MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 10, 2026

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **October 14, 2026**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated November 5, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Board 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. Commissioner informed the board that he would arrive late. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, road worker Ed Black, Sheriff Lawrence Stump, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, County Treasurer Kerri Kramer and the County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. 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.

GENERAL		**AMOUNT**
Payroll	Salary and Wages	28209.43
Ameritas	Retirement	1657.96
Al's Lock & Safe	Security Cameras	1148.00
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	1055.57
AT&T Mobility	Sheriff Phone	176.74
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	8767.44
John Bryant	Mileage	140.60
Colonial Life	Insurance	18.00
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	548.34
DAS St Accounting	Computer Services	194.00
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	300.30
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	45.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone/Internet	447.25
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Heartland Sprinkler Systems	Supplies	100.00
Ideal Linen	Janitorial Supplies	152.99
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,071.17
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,416.74
NE Assn County Officials	Workshop	1,780.41
NE Sheriff's Association	Dues	205.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	566.33
Sandhill Outhouse	Park Upkeep	400.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	118.56
Secretary of State Elections	Office Supplies	26.00
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	1,176.75
US Bank	Supplies/Expenses	585.74
Verizon	County Court Phone	39.98
Village of Stapleton	Garbage Disposal	3,704.15

ROAD		**AMOUNT**
Payroll	Salary and Wages	11872.00
Ameritas	Retirement	733.86
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	4378.36
Colonial Life	Insurance	4.00
Croell Inc.	Gravel	26,861.87
Fessler Tire Company	Equipment Repairs	3,040.76
First Concord Benefits	Deductible Buy-Down	30.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	108.17
Inland Truck Parts	Equipment Repairs	509.47
IRS	County Share SS/Med	898.87

McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimburse Funds	5,361.64
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	9,920.30
North Platte Farm & Auto	Shop Supplies	22.35
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	48.92

Arensdorf moved to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2026-19** authorizing Chairman Bryant to sign the 2026 Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.
Commissioner Nason arrived at the meeting.
Ed Black reported that the road crew has been completing work on Hall Church Road.
Huck Kemp informed the board of an entrance road he will be adding to Block 30 in Tryon. The board agreed that the entrance may be added and the location is left to Mr. Kemp's discretion; taking into consideration the State Right of Way.
Whitney Schroeder gave an update on the Road Easement on Tupper Drive. The county has received a request for roadwork from a property owner at Tupper Drive. This is an existing road, and the repairs are much needed. The county is being denied access by the owner of adjoining property. Letters have been exchanged with the attorney for the adjoining property owner.
Nason made a motion to have the county surveyor survey the property and determine the location of section lines and the exact location of the road. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.
Bryant made a motion to approve the Road Plan as presented by Nason. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.
A Safety Committee meeting was held. Those present were Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Ed Black, Lawrence Stump, Kerri Kramer and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and a presentation titled *Snow Removal using Heavy Equipment and Stacking Snow Using Heavy Equipment.*
The Treasurer reviewed the Delinquent Tax Listing with the board. There is only one property owner remaining on the list.
Sheriff Lawrence Stump received four bids for purchase of a Law Enforcement Vehicle. The bids were presented to the commissioners. After review and discussion, Nason made a motion to accept the bid from Greg Young Automotive Group for purchase a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe with a total purchase price of $55,575.00. Purchase to be made using $24,500.00 from the Sheriff's budget, $7,000.00 from the Emergency Management budget and the remaining amount of $24,075.00 to be paid from the Inheritance Fund. The Inheritance fund will be reimbursed by payment from the Sheriff and Emergency Management budgets. Graphics and vehicle markings are estimated to cost between $800.00 and $1,000.00. Upfitting with emergency lighting, warning systems, law enforcement communications equipment, computer mounting systems, and other operational equipment is estimated to cost between $13,000.00 and $20,000.00. These costs will be paid from the inheritance fund with repayment from the Sheriff and Emergency Management budgets. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board received a bid from Mowrey Renovations for a dividing wall in the garage next to the courthouse. This will allow records and supplies to be stored at one end of the garage and mowers and equipment to be safely stored at the front end. The estimate also includes door repair and venting added to the well house. The total cost of the estimate is $5900.00. Bryant made a motion to accept the bid and have Mowrey Renovations complete the project. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.
The commissioners received a letter and dividend check in the amount of $1,756.00 from NIRMA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

The commissioners will meet again on **December 9, 2026,** at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

John E. Bryant
McPherson County Board Chairman