



McPherson County Board Minutes



MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS **JANUARY 13, 2021**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of December 9, 2020 for the annual statutory meeting & regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated January 7, 2021. Chairman Bryant called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Board members, Jeffrey Arensdorf, Brett Nason and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Weed Superintendent Rich Cook, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, County Sheriff Tom Burch and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. There were several members of the public present. The Chairman noted the Public Meetings law which is posted in the meeting room. Nason moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to appoint Brett Nason as Board Chairman for 2021. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Nason abstained. Bryant made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Arensdorf as Vice Chairman for 2021. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Arensdorf abstained.

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

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Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,083.64
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IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,854.33
Whitney Lindstedt	Child Support Enf.	125.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	898.82
NE Clerks of District Court	Dues	50.00
Donald Nicholson	Prior Service	132.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	195.94
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	110.82
US Bank	Supplies	95.00
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Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,480.00
Twin Platte NRD	Emergency Planning	2,756.25

ROAD

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Beveridge Inc.	Ash, Clay, Hauling	11,534.14
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,027.44
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	9,195.29



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IRS	County Share SS/Med	896.67
JM Parts & Equip	Repairs	221.40
K&C Feeds LLC	Salt	14.00
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply	Steel Products	8,358.98
Levander's Automotive	Tire Repair	60.69
Lincoln County Feedyard	Dirt/Delivered	509.48
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	3,925.25
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	7,041.51
Nebraska Truck Center	Repairs	62.49
Power Plan	Maintenance	148.98
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Frey's Heating and Air	Building Repair	142.50
Ideal Linen	Supplies	66.82
Senior Meal Program		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,150.50

Rich Cook, McPherson County Weed Superintendent, gave an annual weed report to the commissioners. Each commissioner was given a handout and the report was signed by the board chairman.

Arensdorf made a motion to appoint Rich Cook as McPherson County Weed Superintendent for 2021 with wages staying at \$12.00 per hour. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion was made on the County Roads with Road Worker Ed Black. The road department worked on installing three auto-gates, hauling road cover, and grading roads in the last month. A road was also completed on the Hoffman place.

Bryant moved to set the schedule for Road Overseer as follows:

Jan-Feb-March – Arensdorf **April- May- June** – Bryant **July-Aug-Sept** – Nason **Oct- Nov- Dec** – Arensdorf.

Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2021-1**, increasing the road worker wages by 35 cents per hour (2%), leaving all other prices to pay and charge, the same as 2020. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLUTION #2021-1

MCPHERSON COUNTY ROAD AND LABOR PRICES FOR THE YEAR 2021

PRICES SET TO PAY...WITH BOARD APPROVAL

COUNTY EMPLOYEE

PERSON, SINGLE HANDED\$18.00 PER HOUR

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(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT).....\$18.50 PER HOUR

TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR\$18.00 PER HOUR

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FARM TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT



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OPERATOR.....\$60.00

PRICES SET TO CHARGE....WITH PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL...MINIMUM OF ONE HOUR

PATROL WITH OPERATOR.....\$185.00 PER HOUR

WHEEL LOADER WITH OPERATOR.....\$185.00 PER HOUR

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR WITH OPERATOR.....\$100.00 PER HOUR

(WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT IF HIRED FOR ANY GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED PROJECT, THE PRICE WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED BEFORE STARTED.)

The One-and- Six Year Road Plan Hearing was set for 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

The Board discussed the condition and plans for repair on the Soddy Road. There were seven members of the public who asked questions, added input and discussed different options with the commissioners. Tom Werblow, McPherson County Highway Superintendent, gave input about the costs of paving and maintaining the road. The commissioners received a quote for the cost of "Pulverization and Placement of Crushed Concrete" from Level LLC, Robert Watson, owner. Mr. Watson was present and discussed the quote with the commissioners and highway superintendent. There were no decisions made. This matter and all options will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

Bryant moved to approve the January Road Plan as presented by Arensdorf. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board examined quotes from Murphy Tractor for the extended warranty on the John Deere Grader. Bryant moved to approve a 2- year, 2000 hours, Full Machine Comprehensive Extended Warranty for a cost of \$15,600.00. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Arensdorf to adopt and approve **Resolution #2021-2** appointing Tom Werblow as McPherson County Highway Superintendent, with a total salary of \$9000.00, for the year 2021. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf to adopt and approve **Resolution #2021-3** designating the following depositories for McPherson County in 2021. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Adams Bank & Trust, First National Bank, Nebraskaland National Bank, Western Nebraska Bank of North Platte, Nebraska, Community First Bank of Stapleton, Nebraska, and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf to adopt and approve **Resolution #2021-4** giving the McPherson County Treasurer the authority to invest funds for the year 2021. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to adopt and approve **Resolution #2021-5** appointing Whitney Schroeder Lindstedt as the McPherson County Attorney for the year 2021. The hourly wage being set at \$11.00 per hour for 100 hours per pay period, plus expenses, with the same insurance benefits which are offered to all full-time McPherson County Employees. Seconded by Arensdorf. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf, to adopt and approve **Resolution #2021-6** appointing Bonnie Edwards of North Platte, Nebraska, to act in the capacity of McPherson County Surveyor for the year 2021. No Fees will be charged to McPherson County. Clients will be charged regular rates for the survey work. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The following appointments were made with a motion made by Bryant and seconded by Arensdorf. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

911 Advisory Board- John Bryant, Alternate: Brett Nason.

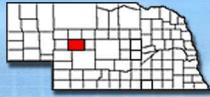
Zoning Planning Commission – 3 Year Term (2021-2024) – Scott Hoberg. Two more positions to be approved in February.

Fair Board- 3 Year Term (2021-2024) – Kerri Kramer, Cindy Gregg and Ryan Schultis.

Sandhills RC&D- Board Member – Jeffrey Arensdorf - County Member for 2021 – Shareen Munson.

West Central District Health Department Board- Representative- Jeffrey Arensdorf- Alternate for 2021- Lana Watson.

Lexington Area Solid Waste Management Board – Representative – John Bryant – Alternate for 2021-Jeffrey Arensdorf.



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West Central Area Aging Board, Region II Mental Health Board, West Central Weed Management Area Board - Representative for 2021- Brett Nason.

West Central Development District Board – Representative-Jeffrey Arendorf – Alternate for 2021-John Bryant.

The following appointments were also made with a motion to approve made by John Bryant and seconded by Arendorf. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arendorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

McPherson County Physician- Dr. Margaret Boyer of Mullen.

Official Means of Publication- Stapleton Enterprise and www.mcpherson.ne.gov.

Collateral Receipts.

Burial Fees -\$1500.00.

Meeting Dates and Times for 2021- The second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM.

Miller Park Caretaker- Leo Dailey. Salary set at \$1150.00 per year.

McPherson County Emergency Manager- Tom Burch. Salary set at \$1500.00 per year.

McPherson County Zoning Administrator – Kathy Hoberg. Salary set at \$1800.00 per year.

McPherson County Board of Equalization Chairman for 2021 – Jeffrey Arendorf.

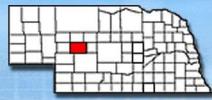
McPherson County Board of Equalization Vice Chairman for 2021- Brett Nason.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Reports from the County Sheriff and the County Clerk.

The Annual Secretary of State Report of County Officers was signed by each official.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on February 10, 2021.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk



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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of January 13, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated February 4, 2021. Vice-Chairman Arensdorf called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Board members John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Road Worker Ed Black, Sheriff Tom Burch, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Vice-Chairman Arensdorf noted the Open Meetings Law Poster which is posted in the courtroom. Bryant made a motion to excuse Commissioner Brett Nason due to illness. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason.

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

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Fastenal Company	Supplies 34.24
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet 518.34
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt 69.99
Kathy Hoberg	Mileage/Supplies 63.32
Ideal Linen	Supplies 98.66
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Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract 1,737.74
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage 87.36
Loup Basin RC&D	Weed/Dues 200.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer 1,090.27
Naco Planning & Zoning	Dues 40.00
NE Assn. County Clerks	Dues 75.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel 407.80
Sandhills RC&D	Dues 100.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies 263.13
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies 440.79
US Bank	Supplies 239.98



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Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.26
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,480.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	9,827.75
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	595.87
Beveridge Inc.	Ash, Clay, Hauling	3,076.28
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,027.44
Carhart Lumber Co.	Supplies	123.40
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	1,485.00
Fastenal Company	Supplies	6.55
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	102.69
IRS	County Share SS/Med	749.45
JM Parts & Equip	Repairs	15.66
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	3,925.25
Ronald Munson	Supplies	15.75
Murphy Tractor	Grader Warranty	15,600.00
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	2,889.35
Power Plan	Maintenance	172.27
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	12.07
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Repairs	185.90
Troyer Enterprises	Shop Supplies	417.64

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41
Arlan Paxton	Postal Svcs	22.00
Arlan Paxton/Treasurer	Fair Premium	922.50

Senior Meal Program

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,550.00
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Leo Dailey was present and discussed replacing the outhouse toilets in the Tryon park. Leo will inquire about the cost of renting one and disposing of the old units.

At 9:30 AM the commissioners met with a representative from the Healing Hearts and Families Diversion Program. Representative Jessica presented the board members with information about a Multi-County Three Year Juvenile Services Plan. If awarded, this proposal will allow Healing Hearts & Families to employ Diversion Specialists, responsible for implementing strategies to address the most urgent priorities identified in their Juvenile Services Plan, with a focus on implementing a diversion program along with drug/alcohol and bullying prevention activities for youth. Bryant made a motion to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the program. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason.



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The commissioners discussed roads with Ed Black. Ed reports that the Road Department has completed 6 auto-gates. There are now a total of 7 auto-gates ready to be installed throughout the county. Also discussed was the need for replacement tires on the back of the drag tractor. These tires will be replaced when needed.

Ed discussed the current condition of the dump and the tree pile in Tryon. The county will look into renting a roll-off container to clean up items which have been placed at the dump. There are many items being taken to the dump which are not supposed to be dumped at that location.

The gate to the tree pile will be closed beginning March 1st. There will be a lock on the gate and a sign directing citizens to call Ed Black or Tom Burch if they need access to the tree pile. The gate will be open on the first Saturday of each month beginning in April. The County requests that TREES ONLY be dumped in the tree pile. There will be a separate pile for grass clippings.

There was a Request for Road Work for building a road leading to a new residence which is under construction off of N. Mail Road in Ward Estates. The county will begin the process of drawing up an easement for the landowner to sign. The request will be re-visited in March, for possible addition to the Road Plan.

The West end of Hall Church Road, where it intersects with Highway 97 was examined and discussed. This area may be involved in the Highway 97 Project which is going to be completed by the State Department of Transportation.

At 10:00 AM, the annual One & Six Year Road Plan Hearing was held in the courtroom. Those present were, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, Whitney Lindstedt, Tom Werblow, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg. Everyone was given a pamphlet containing the forms and details of the plan. Tom Werblow addressed the board about the plan. Arensdorf made a motion to adopt and sign **Resolution #2021-11** adopting the One & Six Year Road Plan for 2021. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason. The hearing was closed at 10:30 AM.

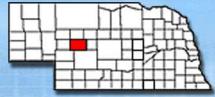
Caleb Johnson was present and addressed the commissioners about the upcoming budget season. Bryant moved to sign a two-year agreement with Johnson for preparation of the budget documents and summaries and submission of the document to the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts. The fee to the county will be \$1700.00 plus mileage for each fiscal year. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held with presentation of Covid Safety Measures given by Tom Werblow. Present for the meeting were, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, Whitney Lindstedt, Kathy Hoberg and Ed Black.

Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf to adopt and sign **Resolution #2021-8**, authorizing the County Attorney and McPherson County Sheriff to retain Jon S. Schroeder on a per case basis to represent the County when the County Attorney is unavailable and in the event the County Attorney has a conflict of interest that prevents her from representing McPherson County. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason.

Bryant moved to adopt and sign **Resolution #2021-10** Agreement between the County of McPherson and State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation, concerning the improvement project of Highway N-97. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason.

Kathy Hoberg, McPherson County Assessor, presented the board with a Tax List Correction for Personal Property Schedule #600044066. There was a clerical error on the schedule which requires a correction to the Tax Roll. The Correction was signed by Vice-Chairman Arensdorf.



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Whitney Lindstedt, McPherson County Attorney, discussed with the commissioners, a McPherson/Logan County Interlocal Agreement on a county road located 10 ½ miles North of Highway 92. John Bryant will contact a Logan County Commissioner to discuss this agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on March 10, 2021.

Publish: February 18, 2021

Katherine E. Hoberg, McPherson County Clerk



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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 10, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of February 10, 2020, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated March 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Sheriff Tom Burch, road worker Ed Black and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Member of the public, Carl Rundback was also present. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Nason abstained due to absence from the last meeting. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

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Ed Black discussed the possibility of placing a roll-off dumpster at the tree pile site for public use.

The county is waiting for response from the Village of Stapleton on this issue.

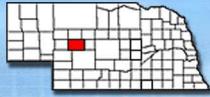
A request for road work at 40 N Mail Road, Ward Estates, was placed on the road plan.

Bryant moved to approve the Road Plan which was presented by Arensdorf. Nason seconded.

Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners decided that the scrap v-plows which are rusted and obsolete, will be hauled away and sold as scrap iron.

Jeff Arensdorf reported that he had been approached about an overlay that Lincoln County will be conducting on Prairie Chase Road. An inquiry was made as to whether McPherson County wanted to overlay the mile entering our county. The commissioners decided it is not in the road budget and the county will not participate in this road project.



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Doye Miller arrived and discussed a request which he had submitted for a road crossing permit, placing a water line beneath Brooks Street from Block 5 to Block 6 in Tryon. Bryant made a motion to approve and sign the permit, upon signature by Mr. Miller. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Tom Werblow gave flyers and information about how to respond to Difficult and Threatening Behavior.

At 10:00 the regular meeting was recessed and a Board of Equalization meeting was called to order.

Chairman of the BOE, Jeff Arensdorf, noted the Open Meetings Law which is posted in the meeting room. Those present were, Chairman Arensdorf, Brett Nason and John Bryant. Also present were the county attorney, highway superintendent and the county assessor. The board examined the current Permissive Exemption Forms 451A. These did not need board approval as they are re-affirmation forms.

The County Assessor discussed the 2021 Ag land values for Irrigated, Dryland and Grassland classes. There will probably be an increase in value for Grassland. Irrigated and Dryland will see no change for the 2021 tax year. Values are set by a statistical sales study from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2020. McPherson County will conduct a mass appraisal in 2021, with a new depreciation schedule being put into place. Value changes to residential and commercial properties, resulting from that appraisal, will take effect in 2022.

The meeting of the Board of Equalization was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

The regular commissioner's meeting reconvened.

Arensdorf made a motion to adopt and sign Resolution # 2021-9 Equipment Maintenance to be paid from the Inheritance Fund. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason.

Voting Nay: None.

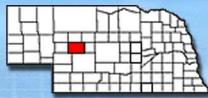
Bryant moved to adopt and sign Resolution #2021-12 declaring September 13, 2021, "Larry Dix Day". This is in recognition of the retirement of Larry Dix who served as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials for over 19 years. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners reviewed the Legislative Report and discussed some of the bills which are currently being addressed in the Legislature.

County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt presented the board with an Application for Grant Funding from the Robert D. Hanich Charitable Trust. Bryant made a motion for McPherson County to make application for this Grant. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. The County Attorney and Highway Superintendent will work together to submit this application.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM. The Board will meet again on April 14, 2021, for their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk



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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS APRIL 14, 2021

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Brett Nason	Mileage	76.16
NE Assn. County Officials	Budget Workshop	50.00
NE Assn. County Treasurers	Workshop	100.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	136.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	582.37
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	144.79
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,119.00
US Bank	Supplies	48.40
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.26
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,480.00

ROAD	AMOUNT



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Payroll	Wages	12,027.75
Ace Hardware	Supplies	56.91
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	744.37
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,027.44
Carhart Lumber Co	Supplies	33.58
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	4,886.70
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	102.69
IRS	County Share SS/Med	917.75
JM Parts & Equip	Repairs	167.22
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	3,925.25
Menards	Supplies	37.05
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Repairs	36.14
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	2,586.61
Power Plan	Maintenance	1,829.59
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
US Bank	Tires/Repairs	100.99

FAIR

Custer Public Power	Lights	447.94
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,757.00
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At 9:20 AM, there was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, Whitney Lindstedt, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow gave flyers and a presentation on "How to Prevent a Physical Attack". John Bryant also reported that he did a "walk- through" of the county road shop. Bryant said the shop was clean and orderly.

Tim Vanderheiden, McPherson County School Superintendent, was present and recognized by the board. Mr. Vanderheiden inquired about the asphalt road/parking area in front of the high school. The area needs repairs and asphalt patch. Ed Black will contact the state highway department about whether they will repair this area or if they want the county to complete the work.

At 9:45 AM, the commissioners visited with Mike Kelly from Buckboard Ranch LLC who was present to discuss a project on Prairie Trace Road. The Lincoln County road department is re-paving this road and offered to let McPherson County join the project at a cost of \$134,000 for the mile into McPherson County. The cost of this project is not an expense that the county budget can withstand at this time. Mike Kelly, who is also associated with Western Nebraska Bank, informed the board that WNB would be willing to finance the project at a low interest rate. McPherson County has additional paved roads needing repair which continue to be



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under review by the commissioners. The board did not think it was prudent to take on the expense of paving the mile of Prairie Trace Road in light of the problems with all of the paved roads in the county. Further discussion was held about the possibility of changing the mile of road to a covered, gravel road. This project has been and is currently on the road plan.

At 10:00 AM, Eric Kamler from Congressman Adrian Smith's office, joined the meeting via telephone. Mr. Kamler gave updates on policies and current issues.

The 30x30 Project set forth by Executive Order was discussed with the commissioners. At this point there have not been enough details from the Administration about exactly what the process of this project will be or what their real plans are. Mr. Kamler said that the Congressman is keeping a close eye on this project and they are waiting for more details to emerge. They recognize the importance and concerns related to this issue and will forward information, as soon as possible, to the citizens of the counties and State of Nebraska. The board made no decisions at this time concerning the 30x30 Project. The matter will be revisited at the regular meeting in May.

At 10:30 AM, Rich Cook was present to visit with the board about contracting with the county as McPherson County Veteran's Service Officer. Randy Fisher, Terry Neal and Harold Arensdorf were also present to discuss the matter with the commissioners. The board agreed that it would be beneficial to have a local Veteran's Service Officer and set up a local complete data base of Veterans in McPherson County. The county currently has a contract with Lincoln County for this position and the process of changing this arrangement will be examined.

The board discussed roads with Ed Black. Ed reports that they have been grading roads, repairing water holes and hauling gravel throughout the county. There were eleven loads of crushed concrete applied to roads in the county. The commissioners discussed the need for ten loads of crushed concrete needed for a project on Pioneer Road.

There was discussion about the obsolete V-plows which are at the tree pile in Tryon. Bryant made a motion to declare the V-plows surplus property, to be sold when they can be readily accessed. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

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

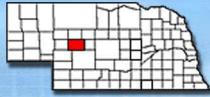
Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution #2021-13 giving the Treasurer authority to transfer \$22,000.00 from the General Road fund into the Inheritance Fund. The money was previously transferred from Inheritance to Road for a project but was not used. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Resolution #2021-14 Second Amendment was discussed. There was much discussion about the purpose and effectiveness of the resolution. Included in the discussion were the commissioners, the county attorney and the county sheriff. There were members of the public present who were in favor of adoption of the resolution. Arensdorf moved to approve and adopt Resolution #2021-14, declaring McPherson County's support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I Section 1-1 of the Nebraska Constitution. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: Bryant.

The board discussed the two positions which need to be filled on the Planning Commission. The two current members have been contacted and the board is waiting for a response. The commissioners will also be contacting Planning Commission Members about the need to have regular meetings.

The commissioners reviewed and signed the quarterly reports from the county clerk and county sheriff.

The treasurer submitted a report to the board informing them that there will be a fund



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created solely for the money the county will be receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act. This will be "Fund 2580 COVID American Rescue Plan" with Revenue Code 339.25. This money is scheduled to be allotted to counties sometime in 2021, with a deadline for use of 2024. The use of the money will be narrowly restricted to approved projects only. The details of these have not yet been released by the Federal Government.

The county assessor presented a Tax List Correction due to a Homestead on parcel #600001881 which was rejected by the State following an audit of 2018 Homestead Applications. This was signed by the commissioners.

The assessor also informed the commissioners of a report of Omitted Property after the Abstract was filed. The property was a building on parcel #600015157. The building has now been added to the parcel.

The assessor presented the board with a copy of Reports and Opinions from the Property Tax Administrator. The PTA approved the level of value for McPherson County to be at 100% for Commercial and Residential Property and 75% for Ag-land. The assessor reports that values for 2021 in McPherson County have been set at \$2100 per acre for irrigated ag-land, \$725 an acre for dryland and \$495 an acre for grassland. This is no change for irrigated and dryland and a 10% increase in value for grassland.

There will be a mass appraisal conducted in the county in 2021. Bryant made a motion to approve an estimate of cost from Central Plains Valuation of \$25,100.00. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners signed a letter from Donald D. Wilson who recently completed an audit of all offices in McPherson County.

The date of the June commissioner's meeting was moved from June 9th to June 8th. The date was moved due to the Clerk's Workshop which will be held in York, NE on June 9-11, 2021. The Commissioners will also be attending a workshop in Kearney on the same dates.

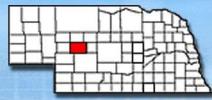
The June 8, 2021, Commissioner's Meeting will be held in the courthouse in Tryon and will begin at 9:00 AM.

The commissioners examined an Application for Grant Funding from the Robert F. Hanich Charitable Trust, which had been submitted by Tom Werblow. They are now waiting for a response and meeting date of the administrators of the Trust.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:30 AM. They will meet again at 9:00 AM, on May 12, 2021, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

'ATTEST: _____
McPherson County Clerk

McPherson County Board Chairman



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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

May 12, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of April 14, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated May 6, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf and Brett Nason were present. Also present were the County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Sheriff Tom Burch, Road Workers Ed Black and Ron Munson, Weed Superintendent Rich Cook and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

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

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	23,854.63
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,377.74
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	6,097.36
Custer Public Power	Utilities	601.34
DAS St. Accounting	Data Processing	84.32
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	519.13
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt	61.99
Gworks	GIS Website	5,000.00
John Haller	Equipment Repair	204.85
Heartland Sprinkler Systems	Grounds Supplies	137.64
Ideal Linen	Supplies	102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,780.36
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage	87.36
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	898.82
NE Assn. County Clerks	Workshop	125.00
NE Assn. County Officials	Workshop	225.00
NE County Attorney's Assn.	Dues/Education	484.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	474.65
Property Tax/ Dept of Revenue	Assessor Education	500.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	65.84
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	386.47
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	130.00
US Bank	Supplies	424.83
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.38
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal/Equip Rental	4,558.47



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ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	9,855.50
Ace Hardware	Supplies	37.97
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	597.75
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,027.44
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	9,410.78
Croell Inc. Paving Div.	Asphaltic	2,048.63
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	103.13
IRS	County Share SS/Med	751.58
Lincoln County Feedyard	Hauling	374.88
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	3,925.25
Medical Enterprises Inc	Drug Testing	35.00
Midlands Occupational Med.	Drug Testing	20.00
Ronald Munson	CDL/Test	219.50
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	5,503.34
Power Plan	Maintenance	195.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41
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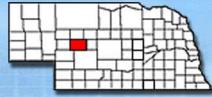
SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,187.50
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Rich Cook presented the board with the Noxious Weed Reports and Requirements Summary for 2020. The report states that McPherson County is meeting the minimum requirements of the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act. The report was signed by Chairman Nason and will be returned to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture by Cook.

The interlocal agreement between McPherson County and Lincoln County for Veteran's Services was reviewed by the commissioners and the county attorney. Whitney Lindstedt will send a letter to Lincoln County, proposing cancellation of the agreement. The board has agreed to name Richard Cook as McPherson County Veteran's Service Officer following termination of the agreement with Lincoln County.

County roads were discussed with road worker Ed Black. There was a request for road work on Bullington Drive which was discussed. The road is in need of material to repair holes and major ruts in the road. The request was added to the road plan. There was discussion about the progress made to asphalt patching on Ringgold Road and a plan to begin asphalt patching on Soddy Road.



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Bryant moved to approve a raise in wages for road employee Ron Munson who has been employed by the county for a year and has obtained his CDL. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to approve the May Road Plan as presented by Bryant. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Members present were John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Lindstedt, Tom Werblow, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow presented information and gave flyers about Unsafe Acts vs. Unsafe Conditions in the workplace.

The commissioners signed a contract with Central Plains Valuation, LLC, for a mass appraisal to be conducted in McPherson County this year. The contract will be sent to the state for approval.

The commissioners discussed the 2021 rates for Health and Dental Insurance with BlueCross BlueShield of Nebraska. Health insurance rates increased 3.28%. Rates for Dental insurance did not increase. Bryant made a motion to continue the current benefit program with BlueCross BlueShield of Nebraska. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners were given a report that the Department of Environment and Energy recently conducted an air compliance inspection at the tree pile in McPherson County. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with McPherson County's Community Open Burn Permit. There were no violations to permitted conditions or federal regulations found. A new Community Open Burn Permit was applied for and has been issued.

Luke Connell was re- appointed to the McPherson County Planning Commission. Matt Burch was appointed to replace Joyce Snyder on the board. Both terms will expire in 2024.

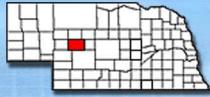
The board discussed repairs needed to the garage next to the courthouse. They will receive and review a bid from Roxy's Roofing when it has been completed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

The next regular board of commissioners meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on June 8, 2019. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

ATTEST: _____
McPherson County Clerk

_____ McPherson County Board Chairman



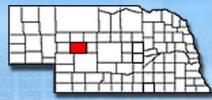
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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS JUNE 8, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of May 12, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise issue dated June 3, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason. Nason noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, Sheriff Tom Burch, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, road worker Ed Black and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Member of the public, Carl Rundback was also present. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	22,970.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,318.03
Jeffrey Arensdorf	Mileage	44.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	6,303.50
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	307.12
Custer Public Power	Utilities	564.43
Leo Dailey	Park Contract	287.50
Jodi Dudley	Mileage	39.20
Eakes Office Plus	Maintenance	1,123.30
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	519.13
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt	61.99
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	44.80
Ideal Linen	Supplies	102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,712.68
Keith County		
Communications	Tower Lease/Repair	4,686.72
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,737.74
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage	87.36
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	898.82
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Sheriff Vehicle Repair	3,073.98
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	321.19
Nirma	Insurance	8,729.00
Sandhills Septic	Park Contract	75.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	509.62
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	140.97
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	948.00
US Bank	Supplies	1,341.45



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Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.38
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal/Equip Rental	2,480.00
Donald Wilson CPA	Audit	4,700.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	9,893.88
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	600.34
Beveridge Inc	Hauling	2,885.81
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	6,016.57
Fastenal	Supplies	32.80
Grainger	Asphaltic	678.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	103.13
IRS	County Share SS/Med	754.51

JM Parts & Equipment	Repair	106.11
Level LLC	Autogate Sills	460.00
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	3,925.25
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	3,145.34
Nirma	Insurance	11,550.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Repair	168.00
Troyer Enterprises	Repair/Supplies	1,928.42

FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,111.00

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATING		
US Bank	Equipment	471.50



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Ed Black reported that the road department has been continuing maintenance on county roads. They have been installing auto-gates and have one more they plan to install this summer. The commissioners and Tom Werblow reviewed a shop safety audit report which was submitted by NIRMA.

Recommendations and corrections were discussed with Ed Black.

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

There was a Safety Committee meeting held. Members present were: Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Lindstedt, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg. Tom gave flyers and information about "How to Help in Emergency Breathing Situations".

The county was given a copy of a Safety Manual written by the insurance company, NIRMA. Each member will read the manual and suggest revisions to be adopted by McPherson County. The matter will be re-visited at the September, 2021 board meeting.

The board reviewed the 2021 NIRMA/II billing statement which details the coverages and costs for the July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022 policy period. McPherson County's annual contribution amount for 2021-22 is \$20,279, which represents a .52 percent decrease from last year. Arensdorf made a motion to keep the policy and deductible we currently have in place. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners were given information about a life insurance and disability policy which accompanies the BCBS insurance policy which is offered to officials and full-time county employees. These policies part of the benefit to those who enroll in the Medical/Dental Policy through BCBS. There is no added cost to the county for the life insurance and disability policy.

The contract between the West Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging and McPherson County, for the Senior Meal Program, FY/2021-2022, was signed by chairman Nason.

At 10:00 AM, Nason made a motion to recess the board meeting and meet as the Board of Equalization for the purpose of Protest Hearings.

Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Chairman Arensdorf called the meeting to order and noted the Open Meetings Law posted on the wall. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Motion made by Arensdorf and seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

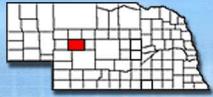
There were no protests filed for this hearing.

At 10:10 AM, Nason moved to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting and re-convene the regular board meeting. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve the 2021 Audit report from Donald D. Wilson, CPA. Nason seconded.

Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. **The audit report is completed and is on file in the office of the County Clerk.**

Bryant made a motion to sign a three-year audit engagement letter with Donald D. Wilson, CPA, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2023. The price of the contract will be \$5,000.00 per year which reflects a \$300.00 increase from the previous years. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.



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The McPherson County Attorney, Whitney Lindstedt and Brett Nason gave updates on the McPherson County Application made to the Hanich Trust. Nason will continue to communicate with the Trustors and will report on the status of the application at the next meeting.

The County Clerk gave the commissioners information about the scrap tire application which McPherson County will be submitting to the Department of Environment and Energy. The application is being made for a project which will occur in 2022. West Central Nebraska Development District is assisting with the application.

The commissioners reviewed an estimate from Rox the Roof, for repairs needed on the garage building located south of the courthouse. The repairs include removal of one garage door and closing in the opening with block, replacing the other garage door and the walk-in door. The vinyl siding on the east and west sides of the garage will be replaced and the remaining door trim will be wrapped with aluminum. The estimate of cost is \$8267.22.

Bryant made a motion to accept the estimate and have the garage repaired. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:45 AM, to meet again at 9:00 AM on July 14, 2021, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Attest: Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Brett Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman



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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

JULY 14, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of June 9, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated July 8, 2021. 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 Nason who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Board Members Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf and John Bryant were present. Also present were, Weed Superintendent Rich Cook, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, road worker Ed Black and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant made a motion to excuse Whitney Lindstedt, county attorney, due to a sick child. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	25,419.39
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,415.87
Jeffrey Arensdorf	Mileage	152.32
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,255.52
John E. Bryant	Mileage	140.00
Richard Cook	Mileage	115.92
Custer Public Power	Utilities	609.42
DAS ST Accounting	Data Processing/Computer	190.64
Jodi Dudley	Mileage	39.20
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	518.34
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt	61.99
Hampton by Hilton	Clerk Workshop	196.00
Holiday Inn Kearney	Board Worshop	229.90
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	110.04
Ideal Linen	Supplies	102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,898.43
Lincoln County Treasurer	Veteran's Service Contract	225.00
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage/Child Suppt Att	212.36
Loup Basin RC&D	Weed/Postage	30.34
McPherson County Court	Court Fees	51.00
Mid-States Org. Crime Info	Sheriff Dues	100.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	978.75



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Brett Nason	Mileage	198.24
NE Assn County Officials	Dues/Assessor Workshop	1,093.84
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	489.89
Region II Human Services	Annual Share	2,069.40
Region II Services	Annual Share	1,067.00
Rox on the Roof	Building Repairs	4,133.61
Sandhills Area Sheriff's Assn	Dues	100.00
Staples Credit	Supplies	40.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	203.02
TruGreen	Grounds Supplies	80.00
US Bank	Supplies	460.90
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.38
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,480.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	12,673.50
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	787.96
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Carhart Lumber	Supplies	70.40
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	16,646.42
Croell Paving	Asphaltic	1,770.75
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	102.69
Inland Truck Parts	Repairs	3,815.70
IRS	County Share SS/Med	967.16
Level LLC	Autogate Sills	1,100.00
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,406.30
Michael Todd & Co.	Road Sign	59.02
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	6,746.72
Powerplan	Grader Blades	557.31
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

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Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41
Sandhills Catering	Supplies	1,000.00

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,068.50
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Weed Superintendent, Rich Cook, presented the commissioners with the current weed report and answered questions about weeds in the county.

County roads and equipment were discussed with Ed Black. The road department will be repairing Paxton Drive which had severe damage and was washed out during a recent rain storm.

The commissioners received an estimate of cost from Inland Truck for repairs on the 1998 Freightliner Dump Truck. The repairs include removing and replacing a tag axle and brackets, an air lift kit and relay valve. The estimate is \$9774.74. The commissioners approved the estimate and the truck will be repaired. Bryant made a motion to approve the July Road Plan as presented by Nason. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There were several members of the public present for discussion about the condition of Soddy Road. They thanked the board and the road department for the patching which was recently done on the road. There was much discussion about future plans for repairing Soddy Road. Several options continue to be discussed and the highway superintendent will continue to inquire about costs of materials needed for repairs.

The commissioners signed an Agreement for Right-Of-Way Easement for Roads between McPherson County and Laura and Steve L. Barger Trust and Steve Barger Trust.

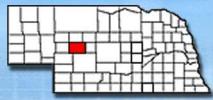
There was a Safety Meeting Held. Present were, Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kathy Hoberg and Ed Black. Tom Werblow handed out flyers and gave information about Culvert Installation Safety.

At 10:00 AM Bryant made a motion to recess the regular meeting and convene as Board of Equalization. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Chairman of BOE, Arensdorf, called the meeting to order and recognized the Open Meetings Poster on the wall. The minutes of the last meeting were included with the previous regular meeting minutes and were approved at 9:00 AM. There were no protests filed for this hearing.

The assessor presented the BOE with a report of Overvalued Property. Parcel #600001725 owned by C&N L.L.C. c/o Don McCasland, was put into the CREP Program in October, 2020. The change was reported to the assessor after the March 19, Abstract date. The land is no longer being irrigated and the value was lowered to dryland values.

There being no further business for the Board of Equalization, Nason moved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene as Board of Commissioners. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.



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Bryant made a motion to approve **Resolution #2021-15** Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Reports from the Sheriff and Clerk.

The commissioners were given copies of the County Treasurer's Six-Month Report for January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Chairman Brett Nason signed the 2021 Region II Human Services Interlocal Participation Agreement.

The board reviewed and signed the 2021-2022 propane contracts with Neal Oil & Auto Center.

The commissioners reviewed the preliminary budget sheets and a budget workshop was scheduled to take place with the next regular commissioner's meeting on August 11, 2021.

A new application for funds from the Hanich Trust was discussed. Tom Werblow will prepare a new application and send it to board members for review and approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM. The board will meet again at 9:00 AM on August 11, 2021, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board chairman



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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS AUGUST 11, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of July 14, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated August 5, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, Jeffrey Arensdorf and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, Sheriff Tom Burch, Road Worker Ed Black, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The following claims were examined and approved as presented:

GENERAL	AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages 24,647.03
Ameritas	County Share Retirement 1,325.76
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance 5,255.52
John E. Bryant	Mileage 103.60
Richard Cook	Weed Workshop/Mileage 256.89
Custer Public Power	Utilities 920.83
DAS ST Accounting	Data Processing/Computer 106.32
Electrical Engineering & Equipment	Generator 450.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet 518.34
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt 61.99
Ideal Linen	Supplies 102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med 1,839.35
Lincoln County Clerk	Probation Officer 764.26
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer 978.75
NE Assn County Officials	Convention 300.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel 194.48
NE Safety & Fire	Inspections 40.00
Platte Valley Comm	Siren Repair 255.79
Sandhills Septic & Trenching	Park Septic 75.00
Staples Credit	Supplies 112.52
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies 415.35
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile 2,119.00
TruGreen	Grounds Supplies 130.00
US Bank	Supplies 407.04
Viaero	Sheriff Phone 81.26
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal/Equip Rental 2,480.00



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ROAD

		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	10,458.13
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	638.43
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	16,180.60
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	102.69
Inland Truck Parts	Repairs	1,323.03
IRS	County Share SS/Med	797.68
JM Parts and Equip	Repairs	223.42
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,406.30
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	6,016.47
NE Safety & Fire	Inspections	21.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Parts	75.75

FAIR

Hooker County Tribune	Printing	50.00
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing	295.00

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,694.50
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County roads were discussed. Ed Black reported that the road crew is almost finished with the repairs on Paxton Road, where a prior rain storm caused major damage. They will begin patching on Soddy Road next week upon completion of Paxton Road.

John Tucker addressed the board asking for an update on the plans for Soddy Road. The commissioners continue to look for materials and options within budget for the repairs needed. Tom Werblow presented an Application for Grant Funding from the Robert F. Hanich Charitable Trust, for the Soddy Road Safety Improvements and Flood Protection Project. The proposed project would include increasing a portion of the edge height of Soddy Road and increase the roadway width from the current 10 feet to 18 feet. Bryant made a motion to approve the application and send it to the Trustee. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

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

The commissioners signed a Right of Way Easement for Roads, presented for approval on



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Abby Road.

At 9:30 AM, Pamela Mann from Region II Services, was present to give the board information about the Vision, Mission and function of Region II Services. Region II supports people with developmental disabilities. They currently serve 17 counties in Southwest Nebraska, including McPherson County. They provide services to 163 individuals region-wide as of June 1, 2021. Region II Services is a political subdivision receiving state, federal, county and local funds.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Tom Werblow gave flyers and information on Signs of Threatening Behavior. Those present were, Jeffrey Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Whitney Lindstedt, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg.

The commissioners adopted and signed RESOLUTION 2021-16 County Annual Certification of Program Compliance – Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Motion made by Arensdorf, seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The 30x30 Plan (Executive Order by President Biden) was discussed and sample resolutions were reviewed. The county attorney will review the samples and the matter will be re-visited in September.

Bryant made a motion to appoint Matt Burch to replace Joyce Snyder on the Planning Commission. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Todd Ascherl has resigned from the Planning Commission. The commissioners will look for a replacement and possibly make an appointment in September.

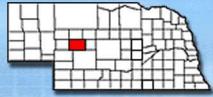
The County Treasurer issued a Report of a New Fund. A STOP Program Fund was created to match fund numbers used by the state for proceeds from the STOP Program.

The board discussed the need for darker window tint on the Sheriff's office door. The darker tinting will help with heat and air-conditioning issues in the office. The commissioners agreed and approved the project.

The clerk presented the Annual County Office Inventories to the board. All inventories were reviewed and signed.

Motion was made by Arensdorf, seconded by Bryant, to declare the gas trimmer, which is no longer used by the county, Surplus Property. The trimmer may then be sold. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

At 11:00 AM a Budget Work Session began. Those present were, Jeffrey Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Tom Burch, Jodi Dudley and Kathy Hoberg. Caleb Johnson, budget preparer, presented the 2021-2022 preliminary county budget requests to the board. The



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Board acknowledged the receipt of the McPherson County Rural Fire District request for levy allocation. Arensdorf moved to adopt RESOLUTION 2021-18 Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts, as follows: McPherson Co. Rural Fire District General Fund \$18,768.00; McPherson Co. Rural Fire District Sinking Fund \$5712.00; Total personal & real property tax required \$24,480.00. The motion was seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2021-17 Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds (1%). Seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The meeting recessed at 12:15 PM for a lunch break. The meeting resumed at 1:15 PM, continuing with the Budget Work Session.

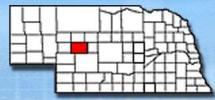
The board reviewed and discussed the budget requests from each county office. Caleb Johnson reviewed all county revenues and expenditures with the commissioners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM. The Board will meet for their next regular meeting at 9:00 AM on September 8, 2021. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

The Board of Commissioners will meet at 9:00 AM on September 15, 2021, for a Budget Hearing. This Hearing will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

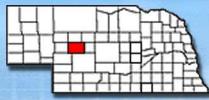
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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of August 11, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated September 2, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, Road Worker Ed Black and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant made a motion to excuse Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, who was absent due to personal reasons. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

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

GENERAL	AMOUNT
Payroll	24,069.55
Ace Hardware	63.98
Ameritas	1,310.07
Blue Cross Blue Shield	5,255.52
John E. Bryant	140.00
Cloudfire Services	324.80
Custer Public Power	1,013.75
Leo Dailey	287.50
Eakes Office Supplies	1,111.49
Great Plains Comm	518.34
Great Plains Comm	61.99
Katherine Hoberg	159.32
Holiday Inn Kearney	149.95
Ideal Linen	102.59
IRS	1,795.17
Lincoln County Treasurer	225.00
Whitney Lindstedt	87.36
MIPS	1,052.25
NE Assn County Officials	175.00
Neal Oil & Auto	174.50
Platte Valley Comm	687.00
Ramada Midtown Conf. Ctr.	288.00
Rox the Roof Construction	3,372.09
Sandhills Septic & Trenching	402.00



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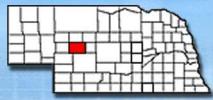
SOS Elections Div.	Workshop	40.00
Staples Credit	Supplies	211.89
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	182.45
TruGreen	Grounds Supplies	80.00
US Bank	Supplies	432.82
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.26
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal/Equip Rental	2,480.00
West Central Dist Assn.	Assessor Dues	25.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	10,287.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	626.88
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	15,404.92
Croell Paving	Asphalt	2,098.13
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	102.69
Inland Truck Parts	Repairs	297.89
IRS	County Share SS/Med	784.59
JM Parts and Equip	Repairs	84.29

McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,406.30
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	5,166.91
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	31.50
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Parts	412.28

FAIR		
Cindy Gregg	Fair Expenses	119.04
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41
Kerri Kramer	Fair Expenses	13.90
Prairie Hills Café	Fair Supplies	344.00
Recognition Unlimited	Fair Awards	961.31
Willow Creek Embroidery	Fair Awards	900.00

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,689.00



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Roads were discussed with Ed Black. Ed reports that the road crew has been patching asphalt on the Cemetery Road. Jack Tucker was present and addressed the board concerning the status of work on the Soddy Road. Ed Black reported that patching on Soddy Road is the next project on the schedule.

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

The commissioners discussed the need for an easement on section 25-20-32. The intersection of North Hall Church Road and Highway 97 needs a new approach with an auto gate, due to a safety issue. The Highway Superintendent will create the easement which will be sent to the landowner for signature.

A Safety Committee meeting was not held due to the absence of Tom Werblow.

The commissioners reviewed a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was prepared by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. Arensdorf made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION #2021-19 which formally adopts the plan. Bryant seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed and discussed the 30x30 Program which was developed by Executive Order, issued by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Arensdorf made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION #2021-20, which states opposition of McPherson County to the 30x30 Program. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Nason.

Voting Nay: Bryant. Motion passed.

Bryant moved to appoint Kent Fisher to replace Todd Ascherl on the Planning Commission Board.

Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There was discussion about the county's holiday policy for employees. Bryant made a motion to adopt June 19th (Juneteenth) as a recognized holiday and remove Arbor Day from the holiday schedule. The motion also included equalization of county employees. This policy will offer the same holidays to the courthouse employees and the road department employees. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There will be a West Central District meeting on Thursday, September 23rd, in Ogallala. The commissioners, clerk and treasurer are planning to attend the meeting.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:55 AM. They will meet again for a Budget Hearing at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. There will be a meeting of the Board of Commissioners immediately following adjournment of the hearing. This meeting will be for the purpose of adopting the budget and setting the final tax request. These meetings will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse and are open to the public.

ATTEST: _____
McPherson County Clerk

McPherson County Board Chairman



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**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
SPECIAL MEETING
HEARING TO SET THE FINAL TAX REQUEST
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of September 8, 2021. Notice of hearing having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated Sept 9, 2021. The hearing was called to order at 9:00AM by Chairman Nason who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeffrey Arendorf were present. Also present was the County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arendorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arendorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The Special Hearing was held to set the final tax request for the proposed 2021/2022 McPherson County Budget, with a tax request of \$761,272.59 which is \$100,041.61 less than last year. There were three copies of the proposed budget available in the courtroom for public review. The purpose of the hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request. Three copies of the aggregate page, comparing numbers on this year's proposed budget with last year's budget were also available for review in the courtroom.

There were no members of the public present for review or to participate in the hearing.

This hearing was adjourned at 9:15 AM

**MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of the Special Hearing to set the final tax request which was held at 9:00 AM on this date. Notice of hearing having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated September 9, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by commissioner Nason at 9:16 AM. Nason noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. The minutes of the September board meeting had been examined and approved by a motion of the board at the Special Hearing which had commenced at 9:00 AM and adjourned at 9:15 AM.

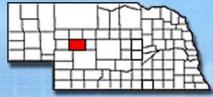
The Budget Hearing was held for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2021/2022 McPherson County Budget. There were three copies of the proposed budget and aggregate page available in the courtroom for public review. Commissioner Nason presented an overview of the 2021/2022 budget.

There were no members of the public present for review or to participate in the hearing.

This hearing was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting for the purpose of adopting the 2021/2022 McPherson County Budget and Setting the Final Tax Request. Notice of meeting having been published in the



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Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated September 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Chairman Nason, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeffrey Arensdorf were present. Also present was the County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. The minutes of the prior board meeting were approved at the Special Hearing to set Final Tax Request, which was held at 9:00 AM.

Arensdorf made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to adopt RESOLUTION # 2021-21 Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations, Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION #2021-22 – Property Tax Request that will cause its tax rate to be **.238804** which is different than the 2020/2021 tax rate of **.291075**, per \$100 of assessed value.

Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue and expenditures, the total operating budget of the McPherson County Board of Commissioners will increase compared to last year's operating budget by **14.61%**. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:40 AM. They will meet again at 9:00 AM on October 13, 2021. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the courthouse in McPherson County and is open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk



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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 13, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of September 15, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated October 7, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeffrey Arensdorf were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Road Worker Ed Black and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to excuse the County Attorney, Whitney Lindstedt, who was absent but available by phone, if needed. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the September 15th Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request, the Budget Hearing and the Special Meeting to Adopt the Budget and Set the Final Tax Request, as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Arensdorf made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	25,698.86
Ace Hardware	Park Supplies	14.99
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,408.15
Jeffrey Arensdorf	Mileage	95.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,255.52
John E. Bryant	Mileage	87.92
Central Plains Valuation LLC	Appraisal Fees	12,000.00
Richard Cook	Mileage	56.56
Cornhusker State Ind.	Picnic Table	535.00
Custer Public Power	Utilities	746.68
DAS St. Accounting	Computer Expense	190.64
Eakes Office Supplies	Maintenance Agreement	3.50
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	516.99
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt	61.99
Ideal Linen	Supplies	102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,919.81
Karen Licking	Supplies	2.97
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,737.74
Whitney Lindstedt	Child Suppt Atty /Mileage	212.36
Loup Basin RC&D	Printing/Fuel	32.00
Mid-States Org. Crime Info.	Dues	25.00

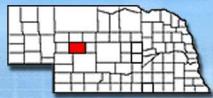


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MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,035.00
Shareen Munson	Contract wages	207.39
Musser Well Drilling	Well Maintenance	482.28
Brett Nason	Mileage	76.16
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	216.00
Rox the Roof Construction	Repairs	683.05
Staples Credit	Supplies	23.45
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	612.10
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,119.00
TruGreen	Grounds Supplies	130.00
US Bank	Supplies	118.87
Verizon	County Court Phone	279.92
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.26
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,480.00
West Central NE Area Aging	Dues	312.32

ROAD	AMOUNT
Payroll	12,340.50
Ace Hardware	12.99
Ameritas	765.48
Blue Cross	2,095.96
Croell Inc.	11,334.07
Croell Paving	2,925.18
Great Plains Comm	101.93
IRS	941.68
JM Parts and Equip	500.43
Knapp Electric	458.58
McPherson Co.	
Inheritance	4,406.30
Michael Todd & Co.	101.04
Neal Oil	5,190.08
Nebraska Truck Center	7.26
NMC Exchange	697.88
Powerplan	574.22
RS Hydraulic Solutions	303.07



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TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Parts	174.00

FAIR

Custer Public Power	Lights	747.45
Blaire Gibbens	Judge	490.08
Rosalea Gift	Judge	143.32
Pam Hamilton	Judge	240.36
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41
MJ Hart	Judge	180.28
Arlan Paxton Treasurer	Fair Expenses	701.25
Aksel Wiseman	Judge	252.64

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,102.50
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County Roads were discussed with Ed Black. The road department has been fixing holes on gravel roads and patching pavement on paved roads.

Jack Tucker was present and addressed the board. He thanked the road department for the patching they have done on Soddy Road. Mr. Tucker inquired about the possibility of working on the Bull Ranch Road. The surface water is currently too high to take equipment into the area. The roads in the area need to dry out before repairs can be completed. There were other options discussed.

Ed Black informed the commissioners that Adam Kramer, from Logan County, has some clay on his place that McPherson County can have if they haul it. The commissioners are interested and will have the road department haul the clay and disperse it where needed.

The commissioners reviewed a Request for Road Work, submitted for placement of an auto-gate at the intersection of Highway 97 and Moore Road. The project was discussed and added to the road plan.

The board examined a Project Bid which was presented to them by the Nebraska DOT for informational purposes. This project will continue the construction on Highway 97, North of Tryon.

The commissioners examined and signed an "Agreement for Right of Way Easement for Roads". The agreement is made between land owners, Ronald A Paxton QTIP Trust, Linda K Paxton Trustee, and McPherson County. The easement and right- of- way shall consist of a strip of land 66 feet in width, with 33 feet on either side of Hall Church Road at the East Right of Way line of Highway 97. Brett Nason, McPherson County Board Chairman, also signed an "Application to Construct Access" for the State of Nebraska. This easement and application for an access will allow the intersection of Hall Church Road and Highway 97 to be moved North of the current location. The purpose of this project is to correct a safety issue.



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Bryant moved to approve the October Road Plan as presented by Arensdorf. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There was a Safety Meeting held. Tom Werblow gave flyers and information about Machine Safety and Emergency Equipment. Those present were, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeffrey Arensdorf, Kathy Hoberg and Ed Black.

The board signed the Quarterly Fee Reports presented by the County Sheriff and County Clerk.

The commissioners received a letter of approval of their "Robert F. Hanich Charitable Trust Grant Application". McPherson County had applied for grant money needed for the "Soddy Road Safety Improvements and Flood Protection Project". The County received a check for \$100,000.00. This is the first of five payments that will be made over the next five years.

At 10:40 AM, Brett Nason adjourned the regular commissioner's meeting to meet as the Board of Equalization.

At 10:41 AM, the Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by chairman Jeffrey Arensdorf, who noted the Open Meetings poster which is located in the court room.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been approved by motion of the board at 9:00 AM.

The purpose of the meeting was to examine the 2021 Subdivision Levies for McPherson County.

Bryant made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2021-23 Setting the following 2021 Levies for McPherson County. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

MCPHERSON COUNTY

GENERAL FUND	0.163538
ROAD FUND	0.074386
FAIR FUND	0.000880
TOTAL	0.238804

MCPHERSON COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

GENERAL FUND	0.005887
SINKING FUND	0.001792
TOTAL FIRE	0.007679

TOTAL COUNTY & FIRE

0.246483	0.246483
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MID PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GENERAL FUND	0.054560
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.020000
TOTAL	0.074560

UPPER LOUP NRD

GENERAL	0.009694
GROUND WATER	0.003835
TOTAL	0.013530

MCPHERSON COUNTY

SCHOOL	
GENERAL	0.665599
QUALIFIED CAPITAL	
PURPOSE	0.008726
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	0.006488
TOTAL	0.680813

TWIN PLATTE NRD

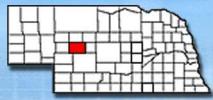
GENERAL	0.011840
GROUND WATER	0.010000
TOTAL	0.021840

ARTHUR COUNTY

SCHOOLS	
GENERAL	0.818202
BUILDING FUND	0.020200
TOTAL	0.838402

STAPLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GENERAL	0.659000
BOND FUND	0.094529
TOTAL	0.753529



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UNIT 16

GENERAL

0.014999

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM. They will meet again on Tuesday, November 10, 2021, at 9:00 AM for their next regular meeting. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Brett W. Nason
McPherson County Board Chairman



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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS **NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of October 13, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated November 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, road worker Ed Black and the County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	24,788.05
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,314.53
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,255.52
John E. Bryant	Mileage	103.60
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	136.32
Custer Public Power	Utilities	568.45
DAS St. Accounting	Computer Expense	84.32
First National Bank	Safe Deposit Box	75.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	516.99
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt	61.99
Heartland Sprinkler System	Maintenance	75.00
Ideal Linen	Supplies	102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,850.14
J13 Enterprises LLC	Budget Preparation	1,824.04
Menards	Supplies	118.96
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	978.75
NACO	Dues	968.84
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	364.45
Sandhills Septic & Trenching	Park Expenses	75.00
Staples Credit	Supplies	119.47
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	203.97
Tractor Supply	Supplies	11.99
TruGreen	Grounds Supplies	80.00
US Bank	Supplies	581.22
Verizon	County Court Phone	52.07
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.05



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ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	9,880.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	599.40
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	17,951.11
Croell Paving	Asphalt	1,066.50
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	101.93
Inland Truck Parts	Repairs	2,591.54
IRS	County Share SS/Med	753.45
JM Parts	Repairs	138.18
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,406.30
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	4,821.50
NMC Exchange	Equipment	13,339.96
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Ideal Linen Supplies 33.41

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

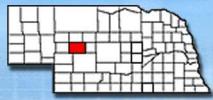
Prairie Hills Café Senior Meals 3,995.00

Road Worker Ed Black reports that the road crew has been doing maintenance and grading roads in the Southwest part of the county. They have repaired soft spots on Storer Road and fixed water holes on Ten Bar Road and Daly Road.

Jack Tucker was present and addressed the board about the Bull Ranch Road and the county's policies regarding maintaining driveways. Brett Nason explained that these policies have been set by prior precedent and there are many variables which have to be considered when changing precedent.

Commissioner Nason informed the board of his progress in getting prices for having an asphalt crusher placed in the county and the cost of having asphalt crushed. The board members, along with Highway Superintendent, Tom Werblow, discussed locations for stockpiling asphalt before it is crushed and storing it after crushing. The asphalt would be removed from Prairie Trace Road and will be used as part of the Soddy Road project.

Arensdorf made a motion to adopt and sign **Resolution #2021-24** Year End Certification for the Highway Superintendent. Bryant Seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the November Road Plan as presented by Arensdorf. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.



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A Safety Committee Meeting was held. Tom Werblow presented information on Safe Operation of Equipment on a Slope. Those present were, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Lindstedt, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg.

Bryant moved to appoint The Stapleton Enterprise as the official McPherson County Newspaper for 2023. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Arensdorf to have County Attorney, Whitney Lindstedt, sign the settlement agreement for the National Opioid Litigation Settlement, and have the funds directed to Region II Behavioral Health Department. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners were informed that the Eclipse Committee will be placing a "Welcome to Tryon" sign on the East side of town just north of the Highway. The land where it will be placed is owned by Jess and Brenda Cochran and will also highlight the 2017 Solar Eclipse.

The board discussed and reviewed the 2023-2026 Salary Recommendations for elected officials. The salary resolution a county board adopts prior to January 15, 2022 may not be altered to increase or decrease a county official's salary during the 2023-2026 term. The county attorney will review the recommendations and the matter will be re-visited at the December commissioner's meeting.

The commissioners were informed that the MCHS Sophomore class has chosen to renovate the horseshoe pit, located in the Tryon Park, as part of a class project.

The board reviewed an update from NACO giving further guidelines as to the approved uses of the ARPA Recovery Funds. No decisions have been made and all options are being reviewed.

The Treasurer, Jodi Dudley, addressed the board about the amount of the Senior Meal donations. Arensdorf made a motion to allow the amount of the donation to be raised to \$5.00. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:34 AM to meet again at 9:00 AM on December 8, 2021, for their next regular meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and is open to the public.

ATTEST:

McPherson County Clerk

McPherson County Board Chairman



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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 8, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of November 22, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated December 2, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Nason, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted in the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Jeffrey Arensdorf and Brett Nason were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt, Road Worker Ed Black and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg.

Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf Seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason Voting Nay: None.

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

GENERAL	AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages 24,503.80
Adams & Swanson	Transport 560.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement 1,316.96
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance 5,255.52
Central Plains Valuation	Appraisal Fees 10,500.00
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop 112.09
Custer Public Power	Utilities 572.39
Leo Dailey	Park Contract 287.50
Eakes Office Plus	Copy Maintenance 760.37
Government Forms & Supply	District Court Files 116.58
Grease Monkey	Repairs 101.98
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet 516.99
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt 61.99
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage 44.80
Ideal Linen	Supplies 102.59
IRS	County Share SS/Med 1,828.38
Lincoln Co Treasurer	Veteran's Contract 225.00
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage 87.36
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer 978.75
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel 163.00
Police Officers' Assoc.of NE	Dues 100.00
Staples Credit	Supplies 94.88
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies 155.34
Verizon	County Court Phone 52.07
Viaero	Sheriff Phone 81.05



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ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	9,935.50
Ace Hardware	Safety Supplies	34.99
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	603.15
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,095.96
Bomgaars Supply	Supplies	14.98
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	13,729.59
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	101.93
IRS	County Share SS/Med	757.70
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,406.30
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	5,155.08
NMC Exchange	Equipment Repair	8,951.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Ideal Linen Supplies 33.41

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café Senior Meals 3,519.00

The Commissioners discussed county roads with Ed Black. Ed reports, the road crew has been working on fixing soft spots in roads, fixing holes and adding cover where needed.

Ed informed the commissioners that the Payloader will be going in for repairs by next week.

Jack Tucker and John Tucker were present and addressed the board concerning a request for road work they had submitted for the Bull Ranch Road. This project was added to the county road plan. It was agreed that the Tuckers will remove an Auto Gate and complete some dirt work prior to the county delivering rock. Due to water issues on this road, the rock will be delivered by dump truck and not the semi-truck and trailer. The Tuckers have agreed to cost-share the rock with the county.

Judie Kramer and Bruce Kramer were present and addressed the board concerning a request for road work they had submitted for Kramer Road. This road needs a narrow auto-gate replaced with a 16-ft auto-gate and sills. The road has two additional auto gates which need the ties replaced with concrete. The request submitted by the Kramers, asked about possible reimbursement for a culvert which they had replaced. The county has not reimbursed landowners for culverts in the past so the request was denied.

The county will roll in the road from the east side and add gravel after the existing fence has been moved by the Kramers. Mr. and Mrs. Kramer have agreed to cost-share the gravel with the county. These projects were added to the county road plan.



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Nason moved to approve the road plan as presented by Arensdorf. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee meeting was held by Highway Superintendent Werblow. Those present were John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Lindstedt, Kathy Hoberg and Ed Black. All present were given flyers and information about Personal Hygiene on the Job.

Jessica Fenske addressed the board and gave information on the Healing Hearts Diversion Program. The program helps juveniles who have gotten in trouble for anything from drugs and alcohol to speeding, get help without getting trapped in the justice system and hopefully divert them back onto the right track.

Arensdorf moved to have McPherson County continue to partner in the program. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Board Chairman Nason signed the memorandum.

The commissioners reviewed RESOLUTION#2021-25 Authorizing funds to be borrowed from the Inheritance Tax Fund for the purchase of a new Tractor and Loader. Provisions of the resolution are as follows: McPherson County is hereby authorized to purchase the tractor and loader from Titan Machinery for a purchase price of \$55,900.00. McPherson County is authorized to borrow the funds for this tractor and loader from the McPherson County Inheritance Tax Fund. McPherson County shall pay back the Inheritance Tax Fund, in accordance to an attached Loan Amortization Schedule. Chairman, Brett Nason has the authority to sign any and all documents to purchase this vehicle and enter into a loan on behalf of McPherson County to make this purchase. Commissioner Arensdorf made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION #2021-25. Bryant seconded this motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The board discussed setting the salaries for McPherson County Elected Officials for the term of 2023-2026. The salaries of all elected county officers must be fixed by the county board prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective offices.

The salary resolution a county board adopts prior to January 15, 2022, may not be altered to increase or decrease a county official's salary during the 2023-2026 term.

Motion by Bryant seconded by Arensdorf to pass, approve and adopt RESOLUTION#2021-26 setting the annual salary for the term of office for the County Clerk/Ex-Officio at \$50,655 beginning January 2023 with a 2% cost of living increase for 2024, 2025 and 2026. Annual salaries for the term of office for the County Treasurer and the County Sheriff at \$48,242 beginning January 2023 with a 2% cost of living increase for 2024, 2025 and 2026. The annual salary for the term of office for County Commissioner set at \$8080 beginning January 2023 with a 2% cost of living increase for 2024, 2025 and 2026. In addition to the above salary, each official shall receive the same health and medical group insurance plan as offered to all elected county employees, which is up to employee/spouse insurance coverage or receive a monetary payment of \$1,000.00 a month at county expense, during his or her term of office. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners approved the addition of grub prevention to the current contract agreement with Trugreen, for lawn care at the courthouse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM

The Board will meet again at 9:00 AM on January 12, 2022, for their annual Statutory Meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and is open to the public.

Attest: Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk