769.79
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	5,949.39
NMC Exchange	Equipment Repairs	187.68
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	763.10
Southwest Farm & Auto	Equipment Repairs	34.73
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	377.95
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	85.46

Rich Cook was present and presented the board with a Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs and McPherson County. Bryant made a motion to sign the Memorandum. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf, and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Rich Cook also gave the board a report on the recent Weed office evaluation for McPherson County. Arensdorf made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2025-22** Directing Tom Werblow to conduct an engineering study on proposed vacation of abandoned county roads. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to receive and accept a letter containing the engineering study on proposed vacation of abandoned county roads presented by Tom Werblow. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2025-23** Setting the date, place and time for a public hearing on the proposed vacation of abandoned county roads. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. The Public Hearing will be held on December 10, 2025, at 9:30 AM, in the McPherson County Courthouse. Arensdorf moved to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2025-24** authorizing Chairman Nason to sign the 2025 Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Arensdorf made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2025-25** setting a 12-month Moratorium on Crypto- Mining Operations in McPherson County. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Logan Hill was present and discussed a request for road work on Fiechtner Drive. Mr. Hill will complete the written request, and the project will be added to the road plan upon approval by the board. Arensdorf made a motion to appoint Lawrence Stump to the West Central District Health Department Board. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Appointments to the Fair Board and Board of Adjustment were tabled until the December meeting.

Ed Black reported that the road crew has been patching asphalt and repairing roads in the county. Bryant made a motion to add roadwork needed on Bullington Drive to the road plan. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: Nason. Nason moved to approve the Road Plan as presented by Bryant. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board signed the Third Quarter Fee Reports which were presented by the Sheriff and the Clerk.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Those present were Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Ed Black, Lawrence Stump, Kerri Kramer and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and a presentation titled *All-Terrain Vehicle Safety*.

Arensdorf made a motion to declare the small courthouse snowblower surplus property to be sold. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners began reviewing the 2027-2030 Elected Official Salary Study which was conducted by NACO. The study and resolution setting salaries will be discussed at the December meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

The commissioners will meet again on **December 10, 2025**, at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman

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