

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 12, 2026

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **July 8, 2026**, for their regular monthly meeting and Budget Workshop. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated August 6, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chairman Bryant 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 employees Ed Black and Kasey Dailey, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, Treasurer Kerri Kramer and County Attorney Whitney Schroeder. 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	29639.99
Ameritas	Retirement	1754.51
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	2114.08
AT&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	172.96
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8767.44
John E. Bryant	Mileage	140.60
Central Plains Valuation	Appraisal Fees	7956.00
Colonial Life	Insurance	18.00
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	112.38
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	988.72
DAS St Accounting	Computer Services	194.00
Dept of Correctional Svcs	Prisoner Safekeeping	7019.81
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	374.57
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	446.54
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	86.64
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	152.99
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,180.61
Lincoln County Clerk	Probation Officer	561.65
McDermott's Puumbing	Furnace/AC Repair	238.59
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,416.74
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Vehicle Repair	103.70
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	594.44
Region II Human Services	Dues	1,761.06
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt	113.10
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	523.09
Lawrence Stump	Workshop	479.05
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,683.93
Trugreen	Park Supplies	387.00
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	1,247.05
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	8,263.79
West Central Area Aging	Dues	502.32
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Salary and Wages	14590.00
Ameritas	Retirement	917.34
Jeffrey Arensdorf	Fuel/Supplies	88.27
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2911.76
Central NE Bobcat	Soddy Road	1050.00
Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00

Croell Inc.	Gravel	10,565.73
Croell Paving	Asphalt	10,898.20
Fastenal Company	Supplies	14.16
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	161.83
Franzen Fencing	Soddy Road	19,450.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	107.67
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,106.80
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimburse Funds	5,361.64
McPherson Co. Treasurer	Title	20.00
Michael Todd Ind. Supply	Safety Supplies	500.31
Brett W. Nason	Mileage/Skid Steer	235.60
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	7,146.44
North Platte Farm & Auto	Equipment Repairs	108.50
Platte Valley Comm.	Radio Equipment	127.20
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	11,095.86
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	16.85
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	1,814.35
US Bank	Supplies	951.79

FAIR

Frey's Heating & Air	Furnace/ Air Conditioning	125.00
Cindy Gregg	Fair Expenses	45.12
Ideal Linen	Supplies	45.71
Sandhill Catering	Fair Expenses	1,175.00
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	295.00
Willow Creek Embroidery	Fair Expenses	960.90

Nason made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION # 2026-13** Annual Certification of Program Compliance and Annual Certification Form for the Highway Buyback program. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION # 2026-14** Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION # 2026-15** Tax Allocation Miscellaneous Districts. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Ed Black and Kasey Dailey reported that the road department has been working on repairing and maintaining roads.

Whitney Schroeder presented a proposed agreement to the board for their review. The agreement between McPherson County and Level LLC for road maintenance work on Cemetery Road will be signed at the September board meeting.

Bryant made a motion to hire Franzen Fencing to continue the asphalt patching project on Soddy Road. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There was discussion about the Easement and planned maintenance project on Tupper Drive.

Whitney Schroeder read a letter received from attorney Todd McWha, concerning the project. The commissioners requested that Schroeder respond to Mr. McWha with the actual plans for the maintenance project. There will be further discussion and a decision on how to proceed at the next board meeting.

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

There was a Safety Meeting Held. Those present were, Bryant, Nason, Arensdorf, Ed Black, Kasey Dailey and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and information about *The Dangers of Substance Abuse*.

The Commissioners read and reviewed the list of Permissive Exemptions presented by the Assessor.

The board reviewed and signed the county office inventories for 2026.

The commissioners reviewed the 2026-2027 Propane Bid Proposals from Neal Oil. Arensdorf 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 @ \$1.49 per gallon. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Interlocal Participation Letter for Behavioral Health Programs with Region II Human Services and pay the annual share of \$1761.06. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. 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 24, 2026. Nason, Kramer and Hoberg plan to attend the meeting.

The commissioners discussed the items located in the county owned shipping container. It was decided that the items which must be retained by the county will be moved to the garage/storage shed beside the courthouse. The remaining items to be declared surplus property. Motion made by Nason and seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. The surplus property will be available for review and sale prior to July 1, 2027.

At 11:15 AM, Bryant 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, Jeff Arensdorf, Kerri Kramer, Kathy Hoberg and Budget Preparer Caleb Johnson. Peyton Barner and Scott Hoberg were present to observe the proceedings. Budgets for each county office were discussed at length and adjusted as needed.

There being no further business, the Budget Workshop and the meeting were adjourned at 3:00 PM. The board will meet again at 9:00 AM on September 9, 2026, for their regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk