

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

JULY 8, 2026

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **June 10, 2026**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in *The Stapleton Enterprise*; issue dated July 2, 2026. 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 Bryant 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, Sheriff Lawrence Stump, 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. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners reviewed several reports from the Treasurer, including the Fund Balance Listing for 6/30/2026, the Fund Balance Six-Month Accumulated Report, and the Fund Balance 12 Month Accumulated Report.

The board had published a Notice to Bidders, stating their intent to purchase and request for informal bids, for a Pickup 10 years old or newer. There were no informal bids submitted.

Nason moved to purchase a 2016 Ford F350 Crew Cab from Joe’s Motor Company in Hazard, Nebraska. Purchase price \$34,000.00. The motion included approval and adoption of RESOLUTION # 2026-12 making the purchase from the McPherson County Inheritance Fund with repayment from the Road Fund. Repayment term to be amortized over 4 years. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to appoint Lawrence Stump as the Spirited Person on the West Central District Health Department Board. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

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	28557.92
Ameritas	Retirement	1681.48
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	743.82
AT&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	172.68
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8767.44
Central Plains Valuation	Appraisal Fees	16524.00
Colonial Life	Insurance	18.00
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	229.08
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	994.08
Datashield	Shredding	122.00
Dept of Correctional Svcs	Prisoner Safekeeping	8452.24
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies/Contract	562.52
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	45.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.54
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	181.25
Holiday Inn Kearney	Workshop	537.9
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	152.99
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,097.83
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	191.40
Logan County Treasurer	Veteran's Service Contract	1,700.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,769.64
Kamron Mowrey	Shelving	700.00
NACO	Dues	1,285.41
NE Sheriff's Assn	Workshop	445.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	125.33
Region II Services	Dues	878.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt	238.10

Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	299.03
Lawrence Stump	Workshop	60.00
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	263.00
Twin Platte NRD	Hazard Mitigation Plan	500.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	207.82
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,250.00
1050 Technologies	Emergency Mngmt	300.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Salary and Wages	11872.00
Ameritas	Retirement	733.86
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2911.76
Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00
Croell Inc.	Gravel	14,928.69
Fastenal Company	Supplies	27.68
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	30.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.67
IRS	County Share SS/Med	898.87
JM Parts and Equipment	Supplies	129.00
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimburse Funds	4,417.19
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Equipment Repairs	806.49
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	7,811.76
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	30.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
US Bank	Supplies	63.75

FAIR		
Hooker County Tribune	Publishing	75.00
Ideal Linen	Supplies	45.71

INHERITANCE		
Joe's Motor Company	Road Vehicle	34,000.00

At 10: 00 AM, no protests had been filed and there were no members of the public who wished to address the Board of Equalization. The protest hearing was not called to order.

Robert Watson with Level LLC, presented the board with options for the Cemetery Road renovation. Nason made a motion to accept and approve option #3 requiring a 50% down payment of \$201,000.00 from the county and payments made to Level LLC in the amount of \$6206.30 per month for 3 years, with no penalty for early pay-off. The motion directs the County Attorney to prepare an agreement to be signed by the county and Level LLC at the August board meeting. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Candace Meredith was present and gave a NACO update. Each commissioner was given an information packet outlining the benefits and services provided to counties by NACO. Candace also gave an update of Legislative bills which were passed and will impact county governments.

Ed Black and Kasey Dailey reported that the road department has been repairing and building up roads in the county. There was a Road Work Request submitted for work needed on West Kemp Road. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the project pending receipt of signed easements from the affected landowners. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: Nason. The project will be added to the County Road Plan.

Nason made a motion to declare the 1986 Chevy Pickup surplus property. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to approve the Road Plan as presented by Bryant. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason 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, Kerri Kramer, Kathy Hoberg, Ed Black, and Kasey Dailey. Werblow presented flyers and information on *Safe Driving in Dust*.

The Treasurer informed the board of a new system which the DMV will be implementing in January 2027.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Reports from the Clerk and the Sheriff. There was discussion about old pictures which had been displayed in the old courthouse. The pictures are believed to be stored in the storage container owned by the County. There will be discussion about all the miscellaneous items stored in the container at the August board meeting.

The commissioners asked the Treasurer to apply for a Mid Nebraska Community Foundation Betterment Grant. The application will ask for money to help fund the Cemetery Road renovations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.
The board will meet again at 9:00 AM on August 12, 2026, for their next regular monthly meeting.
There will also be a Budget Workshop held at 1:00 PM on this day. These meetings 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