

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
April 2nd, 2013

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Metzger called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Members present were: Jeffrey Neuharth, Sid Feickert, Jim Schumacher, and Rick Beilke. Others present were Don Kallenberger.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the agenda and the minutes of the March 1st, 2013 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-3

“RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE TAX- EXEMPT STATUS OF MUNICIPAL BONDS”

WHEREAS, the tax exempt status of municipal bonds is nearly a century old and is vital to funding local infrastructure and economic development; and

WHEREAS, of the \$1.65 trillion of local infrastructure investment over the last decade using tax-exempt bonds, nearly all of it was six categories: \$514 billion for primary and secondary schools; \$288 billion for hospitals; \$258 billion for water and sewer facilities; \$178 billion for roads, highways, and streets; \$147 billion for public power projects; and \$106 billion for mass transit.

WHEREAS, any move to change the current tax treatment of local government bonds would lead to higher borrowing costs for local governments; and

WHEREAS, without tax exempt financing much-needed infrastructure improvements would be likely delayed; and

WHEREAS, tax-exempt bonds are a critical tool for South Dakota counties to facilitate budgeting and financing of long-term investments in the infrastructure and facilities necessary to meet public demand for government services; and

WHEREAS, at a time when infrastructure demands are great, increasing the cost of local government borrowing could have serious impacts on the national, state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, without the tax exemption, the effectiveness of the bond market would be significantly dampened, creating higher borrowing costs for county governments, less investment in infrastructure, and fewer jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that McPherson County does hereby support maintaining the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.

Dated this 2nd day of April 2013 at Leola, SD

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Delmar Metzger
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 13-3, Beilke seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all vote "AYE". Motion carried and Resolution Number 13-3 was declared and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-4

"RESOLUTION IMPOSING SPEED LIMITS AND WEIGHT PER AXLE LIMITS"

WHEREAS, the County of McPherson, South Dakota, is responsible for the maintenance of certain highways under its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, it appears said highways, by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or restriction as to the weight of vehicles are imposed

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Pursuant to SDCL 32-14-6 and any laws amendatory, thereto, that the load limit on all McPherson County oil roads will be posted at 6 ton per axle. McPherson County oil roads will be posted at 40 MPH for trucks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That there shall be erected and maintained signs designating the provisions of this resolution as provided by state law, and that this resolution shall not be effective until or unless such signs are erected and maintained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the county of McPherson shall request the South Dakota Highway Patrol to enter the County of McPherson to ensure compliance with State Laws pertaining to vehicle weight and with the weight laws established by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the speed limit for trucks on all county oil roads within McPherson County, South Dakota shall be 40 MPH. McPherson County requests South Dakota Highway Patrol to enter the County of McPherson to enforce the speed limit of 40 MPH for trucks on all McPherson County oil roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the effective dates of the provisions of this resolution shall start the same time that the State of South Dakota starts their restrictions and shall end 1 week after the State lifts their limits.

Date this 2nd day of April, 2013 at Leola, SD

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Delmer Metzger
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 13-4, Beilke seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all vote "AYE". Motion carried and Resolution Number 13-4 was declared and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 13-5

"RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE SERVICES"

WHEREAS, McPherson County is required by law to provide ambulance services within the geographical boundaries of the political subdivision, and

WHEREAS, McPherson County does not have the equipment or manpower to provide such services as mandated; and

WHEREAS, West McPherson EMS does have the necessary equipment and manpower to provide ambulance services for the west half of the political subdivision,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West McPherson EMS will provide ambulance services for the west half of the political subdivision and will respond to all such requests for service from third parties, including, but not limited to, any and all of the following: residents, laws enforcement personnel, E911 operators, physicians, and other ambulance services.

That West McPherson EMS will continue to operate on behalf of McPherson County, South Dakota, pursuant to agreement entered into and subject to review annually, until such time as either party provides notice in writing to the other party of the termination of such agreement.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2013 at Leola, SD

ATTEST:

Jenifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Delmer Metzger
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 13-5, Beilke seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all vote "AYE". Motion carried and Resolution Number 13-5 was declared and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 13-7
"RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POOR RELIEF GUIDELINES AND PROVIDING FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF POOR RELIEF"

WHEREAS, McPherson County recognizes and accepts its legal and moral responsibility to provide relief in the form of basic food, shelter and care to those members of the local populace who are poor, indigent and unable to care for themselves;

WHEREAS, McPherson County realizes the fiscal limitations of its tax base in providing such relief according to SDCL 10-12-9 (9)

WHEREAS, McPherson County wishes to administer its poor relief program equitably and efficiently in a manner which will provide the necessary resources to those most in need;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that from this date forward McPherson County poor relief will be administered in conformance with the McPherson County poor relief guidelines.

Dated this 2nd day of April 2013 at Leola, SD

ATTEST:

Jenifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Delmer Metzger
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 13-7, Feickert seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all vote "AYE". Motion carried and Resolution Number 13-7 was declared and duly adopted. A copy of the McPherson County poor relief guidelines is on file in the Auditor's Office.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

3D Specialties, Highway Supplies, \$780.66; A&B Business Solutions, Supplies, \$295.27; Ameripride Services, Supplies, \$196.27; Area IV Senior Meals, 2013 Allocation, \$1500.00; AT&T Mobility, Cell Phone, \$298.36; Best Western Ramkota, Hotel Rooms, \$703.83; Butler Machinery, Highway Supplies, \$5384.54; Carlsen Funeral Home, Mileage, \$558.00; Connecting Point, Repairs, \$168.75; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Highway Supplies, \$2826.05; The Crossroads Hotel, Hotel room, \$300.00; Dakota Country Store, Highway Supplies, \$136.07; Dakota Fluid Power, Highway Supplies, \$2.70; DMI, Highway Supplies, \$1152.40; Edmunds County Sheriff, Feb. Prisoner Care, \$1200.00; Ron Ehresman, Mileage, \$15.54; Eureka City, Highway Utilities, \$46.34; Eureka Community Development, 2013 Allocation, \$5000.00; Farm Power Mfg., Highway Supplies, \$475.81; FEM Electric, Utilities, \$200.33; Gall's, Lock Out Kit, \$85.48; GCR Tire Company, Highway Supplies, \$1989.85; Jack Geffre, Deductible & Clothing Reimbursements, \$145.65; Gene's Oil Company, Fuel, \$10,628.46; Jennifer Guthmiller, Meal Reimbursement, \$22.00; Hedahls, Highway Supplies, \$165.76; Curtis Hoff, Mileage, \$20.72; Charlie B. Hoffman, Mileage, \$19.24; Susan Hoffman, Mileage, \$49.58; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies, \$140.73; Dawn Jenner, Mileage, \$31.82; JP Lumber, Highway Supplies, \$21.70; K & A Implement, Highway Supplies, \$164.35; Donald Kallenberger, Rent, Mileage & Secretary Reimbursement, \$1137.40; Kary's Service Station, Supplies, \$77.90; Kens Food Fair, Highway Supplies, \$5.99; Kimball Midwest, Highway Supplies, \$511.97; Leola City, Utilities, \$86.00; Leola Grocery, Courthouse Supplies, \$196.58; Mac's Inc., Highway Supplies, \$32.39; McPherson County Treasurer, Postage, \$7.80; McPherson County Conservation District, Annual Contribution, \$1000.00; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$343.66; MDU, Utilities, \$704.57; Menards, Highway Supplies, \$39.98; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., Annual Service Agreement, \$160.00; Midwest Pump & Tank, Highway Supplies, \$1381.51; Marilyn Trachsel, Highway Membership Fees, \$39.00; NCFE, Highway Supplies, \$472.16; North Star Energy, Utilities, \$5518.77; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$270.17; PERU, Inmate Medical Insurance, \$24.80; Darrel Pfeifle, Copies, \$13.00; Poms Tire Service Inc., Highway Supplies, \$476.52; Praxair Distribution, Highway Supplies, \$194.77; Primetime, VSO Rent, \$480.00; Quill Corp., Supplies, \$376.78; Ron's Service Center, Repairs, \$1100.00; Harvey Schaible, Quarterly Reimbursement, \$470.54; SDACO, Conference Registration, \$720.00; SDACO, M&P Fees, \$126.00; SDML, Workers' Comp., \$387.00; Share Corporation, Supplies, \$1040.52; Stanley Spitzer, Insurance Reimbursement, \$54.90; State Treasurer, Excise & Sales Tax, \$85.99; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$24,289.57; Tri-State Water, Courthouse Water, \$51.40; USPS,

Postage, \$184.00; Valley Telco, Phone & Internet, \$723.42; VISA, Visa Bill, \$360.62, VISA, Highway Visa Bill, \$175.42; Walworth County Sheriff, Feb. Prisoner Care, \$625.00; Walworth County-North Central E911, E911 Remittance, \$12,879.45; Trevor Zantow, Mileage, \$5.55

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the foregoing claims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners \$3100.00; Auditor,\$4980.20; Treasurer, \$5207.42; State’s Attorney, \$3298.06; Government Building, \$3001.96; Director of Equalization, \$5216.42; Register of Deeds, \$5006.73; Veteran Service Officers, \$1838.58; Sheriff, \$4380.97, Extension, \$197.50; Weed Control, \$371.68; Road & Bridge, \$31,473.05; Snow Removal, \$1116.54; Emergency & Disaster, \$498.97; Joint Law, \$2773.33

McPherson County Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$5534.73

Insurance: American Family, \$426.33; Wellmark, \$7950.81; Vision Care, \$144.44

Retirement: South Dakota Retirement System, \$4292.70

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Dave Ackermann

The repairs that have been done on the Deputy Sheriff’s truck were discussed. The new pickups that were ordered for the Sheriff and Highway Superintendent should be here in the next couple weeks. The process of ordering an autopsy and which budget is responsible for the cost was discussed.

Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded the following meeting authorizations: Jennifer Guthmiller, Donna Breitag, and John Hilgemann for the Spring Official’s Workshop May 15-17th in Pierre; Vicki Geffre, Tiffany Weiszhaar, and Sheila Vescovi for the Deputy Official Workshop May 20th & 21st in Pierre; Harvey Schaible and Darrel Pfeifle for the Veteran Service Officer Workshop on May 22nd in Pierre. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Veteran and Military Affairs Committee

A Veterans and Military Affairs Committee has been formed and will be meeting in conjunction with the annual Official’s Workshop in September. Delmar Metzger will be serving on this committee for McPherson County.

Drainage Board

At 10:30 AM Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. This commission met concurrently with the board of commissioners, and their minutes are listed under a separate section.

Highway Department

Discussion on what steps need to be followed to build an additional storage shop for the highway department. State's Attorney is going to check on some information before a decision is made.

A public notice was placed in the paper on farming the right of ways. The McPherson County Highway Superintendent will be enforcing this.

The highway department will be assisting with some work being done at the Pudwill Property. The Highway Superintendent will be keeping track of the cost and a lien will be placed against the property.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to surplus a 1990 Case backhoe and scrap metal. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the transfer of \$62,125.84 from the fund balance reserved for secondary road to the undesignated fund balance in the road and bridge fund. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Right-of-way Application

FEM submitted a right-of-way application to bore wire in T127N, R67. Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the application. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Second Floor Sewer Line

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to replace the sewer line from the second floor men's bathroom to the basement. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Community Health Nurse

Jacalyn Eberhardt gave her quarterly report on the services that she has been providing to the residents of McPherson County. More individuals are coming to her for services and she is now able to give all immunizations.

2013 SDSU Extension Memorandum of Understanding

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to sign the 2013 memorandum of understanding with SDSU. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to enter into executive session at 3:15PM to discuss Indigent and Personnel Matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 4:05PM Schumacher moved and Beilke seconded to end executive session and return to regular session. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Indigent Burial Application 13-01

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to approve Indigent Burial Application 13-01 and to pay \$1500.00 to the funeral home. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Chairs

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to approve the Auditor to purchase 7 new chairs for the commissioner chambers. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

McPherson County Predatory Animal District

Jeff Jenner, Kay Retzer, Lee Kindelspire, Kevin Lapka, Dawn Jenner, and a representative from SD Game, Fish, and Parks approached the board and expressed their interest in starting a Predatory Animal District in McPherson County. Discussion was held on how the Predatory Animal District works and what involvement McPherson County would have with it. Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve for the Director of Equalization to assist the Predatory Animal Board. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Long Lake Colony

Members from Long Lake Colony and Superior Poultry Enterprises came before the board to discuss the damage that was done to County road 18 when their last road hauling permit was granted. No agreement for reimbursement for the damage was reached. The board informed them that until an acceptable agreement is reached no road hauling agreements will be issued to Long Lake Colony.

Insurance Plus

Carol Sommers from Insurance Plus came and discussed the insurance renewal information with the employees. No action was taken.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

The following items and reports were approved: First Quarter Reports for Veteran Service Officers Harvey Schaible and Darrel Pfeifle; Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of March 2013 for the amount of \$2086.00; Register of Deeds modernization and preservation fees collected during the month of March 2013 \$270.00; Auditor's Account with the Treasurer: Total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$48,342.06; Total amount of actual cash, \$1042.19; miscellaneous cash, \$7.80; CD's, \$992,165.02; Super Savings-Leola, \$539,379.08.

At 5:20 PM Feickert moved and Schumacher seconded to recess the meeting until 10:00AM on April 9th, 2013. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jenifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Delmer Metzger
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners