

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
May 13, 2026

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **April 8, 2026**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated May 7, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Bryant, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer, 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 and Bryant. 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 and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. Brett Nason joined the meeting.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Salary and Wages	30252.81
Ameritas	Retirement	1795.89
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	742.20
AT&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	172.68
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8375.43
John Bryant	Mileage	134.13
Colonial Life	Insurance	18.00
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	129.18
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	742.65
DAS Accounting	Computer Expense	194.00
Dept of Correctional Svcs	Prisoner Safekeeping	5355.00
Eakes Office Plus	Maintenance Agreement	65.79
Election Systems & Software	Election Supplies	1757.36
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	427.69
Grease Monkey	Vehicle Repair	170.96
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.87
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Gworks	GIS Website	5000.00
Heartland Sprinkler Systems	Grounds Supplies	168.33
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	31.18
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	147.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,241.65
Keith County Comm	Tower/Electricity	10,835.39
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	6,049.68
Chelsey McNutt	Park Supplies	75.25
Menards	Supplies/Expenses	257.58
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,311.43
Kevin Mowrey	Evidence Room	3,200.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Sheriff Vehicle Repair	1,760.86
NACO	Workshop	300.00
NE Weed Control Assn	Dues	50.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	714.24
Pathology Services	Prisoner Care	57.70
Pye-Barker Fire Safety	Fire Extenguisher	90.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	113.10
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	1,508.30
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	329.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	1,024.22
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,000.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Salary and Wages	13684.00
Ameritas	Retirement	856.18
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2781.58
Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00
Croell Inc.	Gravel	15,251.67
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	30.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.87
Husker Steel	Culverts	2,535.00
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,044.48
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimburse Funds	4,417.19
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Equipment Repairs	300.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	6,622.73
Platte Valley Comm	Radio Equipment	263.59
Precise Family Care	DOT Testing	75.00
Pye-Barker Fire Safety	Safety Supplies	360.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	439.05
Troyer Enterprises	Shop Supplies	26.37
US Bank	Shop Supplies	175.11
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	44.17
INHERITANCE		
Murphy Tractor & Equipment	Motor Grader	35,000.00

At 9:15 AM, the board met with Meghan Trevino from the West Central District Health Department. Each Commissioner was given a flyer containing information about The Cardiovascular Health Learning Collaborative. Nason made a motion to approve and sign an Agreement allowing West Central District Health Department to place a Community Blood Pressure Monitoring Hub in the McPherson County Courthouse. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. There were no members of the public who wished to address the board during the public comment section of the meeting.

The board reviewed an application for variance on Part of Block 33 Lots 16-20 & part of the vacated alley, Tryon NE. (The Lodge), which had been submitted to the McPherson County Board of Adjustment. The Board of Adjustment reviewed the application and held a public hearing on April 30, 2026. The Board of Adjustment recommended approval of the application. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the application. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board discussed roads with Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. The road department has been repairing, maintaining, and patching roads. There was discussion about beginning projects on Cemetery, Ringgold and Soddy Roads. Robert Watson and Luke Franzen will be on the June agenda to provide details and scheduling of these projects.

Bryant moved to approve the May Road Plan presented by Arensdorf, removing the Hasenauer Road project which has been completed. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

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

The Assessor presented the board with the 2026 Reports and Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator. McPherson County's Level of Value for 2026 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 2026 rates for Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance were reviewed. McPherson County's rates for health insurance will increase 4.68%. Dental insurance rates, which are paid 100% by the employee, will not increase. Arensdorf made a motion to maintain the current insurance plan. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Arendsdorf made a motion to approve and accept an estimate from Mowrey Renovations for building shelves in the garage. The estimate is \$700.00. The description of work is to build three 16 ft. x 2 ft. shelves. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arendsdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board received, reviewed and signed the Management Representation Letter for the June 30, 2025, audit conducted by Contryman Associates, P.C.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

The next regular Board of Commissioner's meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board Chairman