

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 8, 2026

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of March 11, 2026, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated April 2, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chairman Bryant. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the Sheriff Lawrence Stump, Road Worker Ed Black, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Chairman Bryant noted the Open Meetings Act which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Nason moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. The commissioners reviewed the Fund Balance Report from the Treasurer. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Salary and Wages	28238.06
Ameritas	Retirement	1659.89
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	742.20
AT&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	172.84
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8375.43
Colonial Life	Insurance	18.00
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	737.34
DAS Accounting	Computer Expense	194.00
Datashield	Shredding	122.00
Eakes Office Plus	Maintenance Agreement	349.74
Election Systems & Software	Election Supplies	1096.44
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	662.31
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	456.53
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	97.31
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	147.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,087.51
J&B Guns	Law Enforcement	75.00
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	119.63
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,311.43
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Vehicle Repair	745.43
NACO	Workshop	25.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	301.49
Nebraska State Patrol	Computer Expense	554.00
Sandhills Area Sheriff Assn	Dues	150.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt	238.10
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	774.01
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	1,260.40
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	911.59
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,610.48
Westfield Pharmacy	Prisoner Expense	92.79
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Salary and Wages	11147.20
Ameritas	Retirement	684.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2781.58

Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00
Croell Inc.	Gravel	23,216.73
Croell Inc.	Asphalt	1,970.55
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	30.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.87
IRS	County Share SS/Med	850.41
JM Parts amd Equipment	Equipment Repairs	26.12
Level LLC	Autogate Sills	1,000.00
Logan County Treasurer	Culverts	1,007.20
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimburse Funds	3,444.97
Michael Todd Industrial	Signs	100.78
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	5,842.60
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	715.07
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	84.30
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
FAIR		
Custer Public Power	Lights	494.21
Ideal Linen	Supplies	44.17
Covid-ARPA		
Al's Lock & Safe	Security Cameras	5,774.58

The board discussed roads with Ed Black. A project on Waits Road has been completed and will be removed from the Road Plan.

Jordan Gardner with Murphy Tractor & Equipment presented the board with a Quote for purchase of a used John Deere 770G Motor Grader. Purchase price of the grader is \$65,000.00. The quote includes a trade in allowance of \$30,000.00 for the 1987 Caterpillar 140g Motor Grader. Final purchase price of the Grader is \$35,000.00.

Nason moved to accept the quote and purchase the John Deere 770G Motor Grader with trade in of the 1987 Caterpillar 140g. The purchase price of the grader will be \$35,000.00 to be paid from the Inheritance Fund with a 3-year re-payment plan from the Road Fund. The board authorized the County Attorney to e-sign the purchase agreement on behalf of McPherson County. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to adopt and sign RESOLUTION # 2026-10 Purchase of Motor Grader using the Inheritance Fund with repayment from the Road Fund. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Kenny and Joann Rundback were present and addressed the board concerning a project planned for Tupper Drive. The commissioners received a Road Work Request for work needed on the road and the county has received a signed Agreement for Right-of- Way Easement for Roads. The board agreed to postpone the project and give an attorney working on behalf of the Rundbacks the opportunity to contact the County Attorney.

Arlen Connell was present and addressed the board about moving some dirt off his road. The Road department will review the road and move what is needed.

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

There was a Safety Committee Meeting Held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, Whitney Schroeder, Kerri Kramer, Kathy Hoberg, Kasey Dailey and Ed Black. Werblow gave a flyer and information about *Motor Grader and Front-End Loader Safety*.

Kerri Kramer met with the board about a possible program being introduced to obtain Starlink systems in County emergency vehicles. She will give more information as it becomes available.

The board approved a Tax List Correction of \$64.59, on parcel #600044081, for taxes due after an audit conducted by the State of Nebraska on 2022 Homestead Exemptions.

Kathy Hoberg gave an update to the commissioners about new 911 addresses for 25 Bull Drive and 55 Bull Drive.

The commissioners reviewed a contract for appraisal with Central Plains Valuation. The bid is for rural revaluation of 187 parcels. The assessor is negotiating a 2-year payment plan. Year one will be \$24,480, which is 60% of the bid price. Year two will be \$16,320, the remaining balance of the bid. Arensdorf made a motion to accept the bid and approve the contract with Central Plains Valuation. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed and signed the first quarter fee reports from the Clerk and Sheriff. The board reviewed a bid from Mowrey Renovations presented by the Sheriff for an evidence room on courthouse grounds. The estimate is for \$3200.00 and includes materials and construction of a 12 x 12 evidence room, including shelves and a door. Nason moved to approve the bid. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to approve a proposal from Pye-Barker Fire and Safety for replacement of a fire extinguisher in the Maintenance Shop. The total amount of the proposal is \$270.00. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:40 AM. They will meet again at 9:00 AM on May 13, 2026, 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

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board Chairman