



McPherson County Board Minutes



MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 11, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of December 19, 2022, for the annual organizational meeting and regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated January 5, 2023. Chairman Nason called the meeting to order at 9:00 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. Road employee Ed Black was also present. The Chairman noted the Public Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting with the following correction: *The meeting was called to order by Vice -Chairman Arensdorf, and Arensdorf noted the Public Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom.* The minutes erroneously listed Bryant as completing these actions. The motion by Bryant also included making a correction to the minutes of December 19, 2022, in which it was stated that *"The board acknowledged the election of Kerri L. Kramer to the office of McPherson County Treasurer, term to begin January 5, 2022".* ***Correction made stating the term to begin January 5, 2023.*** Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to appoint Jeff Arensdorf as McPherson County Board Chairman and Brett Nason as Vice-Chairman for 2023. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Arensdorf abstained. Nason made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	26,096.50
Ace Hardware	Supplies	75.96
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,464.22
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	746.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	9,843.12
Custer Public Power	Utilities	581.35
Judy M. Dailey	Prior Service	48.00
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies/Equipment	207.79
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	529.04
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Supplies	117.39
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,938.98
K&C Feeds/ Grassland Feeds	Supplies	8.40
Menards	Supplies	20.78
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,027.36
NE Assn. Co. Assessors	Dues	60.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	157.00
Donald Nicholson	Prior Service	132.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Training	222.50



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Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	248.84
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	310.89
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,347.93
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	381.78
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.12
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00

ROAD

AMOUNT

Payroll	Wages	10,584.25
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	646.94
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,451.64
Croell Inc.	Gravel	2,300.45
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	105.39
Inland Truck Parts	Parts/Repairs	48.42
IRS	County Share SS/Med	807.33

JM Parts and Equipment	Repairs	254.70
K&C Feeds/Grassland		
Feeds	Supplies	8.40
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,858.91
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	4,831.09
Powerplan	Repairs	420.93
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
GB Auto Svc (T.O.Haas)	Repairs	40.00
US Bank	Shop Supplies	17.72

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	37.11
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SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,265.60
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COVID ARPA

K&S Electric/Halls Electric	Generators	23,866.08
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At 9:15 AM, the board recognized Kerry Warren and Ryan Schultis, who addressed the board concerning the road on Tupper Drive. There has been a Request for Roadwork submitted for work which is much needed on the road. The road crosses parcels of land which are owned by two different landowners. The project cannot be added to the road plan until easements have been signed by the landowners. One of the landowners has not returned the signed easement to the county. The issue and possible actions were discussed with the County Attorney, Highway Superintendent, and the commissioners.



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Rich Cook, McPherson County Weed Superintendent presented an Annual Noxious Weed Report to the commissioners. Each commissioner was given a copy of the report and it was signed by the board chairman.

Nason made a motion to appoint Rich Cook as McPherson County Weed Superintendent for 2023, increasing the wage to \$14.00 per hour. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Ed Black addressed the board about the need for new dumpsters. Several of the old dumpsters are rusting out on the bottom. The Village of Stapleton will be placing an order for new dumpsters and McPherson County may add an order to be shipped with their order. The dumpsters are estimated to cost \$700 to \$750 each. Bryant made a motion to give Ed permission to order 6 dumpsters. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Discussion was made on the county roads with Ed Black. The road department has been working many hours on snow removal and opening roads, which is much appreciated by the commissioners and the community.

Tom Werblow informed the board that he has examined the *National Functional Classification System Map* which was received from the DOT. Werblow did not see the need to request any changes to the map. Bryant made a motion to have the chairman sign the map and return it to the DOT. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners reviewed a bid for asphalt pulverization submitted by Level LLC. Work requested: Reclaim approximately 1.1 miles of asphalt on Prairie Trace Road in McPherson County, to include pulverization of existing asphalt, Integration of asphalt into subgrade, and compaction and grading of reclaimed road. Bid submitted is \$46,600.00, which is based off using all existing materials and does not include addition of any imported materials. Nason moved to accept the bid from Level LLC for \$46,600.00. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed a warranty renewal letter from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for the John Deere model 770G Grader. This will be added to the February agenda for further review.

The board reviewed an estimate for body work on the dump truck from Twin Rivers Body Shop. Nason moved to accept the bid of \$2500.00. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The 2023 schedule for Road Overseer was set as follows:

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

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

Nason made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2023-1**, McPherson County Road and Labor Prices for the year 2023, adjusting prices set to pay and charge. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion to increase the wages for road employees with two years' county employment by \$1.00 per hour. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLUTION #2023-1

MCPHERSON COUNTY ROAD AND LABOR PRICES FOR THE YEAR 2023

PRICES SET TO PAY...WITH BOARD APPROVAL

COUNTY EMPLOYEE

PERSON, SINGLE HANDED.....\$18.00 PER HOUR

TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR\$18.00 PER HOUR

PERSON, SINGLE HANDED



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(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT).....\$20.50 PER HOUR

TRACTOR OR BLADE OPERATOR

(TWO YEARS' COUNTY EMPLOYMENT).....\$20.50 PER HOUR

FARM TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT WITH

OPERATOR.....\$90.00

FARM TRACTOR WITH OPERATOR

(100 H.P. OR MORE FOR SNOW REMOVAL\$110.00 PER HOUR

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

PATROL WITH OPERATOR.....\$200.00 PER HOUR

WHEEL LOADER WITH OPERATOR.....\$200.00 PER HOUR

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR WITH OPERATOR.....\$120.00 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 8, 2023.

Bryant moved to approve the January Road Plan as presented by Nason. Nason seconded. Voting Aye:

Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

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

Werblow gave flyers and information about the dangers of Fatigue on the job.

Nason moved to appoint Tom Werblow, Ed Black, and Jeff Arensdorf to the Safety Committee for 2023, with Jeff Arensdorf Chairman. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Nason and seconded by Bryant to adopt and approve **Resolution #2023-2** appointing Tom Werblow as McPherson County Highway Superintendent, with a total salary of \$9000.00, for the year 2023. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Bryant seconded by Nason to adopt and approve **Resolution #2023-3** designating the following depositories for McPherson County in 2023. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. 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.

Nason moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #2023-4** giving the McPherson County Treasurer the authority to invest funds for the year 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to adopt and approve **Resolution #2023-5** appointing Whitney Schroeder as the McPherson County Attorney for the year 2023. 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 Nason. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Nason seconded by Bryant to adopt and approve **Resolution #2023-6** appointing Bonnie Edwards of North Platte, Nebraska, to act in the capacity of McPherson County Surveyor for the year 2023. No Fees will be charged to McPherson County. Clients will be charged regular rates for the survey work. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint John Bryant and Alternate Brett Nason to the **911 Advisory Board** for 2023.

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

Bryant moved to appoint, pending their approval, Mike Krull, Kelly Ward and Vernon Waits to the **Planning Commission** for a 3-year term to expire in 2026. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint, pending their approval, Jeff Arensdorf, John Haller and Randy Fisher (alternate), to the **Board of Adjustments** for a 3-year term to expire in 2026. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.



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Bryant made a motion to appoint, pending their approval, Arlis Blake, Dan Arensdorf and Arlan Paxton, to the **Fair Board** for a 3-year term to expire in 2026. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint, pending their approval, Jeff Arensdorf and Shareen Munson to the **Sandhills RC&D Board** for 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to appoint Jeff Arensdorf and Lana Watson, pending her approval, to the **West Central District Health Department Board** for 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf to the **Lexington Area Solid Waste Management Board** for 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf.

Bryant moved to appoint Brett Nason as representative to the **West Central Area Aging Board and Region II Mental Health Board** for 2023. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint Jeff Arensdorf and John Bryant as representative and alternate to the **West Central Development District Board** for 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The following appointments were approved in one motion made by Nason and seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

County Physician- West Central District Health Department in compliance with §71-1626.

Official Means of Publication – The Stapleton Enterprise and www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov

Collateral Receipts-yes

Burial Fees-\$1500.00

Meeting Dates and Time for 2023- 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM

Miller Park Caretaker-Chelsey McNutt at \$1150.00 per year (pending her approval)

McPherson County Emergency Manager- Tom Burch at \$1600.00 per year

McPherson County Zoning Administrator- Kathy Hoberg at \$1800.00 per year

McPherson County Board of Equalization Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2023 – Brett Nason, Chairman. Jeff Arensdorf, Vice-Chairman.

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

The commissioners reviewed and approved the 2023 Nirma Insurance Schedule for McPherson County. Motion made by Nason and seconded by Bryant. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners reviewed Fund Balance reports from the Treasurer.

The board reviewed a proposal and scope of work for courtroom updates provided by Conference Technologies, INC. The Courtroom Technology Upgrade Project was initiated by the State of Nebraska and will include audio/visual upgrades for the courtroom. The total amount of expenses listed for hardware and installation in the CTI proposal will be paid by the state administrative office. The cost to the county will depend on the extent of the prep-work required to put in the new system. Nason made a motion to sign the Notice to Proceed. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The clerk informed the board that McPherson county's application for a grant to fund a Scrap Tire Clean -up Program has been approved. The program will take place June 23rd and 24th of this year.

McPherson County also made an application to the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund which is part of the American Rescue Plan Act. The total amount of funds awarded to McPherson County in will be \$100,000.00. Future discussion will be made on qualified and best use of these funds for the County.



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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on February 8, 2023.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeff Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of January 11, 2023, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated February 2, 2023. Chairman Arensdorf called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Board members John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf and Brett Nason were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Sheriff Tom Burch, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, and road department employee Ed Black. Nason moved to excuse the County Attorney Whitney Schroeder who was expected to be late due to a family illness. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Chairman Arensdorf noted the Open Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Nason moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

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

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	27,218.77
Adams Bank & Trust	Treasurer Supplies	85.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,539.97
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	746.80
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,382.34
John Bryant	Mileage	121.18
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	116.64
Custer Public Power	Utilities	598.90
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	254.99
Fastenal Company	Janitorial Supplies	43.96
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	530.89
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	52.40
Holiday Inn Kearney	Treasurer Workshop	129.95
Ideal Linen	Supplies	127.74
IRS	County Share SS/Med	2,024.82
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	176.85
Karen Licking	Postage	13.80
Loup Basin RC&D Council	Dues	200.00
Mid-States Org Crime Info Ctr	Dues	100.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,092.36
NE Assn. Co. Treasurers	Dues	50.00
NE Clerk of Dist Ct. Assn.	Dues	50.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	1,220.50



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Sandhills RC&D	Dues	100.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	97.50
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	33.88
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	787.37
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	483.09
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.88
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00
West Central Assessor Assn	Dues	25.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,326.88
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	697.06
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,451.64
Croell Inc.	Gravel	341.70
Fastenal Co.	Shop Supplies	139.54
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	106.43
IRS	County Share SS/Med	864.14
K&C Feeds/Grassland Feeds	Supplies	16.80
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,386.69
Michael Todd Ind. Supply	Equipment	481.48
Ronald Munson	Equipment	82.30
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	8,466.89
NMC Exchange LLC	Shop Supplies	416.53
Powerplan	Repairs	898.40
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment	791.96
Troyer Enterprises	Supplies	2,128.63

FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	37.11
Recognition Unlimited	Supplies	76.20

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,230.25

Don Moore was present and addressed the board concerning road conditions.



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The board discussed roads with Ed Black. Due to the recent storms, the department has been working exclusively on snow removal and opening roads. Ed reported that one V -Plow is currently at Troyer's for repair and Dawson Tire has been called to replace one tire on the loader.

Arensdorf reported that the Extended Warranty on the John Deere 770G Grader cannot be renewed.

Nason moved to accept a price quote from Simon Materials for gravel. The quote is for 2,000 ton of Recycled Base Gravel for a delivered price of \$36.00 per ton. Total price quoted: \$72,000.00. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Vernon Waits was present to discuss a Request for Roadwork he had submitted for work needed on 75 Waits Drive. The road needs to be raised and water holes repaired. There was discussion with Nason voicing concern about the county repairing driveways. Bryant made a motion to add the project to the road plan. An Easement will be required. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: Nason.

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

County Attorney Whitney Schroeder arrived at 9:30 AM.

Toni Powers was present and discussed the need for a new ambulance in McPherson County. There are grants available which have been applied for. The Fire Department and volunteers are looking for additional means of raising funds. Discussion was held on the possibility of using some of the *Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund* money to assist with this purchase. This was an informational discussion only and no decisions were made. The commissioners did express their willingness to assist with the purchase.

The following Board Appointments were confirmed:

- Mike Krull, Kelly Ward and Vernon Waits – Planning Commission
- John Haller and Randy Fisher – Board of Adjustment
- Dan Arensdorf and Arlan Paxton – Fair Board
- Chelsey McNutt – Park Caretaker @ \$1150.00 per year.
- Arlis Blake – Fair Board - will be confirmed upon his approval at the March meeting.
- Sandhills RC& D- appointment to replace Shareen Munson will be made at the March meeting.
- Lana Watson appointment to West Central District Health Department Board - will be confirmed upon her approval at the March meeting.

At 9:45, a Safety Committee Meeting was held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, Whitney Schroeder, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Ed Black, and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and a presentation on *Working Safely with Hand Tools*.

At 10:00 AM, the annual One & Six- Year Road Plan Hearing was held in the courtroom. Notice of Hearing having been published in the February 2nd edition of the Stapleton Enterprise. Those present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Whitney Schroeder, Ed Black, and Kathy Hoberg. Everyone was given a copy of the plan with a copy available for the public. Tom Werblow reviewed the plan with those present. There were no comments from members of the public. Nason made a motion to approve and adopt the 2023 One & Six- Year Road Plan as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. The hearing was closed at 10:15 AM.

Caleb Johnson was present to discuss the upcoming Budget season. Nason made a motion to accept and sign a *Letter of Engagement for Budget Preparation* between J13 Enterprises, LLC, and McPherson County



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for the 2023-2024 budget year. The fee for the services will be \$2,000.00. If there are additional, unforeseen circumstances, the additional cost will be an hourly rate of \$85.00 plus required travel expenses. Bryant seconded the motion: Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Tom Burch addressed the board about creating a position of Community Service Officer in the Sheriff's Office. There is new online training available, and Burch believes it would benefit McPherson County to create this position. The CSO would be on call, as needed, and would be able to perform title inspections, and take applications for firearms permits. They would also be able to offer traffic control assistance and other duties appropriate to the position. Tom will create a policy for the position in McPherson County and give more information to the board when it is available.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on March 8, 2023.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 8, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of February 8, 2023, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated March 2, 2023. Meeting Agenda having been posted in the courthouse and on the county website at www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by Vice- Chairman Nason as Chairman Arensdorf had not yet arrived. Nason noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the court room. Members Brett Nason and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Sheriff Tom Burch, road employee Ed Black, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

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DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	367.36
Grease Monkey	Sheriff Vehicle	159.96
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	531.07
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Supplies	127.74
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,935.47
Chelsey McNutt	Park Contract	287.50
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,065.43
NE Assn. County Clerks	Dues	50.00
NACO	Workshop	140.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	818.50
Nirma	County Atty Continuing Ed	50.00
Roll Offs USA	Dumpsters	3,945.00
RR Donnelley	Office Supplies	68.01
Whitney Schroeder	Printing/Mileage	136.57
Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies	49.70
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	402.26
The Radar Shop	Maintenance Agreement	128.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	339.73
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.88
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,736.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
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Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,451.64
Croell Inc.	Gravel	322.83
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment	2,998.10
Fastenal Co.	Shop Supplies	13.29
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	106.43

IRS	County Share SS/Med	864.54
JM Parts and Equip McPherson Co.	Equipment	247.25
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,386.69
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	4,861.46
NE Truck Center	Equipment	83.54
NMC Exchange`	Equipment	53.38
Powerplan	Repairs	1,048.72
Simon Materials	Crushed Concrete	13,403.21
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	13.72
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Tractor Supply	Shop Supplies	29.99
Troyer Enterprises	Supplies	2,196.57

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	37.11
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SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,177.15
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COVID ARPA

Platte Valley Comm.	Radios	22,872.00
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Chairman Jeff Arensdorf arrived at 9:20 AM.

Ed Black was present and discussed the need for a new ambulance in McPherson County. McPherson County will be receiving a total of \$100,000.00 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund which has not yet been designated for use. Bryant made a motion to commit \$75,000.00 of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund to assist with the purchase of a new ambulance. The remaining \$25,000.00 will be used to pay the final costs associated with the three generators which were purchased with American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners confirmed the following board appointments:

- Arlis Blake – Fair Board
- Lana Watson – West Central District Health Department Board
- RC&D – April Agenda

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

Werblow presented flyers and information about *Hand and Arm Protection*.

Shareen Munson was present and discussed the Senior Meal Program with the board. Munson informed the commissioners of the process of client intake for the program. The county has received \$3,184.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act which is to be used to supplement our OAA meals and supportive services. This will be paid directly to Prairie Hills Café as our Meal Site.

The commissioners discussed roads with Ed Black. The road department employees have been working in the shop servicing vehicles and equipment. Black reports that the semi is in the shop for repairs or replacement of the transmission.

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

Kerri Kramer, McPherson County Treasurer addressed the board concerning county investment options. There are 2 CD's reaching their maturity date and Kramer gave the board a list of rates and options she is considering for replacement of the CD's.

The board received a Fund Balance Report from the Treasurer.

The board also received and examined a Local Programming Report for 2022, from Nebraska Extension.

At 11:00 AM the board conducted an interview with Sean L. Fleming of Omaha, Nebraska, for the office of County Sheriff.

At 11:30 AM the board conducted an interview with Chaz Brown of Yuma, Colorado, for the office of County Sheriff.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM. The Board will meet again on April 12, 2023, for their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Jeff Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Publish: March 16, 2023

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 12, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of March 8, 2023, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated April 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chairman Arensdorf. Members John Bryan and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Sheriff Tom Burch, Road Worker Ed Black, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Chairman Arensdorf noted the Open Meetings Act which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Bryant made a motion to excuse Commissioner Brett Nason. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Nason. 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. Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	27,727.17
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,555.39
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	2,591.08
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,382.34
Central Plains Valuation	Appraiser Fees	2,321.00
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	137.50
Custer Public Power	Utilities	585.47
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	210.60
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	530.24
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	52.40
Ideal Linen	Supplies	127.74
IRS	County Share SS/Med	2,063.70
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	45.85
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,737.74
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	County Court Expenses	21.43
Menards	Supplies	31.39
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,027.36
Brett Nason	Mileage	98.25
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	807.00
North Platte Telegraph	Sheriff Ad	665.00
Whitney Schroeder	Child Suppt Enforce/Mileage	222.50
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	29.66
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	163.98
Sunset Law Enforcement	Supplies	293.45
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	1,100.40
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	218.12
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.88
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	13,315.38
Ace Hardware	Supplies	59.96
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	831.29
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,451.64
Croell Inc.	Gravel	6,102.72
Croell Inc. Paving	Asphalt	945.00

Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	3,400.00
Fastenal Co.	Shop Supplies	23.84
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	105.41
Inland Truck Parts	Equipment Repairs	12,313.26
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,016.26
JM Parts and Equip	Equipment	298.20
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	4,386.69
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	3,365.78
Platte Valley Comm	Radio Repair	232.50
Powerplan	Repairs	1,013.42
Simon Materials	Crushed Concrete	17,649.38
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Twin Rivers Body Shop	Equipment Repairs	3,748.12
US Bank	Supplies	57.80

FAIR

Custer Public Power	Lights	439.29
Ideal Linen	Supplies	37.11
Arlan Paxton/Treasurer	Fair Expenses	561.50

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals/ARPA	7,497.35
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Logan and Jennifer Hill were present and addressed the board concerning an application for a Conditional Use Permit. The Commissioners referred the matter to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will meet on April 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM, for their annual meeting and will review the application at this meeting.

Rich Cook was present and presented the Board with the Annual Weed Compliance Report. The report was reviewed by the commissioners and signed by Chairman Arensdorf.

Bryant moved to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2023-8** Designating LATCF funds to assist with the purchase of a new ambulance for McPherson County. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve and sign a Change Order for Updated Equipment in the courtroom. The change order adds a wireless lapel microphone to equipment which will be installed in the courtroom. The equipment is being installed as part of Statewide Standardized Courtroom Upgrades. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners discussed roads with Ed Black. Ed reported that the road department has been grading and dragging roads. They have also been patching asphalt on the Ringgold Road.

John Bryant acknowledged the receipt of a check in the amount of \$100,000.00, which is part of a grant from the Robert F. Hanich Trust. This check is the third installment of a grant of \$500,000.00, which is to be used on the *Soddy Road Safety Improvement Project*.

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

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were Tom Werblow, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and information about *Safety of Synthetic Web Slings* and *Safety Measures for Water Pumps*.

The commissioners reviewed the Fund Balance Report from the Treasurer.

Sheriff Tom Burch gave information to the commissioners about security measures he is considering for the courthouse. Burch is gathering quotes for safety glass material, door locks and cameras.

Assessor, Kathy Hoberg, gave a Report of Valuation Change after the Abstract to the commissioners. There were 17 parcels which had a value change after the Abstract was filed with the state. These were all due to clerical errors and have been corrected.

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

Bryant made a motion to move the date of the June commissioner's meeting from Wednesday, June 14th, to Monday, June 12th. This will allow the clerk to attend the Clerk's

Workshop in Kearney from June 14-16. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The board discussed the two applicants which were interviewed in March for the Sheriff's position. The decision was made that neither applicant will be hired. The position will remain open, and the county will continue to accept applications. Bryant will contact both applicants and inform them of the board's decision.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:40 AM. They will meet again at 9:00 AM, on May 10, 2023, for their next regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

Publish: April 20, 2023

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS
May 10, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **April 12, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated May 4, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chairman Arensdorf, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were Sheriff Tom Burch, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg and Road Worker Ed Black. The County Attorney and Highway Superintendent were expected to arrive a few minutes late. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, which was held on **April 12, 2023**, as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Nason abstained as he was absent from the last meeting. Voting Nay: None.

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

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	26,845.96
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,514.80
Applied Connective Tech	Computer Expense	776.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,382.34
John Bryant	Mileage	121.18
Richard Cook	Mileage/Workshop	120.52
Custer Public Power	Utilities	515.04
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
D12 Industries	Emergency Mgnt/Repairs	1,012.34
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	529.08
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Halls Electric and Svcs	Install Generators	9,428.27
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	224.02
Holiday Inn Kearney	Clerk/Treas Workshop	243.90
Ideal Linen	Supplies	127.74
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,996.31
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,027.36
Naco Planning & Zoning	Dues	40.00
NE Assn County Officials	BOE/Clerk Workshop	175.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	2,042.02
Sandhill Septic	Grounds Repairs	60.00
Whitney Schroeder	Child Suppt Enforce/Mileage	97.50
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	60.48
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	307.82
Sunset Law Enforcement	Supplies	70.66
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	80.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	522.85
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.50
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,004.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	675.27
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,451.64
Croell Inc.	Gravel	13,974.35
Croell Inc. Paving	Asphalt	1,096.25
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	1,284.04
Galaway Field Repair	Equipment Repairs	470.00
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	105.41
IRS	County Share SS/Med	839.44
JM Parts and Equip	Equipment	66.10
Level LLC/Robert Watson	Asphalt Reclaim	45,000.00

McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	4,840.32
Simon Materials	Crushed Concrete	903.96
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	37.11
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SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,115.20
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COVID ARPA

Halls Electric	Generator Install	921.73
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The County Attorney Whitney Schroeder arrived at 9:10. The Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow arrived at 9:15.

The board discussed roads with Ed Black. The road department has been repairing holes and damage to roads. The roads are still very dry from the drought, but they are hopeful the recent moisture will allow them to do more road grading and repairs.

The board reviewed and discussed a Request for Road Work submitted for Pueppka Drive. This road is on the road plan and the work is scheduled to be completed soon. Nason moved to accept the May Road Plan as presented by Arensdorf. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

At 9:30 AM, the commissioners held a conference call with Caleb Johnson. The purpose of the call was to discuss Resolutions for the Road Sinking Fund. Final decisions concerning this fund and the resolutions will be made prior to the June meeting.

At 10:00 AM, the board met with Val Jansante from Congressman Adrian Smith’s office. Mr. Jansante informed the board that Congressman Smith is currently a member of the Trade Committee and gave information on some of the tasks he is working on. Mr. Jansante held a Mobile Office and was available in the courthouse until 12:00 PM to answer questions from the public.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Members present were John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Schroeder, Tom Werblow, Ed Black, and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow presented information and gave flyers about Suspended Loads and Securing Machines for Transport.

Chairman Jeff Arensdorf signed the Management Representation Letter from the Auditor Don Wilson. McPherson County’s annual audit was completed on April 28, 2023.

The board reviewed the Fund Balance Reports from the Treasurer. The commissioners discussed the 2023 rates for Health and Dental Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. Health and Dental insurance rates will increase 3.98%. McPherson County pays the Health Insurance premium for up to employee/spouse or employee/children coverage. Employees pay all deductibles and co-pays. Dental Insurance premiums are paid fully by the employee. Nason made a motion to continue the current benefit program with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to declare the old generator, which was recently replaced, surplus property. The generator will be sold as is. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM. The next regular Board of Commissioner’s meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on **June 12, 2023**. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 12, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **May 10, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated June 1, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by Chairman Arensdorf, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were Sheriff Tom Burch, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg and Road Worker Ed Black. Bryant made a motion to excuse the County Attorney and Highway Superintendent who were expected to arrive a few minutes late. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Nason moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, which was held on **May 10, 2023**, as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Nason made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	27,832.40
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,581.39
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,676.16
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Workshop	139.95
Custer Public Power	Utilities	643.53
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	54.50
Government Forms & Supply	Office Supplies	103.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	529.08
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Gworks	Website GIS	5,000.00
John Haller	Equipment Repair	66.75
Victoria Hervey Attorney	Court App Atty	60.00
Heartland Sprinkler Systems	Grounds Supplies	155.65
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	98.25
Ideal Linen	Supplies	127.74
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,071.77
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,737.74
Keith County Comm	Tower Repair/Lease	8,490.11
Chelsey McNutt	Park Contract	287.50
Menards	Supplies	169.11
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,027.36
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Repair	70.50
Brett Nason	Mileage	231.87
NE County Attorney's Assn	Dues/Education	484.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	216.09
Nebraska State Patrol	Computer Expense	75.00
NIRMA	Insurance	13,426.00
North Platte Hardware	Supplies	54.26
Whitney Schroeder	Child Suppt Enforce/Mileage	97.50
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	299.32
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	330.48
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	256.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	1,617.67
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.50
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,744.00
Donald D. Wilson CPA	Audit Costs	5,000.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	13,315.38
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	831.29
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	20,887.77
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	1,347.51
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	105.41
Inland Truck Parts Co	Equipment Repairs	138.15
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,016.26
JM Parts and Equip	Equipment Repairs	393.86
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	7,732.47
NIRMA	Insurance	16,939.00
T and S Repair LLC	Equipment Repairs	488.76
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Troyer Enterprises	Shop Supplies	17.50

FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
Sandhills Catering	Fair Expenses	1,000.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	47.99

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,902.85
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The County Attorney Whitney Schroeder arrived at 9:05. The Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow arrived at 9:10.

Jack Tucker along with 12 members of the public were present to discuss the condition of Soddy Road. There was discussion about the progress of the Soddy Road Safety Project. This project began in 2022 and is funded by money requested from the Hanich Trust. The road department continues to add crushed concrete to add width to the road, and there will be asphalt patching done when the weather permits.

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

Chairman of the BOE, Brett Nason, called the meeting to order. The meeting notice had been published in the Stapleton Enterprise; issue dated June 1, 2023. Nason recognized the Open Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. The board reviewed reports of Over/Under valued property due to clerical errors. Parcel #6000001075 was overvalued at time of abstract due to "No Value Buildings" being added to the record card during the data entry process. Parcel # 600001628 was undervalued due to a clerical error in acre count. The parcel has 640 acres but was on the record card as 639 acres. There were 16 parcels which were undervalued at time of abstract due to a clerical error in the site code. The report of each corrected parcel is available for review in the County Assessor's office. There were no Valuation Protests filed for hearing.

The BOE meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

The Board of Commissioners meeting re-convened at 10:16 AM.

Jean Andersen with AFLAC was present and met with the commissioners. She gave an update on the county's account and products which are available for all McPherson County employees.

Plans chosen by the employees are paid 100% by the employee.

The board discussed **RESOLUTION #2023-9** Closing the Road Sinking Fund. During the recent annual audit, the auditor suggested that there was no need for the fund. He suggested that the Road Sinking Fund be closed, and the money transferred into the Road Fund. Bryant made a motion to adopt and sign Resolution #2023-9, which will close the Road Sinking Fund and instruct the Treasurer to transfer the funds to the Road Fund. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. The board is looking for a person to replace Shareen Munson on the RC&D Board. The matter was tabled until the July meeting.

At 10:30 AM Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit

Notice of Hearing was published in the Stapleton Enterprise on June 1, 2023. Letters were sent to property owners within a four-mile radius of the subject property.

The purpose of the hearing was to consider a request for conditional use permit submitted by HI/Cattle Co. The request is for a 500 Head Feedlot on property located at 106 N. Ringgold Road. The Planning Commission held a hearing on the matter and recommends approval from the board. The hearing was open for comment for 15 minutes. There were no members of the public present to comment. Bryant made a motion to give approval for a permit for a 500 head feedlot. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The hearing was closed at 10:45 AM.

Nason made a motion to re-appoint Dennis Licking to his position on the Veteran's Service Board; term ending in 2028. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to accept a letter of resignation from the Fair Board which had been submitted by Kerri Kramer. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant also moved to appoint Lindsey Bernal to the term which expires in January 2024. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Toni Powers was present and asked the board for verification of the \$75,000.00 from the Tribal Fund, which was designated to assist with the purchase of a new ambulance. The board confirmed that this money is designated for the ambulance purchase and will be available for use during the upcoming Fiscal Year.

The commissioners discussed a Road Work request which had previously been submitted by Ryan Schultis for Tupper Drive. The county continues to wait for an easement to be signed by one of the landowners.

The board discussed roads with Ed Black. The road department has been repairing holes and damage to roads. Ed informed the commissioners about the need for repairs on the dump truck.

The Waste Tire Clean up program was addressed. This program will be held on June 23rd and 24th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Ron Munson will oversee the sign in sheet. Ed Black will be present to assist Munson. The tires may be taken to the tree pile collection site South of Tryon on the East side of South Tryon Road. Those bringing tires will be responsible for unloading the tires.

Nason made a motion 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. Members present were John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Schroeder, Tom Werblow, Ed Black, and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow presented information and gave flyers about [Skin Cancer](#).

The commissioners examined and approved the annual audit report. **The audit report has been completed and is on file in the County Clerk's office.**

The board reviewed the NIRMA annual billing statement for insurance. McPherson County's annual contribution amount for 2023-24 is \$30,365. This represents a \$7,011, or 30.02 percent increase from last year.

The board reviewed the Fund Balance Report from the Treasurer.

Sheriff Tom Burch gave copies of estimates for courthouse security devices to the commissioners. The sheriff and the commissioners are evaluating the need for additional security measures in the courthouse. Some items may include cameras, monitors and safety glass.

Chairman Jeff Arensdorf signed a contract as the Contractor for the Senior Meal Program.

The board designated a Remington Cordless Leaf Blower/Sweeper as surplus property, and it will be sold as is. Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Nason. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.

The next regular Board of Commissioner's meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on **July 12, 2023**. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

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

JULY 12, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **June 12, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the *Stapleton Enterprise*; issue dated July 6, 2023. The agenda for the meeting was posted in the courthouse and on the county website. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Chairman Arensdorf who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Board Members Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf and John Bryant were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, road worker Ed Black, and Sheriff Tom Burch.

Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and Board of Equalization meeting with the following correction: *The minutes state that Nason moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting and seconded the motion. The minutes are corrected to state that **Bryant** seconded that motion.* Nason seconded the motion and correction. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

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

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	27,190.90
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,538.09
Applied Connective Tech	IT Consultant	1,553.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,676.16
Bridge of Hope	Annual Fee	125.00
Comfort Inn Kearney	Workshop	119.95
Custer Public Power	Utilities	787.48
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	317.86
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	529.08
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgmt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Supplies	127.74
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,026.36
K&C Feeds	Weigh Fee	20.00
Loup Basin RC&D	Weed Postage	25.33
Menards	Supplies	104.99
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,085.78
NE Assn County Officials	Workshop/Dues	1,153.81
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	201.20
North Platte Hardware	Supplies	16.78
Region II Services	Annual Fee	830.00
Sandhill Septic & Trenching	Park Maintenance	120.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt Enforce	222.50
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	1,085.51
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	248.86
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.50
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,865.00
Ace Hardware	Supplies	19.98
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	733.40
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	30,702.01
Croell Inc. Paving	Asphalt	2,041.60
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	1,116.49

Fastenal Co.	Supplies	4.12
Front Street Auto Glass	Back Glass	100.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	105.41
Inland Truck Parts Co	Equipment Repairs	7.56
IRS	County Share SS/Med	905.31
JM Parts and Equip	Equipment	205.66
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	60.40
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	12,084.32
Powerplan	Grader Maintenance	757.21
T and S Repair LLC	Equipment Repairs	5,848.21
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Maintenance	380.00
US Bank	Supplies	241.28

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
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SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,646.20
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The replacement of the Sandhills RC&D member was tabled until the August meeting.

Kylie Joyce, from Region II Services was present and gave a presentation to the board. Region II Services supports people with developmental disabilities. They currently serve 17 counties in Southwest Nebraska. They provide services to 161 individuals region wide as of 6/5/2023. Region II Services is certified by the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Developmental Disabilities Division. The Region II governing board is comprised of one county commissioner from each of the 17 counties, formed under an Interlocal Agreement. Brett Nason is currently on the governing board from McPherson County. Region II Services is a political subdivision receiving state, federal, county, and local funds.

The commissioners discussed lighting upgrades needed in the county road shop. They also discussed fascia damage on the shop. Brett Nason will contact a contractor and electrician concerning these matters.

The board reviewed a Request for Road Work which was submitted by Don Moore. The needed work on the described roads was determined to be maintenance and was not added to the Road Plan.

The board revisited the Request for Road Work on Tupper Drive. The county has not received an Easement from the landowner where the road is located. The county attorney was asked to send another letter asking for a response from the landowner.

Ed Black reported that the road department has been repairing roads and fixing holes throughout the county. Two projects from the road plan were completed last month. Nason made a motion to approve the Road Plan presented by Bryant, as modified, removing the two projects mentioned above. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There was a Safety Committee meeting held. Those present were, Tom Werblow, Whitney Schroeder, John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Kathy Hoberg, Ed Black, and Tom Burch. Werblow presented flyers and information on *Important Tips on Sun Protection and Heat Illnesses and First Aid Measures*.

10: 00 AM – Arensdorf recessed the regular meeting to convene as Board of Equalization.

Chairman of BOE, Nason, called the meeting to order and recognized the Open Meetings Poster on the North wall of the court room. The minutes of the last meeting were included with the previous regular meeting minutes and were approved at 9:05 AM. There were no protests filed for this hearing.

The hearing was open for public comment for 15 minutes. There were no members of the public present to comment.

There being no further business for the Board of Equalization, Nason adjourned the meeting at 10:15 and the regular meeting resumed.

Motion made by Nason, seconded by Bryant to review, and sign the Second Quarter Fee reports from the County Sheriff and the County Clerk. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The Board reviewed and signed the County Assessor's *Three-Year Plan of Assessment for 2024, 2025 and 2026*.

The commissioners were given several reports from the treasurer, including the Fund Balance Listing for 6/30/2023, the Fund Balance Six Month Accumulated Report, the Fund Balance 12 Month Accumulated Report, the County Treasurer’s Balance Six Month report for January through June 2023 and the Tax Remaining Report.

The commissioners designated the State Print Shop for the 2023 postcard printing as described in NRS 77-1633 (3g).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

The board will meet again at 9:00 AM on August 9, 2023, 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

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 9, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **July 12, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting and Budget Workshop. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated August 4, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Arensdorf who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, Jeffrey Arensdorf and John Bryant were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Road employee Ed Black, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg, Sheriff Tom Burch, and County Attorney Whitney Schroeder. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	27,472.67
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,557.11
Applied Connective Tech	IT Consultant	776.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,676.16
John Bryant	Mileage	121.18
Richard Cook	Mileage/Supplies	392.02
Custer Public Power	Utilities	700.87
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	70.48
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	94.64
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	529.16
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Victoria C. Hervey	Court App Atty	418.95
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	235.80
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,047.92
K.C. Electric Inc	Courthouse Upgrades	1,007.33
Lincoln County Clerk	Probation Officer	785.70
Menards	Supplies	104.99
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,085.78
NE Assn County Clerks	Workshop/Dues	50.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	152.10
Region II Human Services	Annual Fee	1,692.51
Resource Management Co.	Tire Hauling	7,502.22
Sandhill Area Sheriff's Assn	Dues	150.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt Enforce	97.50
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	381.31
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,431.93
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	130.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	105.88
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.52
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00
Area Agency on Aging	Annual Fee	467.36

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	11,168.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	686.34
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	17,696.45
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	3,978.33

Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	105.45
Inland Truck Parts Co	Equipment Repairs	910.24
IRS	County Share SS/Med	851.99
JM Parts and Equip	Equipment	35.78
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Medical Enterprises	Drug Testing	35.00
Midland's Occupational		
Med	Drug Testing	20.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Equipment Repairs	200.08
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	7,198.06
RS Hydraulic Solutions	Equipment Repairs	84.49
Stapleton Enterprise	Mowing Notice	30.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment Maintenance	460.00

FAIR

Hooker County Tribune	Fair Paper	50.00
Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,990.00
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Nason made a motion to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement between Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency and McPherson County and approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2023-14** appointing John Bryant as Representative and Jeff Arensdorf as Alternate Representative to Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to appoint Sheila Neal as the County Member to the Sandhills RC&D, replacing Shareen Munson for 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed the 2023-2024 Propane Bid Proposals from Neal Oil. Nason made a motion to approve the proposal for the McPherson County Courthouse with estimated gallons of 2,000 at \$1.44 per gallon and the proposal for the McPherson County Dept of Roads with estimated gallons of 2,000 at \$1.44 per gallon. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Region II Human Services for FY 2023-2024 with a requested annual share of \$1,692.51. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to adopt and approve **RESOLUTION #2023-10** Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance and a motion to sign and file the Annual Certification Form. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Roads were discussed with Ed Black. The department has been working to repair water holes and washed-out roads.

There was a Road Work Request submitted by Rudy Haynes for an auto-gate needed on Kramer Road. The request was approved and added to the Road Plan.

There was a Road Work Request submitted by Bonnie Kats for work needed on North mail Road. The request was approved and added to the Road Plan. Both landowners will sign Easements prior to the commencement of the projects.

Repairs needed on the fascia of the Road Shop are still pending due to delays in receiving bids from contractors.

The board received two bids for lighting upgrades in the Road Shop.

The bid from Hall Electric & SE was \$4,356.92 and the bid from Highmark Electric was \$2,345.54.

Bryant made a motion to accept the bid from Highmark Electric for \$2,345.54. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

The commissioners began discussing obtaining bids for grinding asphalt on the asphalt roads in the county. When they are ready to proceed, the county will advertise, asking for sealed bids on the project.

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

The board reviewed the Fund Balance Reports and the Delinquent Tax Report from the Treasurer. Nason made a motion to renew the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Sandhills Area Sheriff's Association. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. The county clerk informed the commissioners that the Annual NACO Conference is scheduled to take place in Kearney on December 13, 14 and 15. These dates conflict with the December Commissioner's Meeting. Nason made a motion to move the date of the December Commissioner's Meeting to Monday, December 11, 2023. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. The Commissioners reviewed and signed the county office inventories. There was some discussion about Zoning regulations concerning feedlots in the county and possible zoning violations in Tryon. The commissioners reviewed current regulations and procedures set forth in the *Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations for McPherson County*.

At **11:30 AM**, a Budget Workshop was held. Caleb Johnson was present and presented the board with the preliminary budget information. The budget request for each fund was reviewed and discussed.

The meeting was recessed at 12:20 PM for a lunch break.

The meeting resumed at 1:20 PM.

Nason made a motion to approve and adopt **Resolution # 2023-11** Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt **Resolution #2023-12** Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds (1%). Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #2022-13** Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the budget workshop and the meeting were adjourned at 3:40 PM. The board will meet again at 9:00 AM on September 13, for their regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **August 9, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated September 7, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Arensdorf, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, Road Worker Ed Black, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Nason made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	28,083.89
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,638.56
Applied Connective Tech	IT Consultant	776.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,676.16
Comfort Inn Kearney	Assessor Workshop	464.80
Custer Public Power	Utilities	804.27
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	172.00
D12 Industries	Generator Inspection	600.00
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	529.16
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	97.60
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,094.68
Chelsey McNutt	Park Maintenance Contract	287.50
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,152.78
NE Assn County Officials	Workshop/Convention	700.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	281.65
Sandhill Septic & Trenching	Park Maintenance	147.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	102.18
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	306.49
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	130.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	252.01
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.52
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	13,484.50
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	842.70
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	34,240.71
Croell Inc.	Asphaltic	1,271.65
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Equipment Repairs	827.68
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	105.45
Inland Truck Parts Co	Equipment Repairs	987.06
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,029.20
JM Parts and Equip	Equipment	208.74
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Michael Todd Ind. Supply	Signs	993.78
NAPA Auto Parts	Equipment Repairs	228.03
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	8,665.71
Nebraska Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	881.78
Powerplan	Equipment Maintenance	539.31
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00

FAIR

Dry Creek Western Wear	Fair Expenses	705.88
Tim Gibbens	Fair Judge	250.00
Cindy Gregg	Fair Supplies	55.45
James Griffin	Fair Judge	102.50
Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
Tayton Lucas	Fair Judge	253.13
Margaret Ann Neal	Fair Judge	97.50
Dennis Pace	Fair Judge	118.75
Robert Ryland	Fair Supplies	513.36
Sandhill Catering	Meat/Seasoning	48.00
Melissa Smith	Fair Judge	126.25
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing	285.00

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	4,230.00
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Jon Cannon, Executive Director of NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials) was present and gave a NACO update to the Board. Highlights of his presentation include: the benefits of membership with the National NACo organization, the current progress, and details of the NACO West building which is being built in Ogallala, and an overview of Legislative Bills affecting County Government, which were passed in the recent Legislative session. Cannon also encouraged communication with our State Senator, Mike Jacobson.

John Tucker and Jack Tucker were present and addressed the board concerning the progress of The Soddy Road Project. The commissioners will begin the process of requesting bids for pulverizing asphalt on the flats, at the October Board meeting. The Hanich Trust grant money will be used for the cost of pulverizing and other materials to cover the road.

The commissioners discussed roads with Ed Black. The road department has been doing maintenance and repairs on roads throughout the county.

The Case IH Farmall 120A Tractor Warranty was discussed. Brett Nason will contact the dealership for details on the cost of extending the warranty. The matter will be on the October meeting agenda.

Nason made a motion to approve the September Road Plan as presented by Bryant.

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

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held. Those present were Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Whitney Schroeder, Ed Black, and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow gave flyers and information about *Knife Safety*.

The commissioners received and reviewed the Fund Balance Listing for August 31, 2023, which was provided by the Treasurer.

The commissioners received and reviewed the 2023 Permissive Exemption Report for McPherson County. The Board of Equalization will publish this report by September 30, 2023.

The commissioners discussed an updated policy for the Miller Park Camp site and hookups. The County Attorney was asked to compose a list of updated policies to be approved by the commissioners at the October Board meeting. These policies will be posted for the public at that time.

Bryant made a motion to approve and sign the Village of Stapleton Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Collection Service. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to approve and sign the Sandhills Weed Management Area Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

The next regular board meeting will be held on October 11, 2023, at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL HEARING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of September 13, 2023, for a Special Hearing concerning the issuance of a liquor license to Munson's Market, Inc. d/b/a *The Lodge*. Notice of meeting having been posted in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated **September 7, 2023**. The sole purpose of the hearing was to receive evidence, either orally or by affidavit, from the applicant and any other person bearing upon the propriety of the issuance of a license. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Arensdorf, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Treasurer Kerri Kramer, County Sheriff Tom Burch, office assistant Billie Burch and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Shareen Munson and Stanley Munson were present and addressed the board concerning the application filed for a Class CK 125959 Liquor License with the Nebraska Liquor Commission. The application was filed by Munson's Market Inc., d/b/a *The Lodge*, 402 Newberry Street, Tryon, NE 69167.

The Munsons informed the commissioners of plans to open and operate a bar, grille, and liquor store at this location. They stated that they have received much public interest in an evening gathering place in Tryon.

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners considered the criteria set out in N.R.S. 53-134.

Commissioner Bryant made a motion to recommend approval of the liquor license application made by Munson's Market, d/b/a *The Lodge*. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Commissioner Nason made a motion to approve and adopt **Resolution # 2023-14** Recommendation of the issuance of the license filed herein and direct the clerk to mail a copy of the resolution to the applicant and the Nebraska Liquor Commission. Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:45 AM

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MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HEARING TO SET THE FINAL TAX REQUEST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **September 13, 2023**, for a Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request. Notice of hearing having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated **September 14, 2023**. The hearing was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Arensdorf, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members Brett Nason, John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Treasurer Kerri Kramer and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. The minutes of the previous meeting had been approved at a hearing which was held at 9:00 AM on this date.

The hearing was held to set the final tax request for the proposed 2023-2024 McPherson County Budget, with a tax request of \$887,007.34 which is \$109,848.70 more 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.

The meeting remained open for 15 minutes.

Chairman Arensdorf adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.

ATTEST: _____
McPherson County Clerk

McPherson County Board Chairman

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BUDGET HEARING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of The Hearing to set the Final Tax Request, which was held at 10:00 AM on this date. Notice of hearing having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated September 14, 2023.

The hearing was called to order by chairman Arensdorf at 10:20 AM. Arensdorf noted the Open Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. Brett Nason, John Bryant, and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the county treasurer and county clerk. The minutes of the September board meeting were examined and approved by motion of the board, at a meeting which was held at 9:00 AM on this date.

The Budget Hearing was held for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2023-2024 McPherson County Budget.

There were three copies of the proposed budget and aggregate page available in the courtroom for public review. Board chairman Arensdorf presented an overview of the 2023-2024 Budget.

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

This hearing remained open for 15 minutes.

Commissioner Arensdorf adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM.

ATTEST: _____
McPherson County Clerk

McPherson County Board Chairman

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of the Budget Hearing which was held beginning at 10:20 AM and adjourned at 10:35 AM on this date.

Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated September 14, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Arensdorf at 10:40 AM. Arensdorf noted the Open Meetings Law which is posted on the North wall of the courtroom. John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the County Treasurer Kerri Kramer and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg.

The minutes of the September board meeting, held on September 13, 2023, were approved at a hearing held at 9:00 AM on this date.

Nason made a motion to approve and adopt the 2023-2024 McPherson County Budget and Set the Final Tax Request. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt **Resolution # 2023-15 Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations.** Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #2023-16 Property Tax Request**, which will cause its tax rate to be **.252940**, which is different than the 2022-2023 rate of **.228569** per \$100 of assessed value.

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

Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the McPherson County Board of Commissioners will increase compared to last year's operating budget by **4.12%**.

Chairman Arensdorf adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM. The board will meet again on October 11, 2023, at 9:00 AM for their regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be held in the courtroom of the McPherson County Courthouse and is open to the public.

ATTEST: _____
McPherson County Clerk

McPherson County Board Chairman

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 11, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **September 20, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated October 5, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Arensdorf, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, road employee Ed Black, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, Treasurer Kerri Kramer, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023, Special Hearing for Liquor License, Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request, the Budget Hearing and Special Commissioner's Meeting as presented. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason, and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Nason made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	27,121.85
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,562.83
Applied Connective Tech	IT Consultant	1,775.61
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	7,676.16
John Bryant	Mileage	32.75
Richard Cook	Mileage	98.25
Custer Public Power	Utilities	514.61
DAS ST. Accounting	Computer Expense	172.00
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies/ Maintenance	380.24
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	529.16
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	57.96
Victoria Hervey	Court App. Atty	558.50
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	52.40
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,021.08
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	45.85
Loup Basin RC&D	Weed/Postage	26.73
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,085.78
Brett Nason	Mileage	98.25
NE Assn County Officials	Postcard Printing	720.01
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	355.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt. Enforce	227.18
Sec. of State	Election Convention	40.00
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	420.12
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	125.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	407.99
Verizon	County Court Phone	53.80
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	82.52
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	10,840.00
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	664.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield	County Share Insurance	2,549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	5,392.98
Croell Inc.	Asphaltic	6,336.50
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	105.45
IRS	County Share SS/Med	826.89
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	3,137.46

Nebraska Truck Center	Equipment Repairs	523.24
Powerplan	Equipment Maintenance	50.87
Stapleton Enterprise	Mowing Notice	30.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
US Bank	Shop Supplies	112.02

FAIR

Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
Prairie Hills Café	Fair Supplies	206.56

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,850.00
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Rich Cook was present and gave a Weed Report to the commissioners.
 Bryant made a motion to Approve and Adopt **RESOLUTION #2023-17** Setting Subdivision Levies for 2023.
 The motion was seconded by Nason. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.
 Levies were set as follows:

MCPHERSON COUNTY		MID PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
GENERAL FUND	0.158038	GENERAL FUND	0.054626
ROAD FUND	0.092692	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.020000
FAIR FUND	0.001925	Total	0.074626
FAIR BUILDING	0.000285		
TOTAL	0.252940	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT NO. 16	
		TOTAL	0.015000
MCPHERSON COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT			
GENERAL FUND	0.005352	UPPER LOUP	
SINKING FUND	0.001629	TOTAL	0.012792
TOTAL	0.006981		
		TWIN PLATTE	
TOTAL COUNTY & FIRE	0.259921	TOTAL	0.019036
MCPHERSON COUNTY SCHOOL		ARTHUR COUNTY SCHOOLS	
GENERAL	0.694671	GENERAL	0.852860
QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSE	0.029964	BUILDING FUND	0.014673
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	0.023554	TOTAL	0.867533
TOTAL	0.748189		
		STAPLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
		GENERAL	0.620384
		BOND FUND	0.051223
		TOTAL	0.671607

County Roads were discussed with Ed Black. The department continues to haul rock, patch asphalt, repair and maintain roads.
 There was much discussion on how to proceed with the process of pulverizing the asphalt on the Soddy Road. There was also discussion about the condition of Prairie Trace Road following the pulverization of that asphalt. Rudy Haynes, Pamela Haynes, and Jack Tucker were present and gave input and asked questions. Tom Werblow will take samples of the asphalt and do more research on the project. Brett Nason will contact other counties about their experience with this process.
 The Commissioners reviewed a Quote for an Extended Warranty on the 2021 Case IH Farmall 120A Tractor, which was submitted by Titan Machinery.
 Bryant moved to accept the quote for the Premier Option with a coverage period of 84 months/6000 hours. The price for this option is \$8925.00. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.
 Bryant made a motion to accept the October Road Plan as presented by Nason, with two modifications. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee Meeting was held. Those present were, Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Whitney Schroeder, Ed Black, Tom Burch, Kerri Kramer, and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow gave flyers and a presentation about ***Basic Facts about Mold and Dampness.***

The commissioners reviewed and signed the Quarterly Fee Reports presented by the Sheriff and Clerk.

The board received and reviewed the Fund Balance Report and Delinquent Tax Listing from the Treasurer.

The Commissioners reviewed a Contract for Property Appraisal submitted by the Assessor. This will be for pick-up work only. Nason made a motion to accept and sign the contract. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Courthouse maintenance projects were discussed. Kerri Kramer will list needed projects and apply for a grant to help with the expense of the projects. These will include cracks in the ceiling, stretching or replacing carpet, cracks in drywall and cracks in the foundation beneath windows, security cameras and safety film for the windows.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM. They will meet again on November 8, 2023, at 9:00 AM. 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

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **October 11, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated November 2, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Board Chairman Arensdorf, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, road worker Ed Black and the County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

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

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	26,910.20
Ameritas	Retirement	1559.34
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	798.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	7676.16
John Bryant	Mileage	121.18
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	529.29
DAS St. Accounting	Computer Expense	172.00
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	51.00
First National Bank Omaha	Safe Deposit Box	75.00
Grease Monkey	Sheriff Vehicle	89.99
Great Plains		531.85
Communication	Telephone/Internet	
Great Plains		57.96
Communication	Emergency Mngmt	
Heartland Sprinkler		95.00
Systems	Grounds Maintenance	
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage	148.69
Holiday Inn Kearney	Workshop	239.90
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,004.88
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,085.78
NE Assn County Officials	Postcard Printing	1,018.81
NE Sheriff's Assn	Dues	175.00
NE Weed Control Assn	Dues	125.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	200.95
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt. Enforce	102.20
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	466.13
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	2,431.93
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	80.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	313.27
Verizon	County Court Phone	45.00
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	83.09
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00
ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	10,840.00
Ameritas	Retirement	664.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	11,481.90
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	106.97
IRS	County Share SS/Med	826.89
Level LLC	Autogate Sills	1,000.00

McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Medical Enterprises	Drug Test	40.00
Menards	Shop Supplies	244.97
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	6,561.60
NMC Exchange	Equipment Maintenance	175.88
Powerplan	Equipment Maintenance	3,849.30
T and S Repair	Equipment Repairs	5,446.81
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Tractor Warranty	8,925.00
US Bank	Shop Supplies	15.98
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	4,330.00

Jessica Fenske from *Healing Hearts Diversion Program* was present and discussed the program with the board. Nason made a motion to have Chairman Arensdorf sign the annual Memorandum of Understanding. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Whitney Schroeder, McPherson County Attorney reported that she has sent a second letter, concerning zoning violations, to the property owners of Block 5 and part of Block 6 in Tryon. This letter was sent by Certified Mail, and she is waiting for a response.

The board discussed a resolution setting rules and regulations limiting the use of the Miller Park Camping Spaces. Use of the spaces and electrical connections will be permitted between April 1 of any calendar year through November 30 of any calendar year. Bryant made a motion to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION #2023-18** Limiting public use of the Miller Park Camping Spaces. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Nason made a motion to approve, adopt and sign **RESOLUTION #2023-19** Nirma/Nirma II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreement. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Bryant moved to approve, adopt, and sign **RESOLUTION # 2023-20** Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Road Worker Ed Black reports that the road crew has been hauling rock, repairing holes, replacing signs, and doing maintenance on roads. Ed also reports that they have completed work on Pueppka Drive. The board discussed hiring a contractor to haul approximately 10 loads of rock for the county. This will give the road department more time to complete projects before winter. Inquiries will be made with local contractors regarding pricing.

The Soddy Road was discussed. Tom Werblow, Highway Superintendent, is waiting for lab results on samples taken of the road. The commissioners continue to gather information and will discuss the road again in December.

Bryant made a motion to accept the November Road Plan as presented by Nason, with removal of the Pueppka Drive project. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Those present were Tom Werblow, John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, Whitney Schroeder, Tom Burch, Ed Black, and Kathy Hoberg. Werblow gave flyers and a presentation titled *Know the Dangers of a PTO* (Power Take Off).

There was a discussion about the McPherson County Sheriff's position. There were no candidates for the position in the 2022 General Election. The Board appointed Tom Burch to the position pending appointment of a qualified applicant. At this time, the board will be re- posting an ad for applicants on the Law Enforcement Academy Website and the McPherson County Website.

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

The commissioners will meet again on **December 11, 2023**, at 9:00 AM. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and will be open to the public.

Katherine E. Hoberg
McPherson County Clerk

Jeffrey J. Arensdorf
McPherson County Board Chairman

MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
December 11, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **November 8, 2023**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been posted in the Stapleton Enterprise issue dated **December 7, 2023**, and the McPherson County Website, www.mcphersoncounty.ne.gov. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Arensdorf, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were the Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Sheriff Tom Burch, and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Nason made a motion to excuse the County Attorney. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. After examination, Nason made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

GENERAL		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	28,000.49
Ameritas	Retirement	1628.88
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	798.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	7676.16
Richard Cook	Weed Mileage	31.44
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	602.79
DAS St. Accounting	Computer Expense	172.00
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	63.84
Great Plains Communication	Telephone/Internet	531.85
Great Plains Communication	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Ideal Linen	Supplies	265.68
IRS	SS/Medicare	2,088.31
J13 Enterprises LLC	Budget Prep	2,355.89
Chelsey McNutt	Park Contract	287.50
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,085.78
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	672.00
NE Safety & Fire Equip	Inspections	40.00
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage/Child Suppt. Enforce	102.18
Select Carpet & Tile	Carpet Stretching	201.00
Stan's Guns	Sheriff Ammo	112.50
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	192.07
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	204.95
Verizon	County Court Phone	53.85
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	83.09
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,728.00

ROAD		AMOUNT
Payroll	Wages	14,350.63
Ameritas	Retirement	901.17
ATC Group Services	Road Sample Test	1800.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2549.22
Bomgaars Supply	Equipment	329.99
Croell Inc.	Gravel	34,245.15
Dawson Tire & Wheel	Tire Repair	3,033.53
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	106.97
Inland Truck Parts Co.	Equipment Repairs	247.05
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,095.48
JM Parts & Equipment	Supplies	97.20
Level LLC	Hauling	4,745.00
McPherson Co.		
Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35

Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	7,311.94
NE Safety & Fire	Inspections	21.00
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Equipment	176.00
FAIR		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	77.22
SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,450.00

Rich Cook was present and presented the board with a Weed Report. Each commissioner was given a written copy of the report, and it was signed by Chairman Arensdorf.

The commissioners were given a copy of a letter sent to the owners of Block 5&6 in Tryon, regarding possible zoning violations. The letter was prepared by the County Attorney and hand delivered by the Sheriff. The owners have been given copies of the Zoning regulations regarding prohibited agricultural uses in the zoning area. The owners have communicated their willingness to comply.

At 10:00 AM, Caleb Johnson was present and talked to the board about a new Budget Preparation contract proposal. Nason made a motion to approve and sign a contract with J3 Enterprises, LLC for fiscal year 2024-2025, and accept the option to extend the offer at the rate of \$2200.00 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and fiscal year 2026-2027. Bryant seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. The commissioners discussed roads with Ed Black. The road workers have been repairing holes and adding rock and gravel to the roads. The Western Star semi-truck had tires replaced, and the transmission and clutch are being replaced in the dump truck.

Tom Werblow gave the commissioners a copy of a soil stabilization test report he received from Atlas Technical, Dallas, Texas.

The testing was done on a sample of the asphalt taken from Soddy Road. There was continued discussion about grinding the asphalt and adding materials to replace the asphalt roads in McPherson County. The board examined the December Road Plan presented by Nason. Bryant made a motion to approve the plan, removing the Melvin Road which has been completed except for maintenance. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Arensdorf and Nason. Voting Nay: None.

There was a safety committee meeting held. Tom Werblow gave flyers and a presentation about Carbon Monoxide Poisoning and Diesel Fuel. Those present were, Jeff Arensdorf, Brett Nason, John Bryant, Kathy Hoberg, Tom Burch, and Ed Black.

The county sheriff’s position was discussed. The county was contacted by Hireclick.com regarding advertising for the position. The commissioners decided not to pursue a contract with them. The position has been posted again on the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center website, the McPherson County website and the NACO website.

The commissioners looked at some repairs needed inside and outside of the courthouse. The treasurer will request some price quotes and pursue grants for payment of the projects.

Bryant moved to designate the *Stapleton Enterprise* as the official McPherson County newspaper for 2024. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant, Nason and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None.

Shareen Munson, Prairie Hills Café, asked the clerk to inform the commissioners of the need to raise the donation portion of the senior meals to \$6.00 per meal. The increase is necessary due to the rise in the cost of preparing the meals. McPherson County serves as a contractor with West Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging to perform as the service provider for the program. McPherson County contracts with Prairie Hills Café to prepare and provide the meals. All funds are paid to Prairie Hills Café from West Central Area Agency on Aging and the public donations. McPherson County does not contribute, nor use taxpayer funds for this program.

The commissioners were each given a copy of the November and December Fund Balance Reports from the Treasurer.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:25 AM to meet again at 9:00 AM on January 10, 2024, for their **annual organizational meeting**. This meeting will be held at the McPherson County Courthouse in Tryon and is open to the public.

ATTEST:

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McPherson County Clerk	McPherson County Board Chairman