

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 10, 2026

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **May 13, 2026**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise issue dated June 4, 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, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg and Road Worker Ed Black. County Attorney Whitney Schroeder was going to be late due to traffic accidents. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The Commissioners reviewed the Fund Balance Reports from the Treasurer.

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

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Salary and Wages	28647.43
Ace Hardware	Office Supplies	29.95
Ameritas	Retirement	1668.62
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	742.20
Berva Arensdorf	Election Board	318.35
Jeff Arensdorf	Mileage	197.20
AT&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	172.68
Sandra Black	Election Board	60.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8767.44
Colonial Life	Insurance	18.00
Contryman Associates	Audit	16000.00
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	711.70
Dept of Correctional Svcs	Prisoner Safekeeping	2710.50
Brenda Dowhower	Election Board	331.90
Eakes Office Plus	Maintenance Agreement	127.99
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	45.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.87
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	152.99
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,118.83
Rhonda R. Kemp	Election Board	300.00
Karen Licking	Election Board	300.00
Chelsey McNutt	Park Contract	355.00
Menards	Supplies/Expenses	23.98
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,311.43
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Sheriff Vehicle Repair	1,173.62
NACO	Workshop	125.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	452.20
NIRMA	County Insurance	15,180.00
Toni Powers	Election Board	45.00
Region 26 Council	Consultant Agreement	497.00
Pamela Schmidt	Election Board	292.25
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	113.10
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	193.29
Sunset Law Enforcement	Supplies/Expenses	826.26
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	329.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	994.16
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,631.86
Wastequip	Roll Off	1,026.87

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Salary and Wages	11147.20
Ameritas	Retirement	684.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2911.76
Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00
Croell Inc.	Gravel	17,430.34
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	30.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.87
Inland Truck Parts	Equipment Repairs	6,589.78
IRS	County Share SS/Med	850.41
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimburse Funds	4,417.19
Medical Enterprises	Drug Test	36.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	7,511.45
NIRMA	County Insurance	18,269.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Troyer Enterprises	Equipment Repairs	1,793.33

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Ideal Linen	Supplies	45.71
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Wastequip	Roll Off	8,152.13
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At 9:15 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.

Whitney Schroeder arrived at the meeting.

There was discussion about patching asphalt on Soddy Road.

Nason made a motion to hire Luke Franzen, including a five-man crew and dump trailer for 5 days. The proposed cost is \$3,000.00 per day. The county will provide Asphalt and skid steer rental. The total cost of the job not to exceed \$45,000.00.

Arendsdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Arendsdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

At 10:00 AM Nason made a motion to pause the Commissioner's meeting and continue as Board of Equalization. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arendsdorf.

Voting Nay: None. Chairman Arendsdorf called the meeting to order.

There were no protests filed and there were no members of the public present to address the board.

At 10:15 AM Bryant moved to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting and resume the Commissioner's meeting. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arendsdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Robert Watson was present and discussed pulverization of cemetery road with the commissioners. The details will be decided at the July meeting.

Nason made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2026-11** Imposing a twelve month Moratorium on the acceptance of applications for wind energy systems, solar energy systems, battery energy storage systems, cryptocurrency-mining operations, data centers, artificial intelligence facilities, carbon dioxide capture, transport and sequestration facilities, high -voltage electric transmission infrastructure, and other utility-scale or specialized technology facilities: superseding resolutions #2025-19, #2025-21, and #2025-25; and reserving to the McPherson County, Nebraska Board the exclusive authority to extend said Moratorium.

Arendsdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Arendsdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Ed Black reported to the board that the road crew has been repairing roads and fixing holes.

There was discussion with County Attorney Schroeder about the easement and request for roadwork on Tupper Drive. The matter will be revisited at the July meeting.

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

There was a Safety Committee meeting held. Those present were Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Ed Black, Kathy Hoberg and Whitney Schroeder.

Werblow gave flyers and information about *Machine Safety and Tire Failure*.

Nason made a motion to sign the 3-Year Plan of Assessment presented by the County Assessor. Included in the plan is a re-appraisal of rural residential and outbuildings, to be conducted in 2026 and 2027. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. The plan will be sent to the department of revenue.

Arensdorf moved to designate CSG as the printer for the Joint Public Hearing postcard, if it is necessary, for McPherson County. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board received and reviewed the Annual Audit Report for June 30, 2025. **The audit report has been completed and is on file in the office of the County Clerk.**

The board reviewed the Billing Statement for NIRMA/NIRMA II County insurance. The Total Annual Contribution amount for 2026-2027 will be \$33,449. This represents a 4.79 percent increase from last year. Nason moved to continue insurance coverage through NIRMA with no change to deductible amounts. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board received and reviewed the FY 2026/2027 Region II billing assessment for McPherson County. The county's share will be \$878.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

The next regular Board of Commissioner's meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on July 8, 2026.

This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

