

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
August 5th, 2014

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 5th, 2014 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Metzger called the meeting to order at 9:05AM. Members present were: Jeff Neuharth, Sid Feickert, Rick Beilke, and Jim Schumacher. Others Present: Don Kallenberger.

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the agenda of the August meeting and the July 7th minutes of the Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

A&B Business Solutions, Supplies, \$203.55 Aberdeen Asphalt, Highway Supplies, \$511.94; Ameripride Linen, Supplies, \$358.25; Art's Body Shop, Sheriff Supplies, \$5.00; AT&T Mobility, Cell Phone, \$316.26; Black Hills Ammunition, Ammunition, \$1048.50; Brown County Sheriff, Prison Care, \$1540.00; Butler Machinery, Highway Supplies, \$712.12; Connecting Point, Contract Renewals, \$9374.01; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Highway Supplies, \$210.79; DMI, Highway Supplies, \$2185.58; Edmunds County, Hotel Room, \$60.75; Eureka City, Utilities, \$40.42; Eureka Fire Department, Fire Tax Distribution, \$6050.34; FEM Electric, Utilities, \$110.59; Flint Hills, Highway Supplies, \$38,961.82; G's Convenience, Highway Supplies, \$3943.20; Gene's Oil Company, Supplies, \$14,194.00; Lindsey Gill, Supply Reimbursement, \$115.71; Grassland Colony, Road Hauling Reimbursement, \$1,000.00; Heartland Waste, Highway Utilities, \$70.00; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies, \$2057.87; Hosmer Fire Department, Fire Tax Distribution, \$775.57; Christopher Jansen, Court Appointed Attorney, \$438.00; Dawn Jenner, Mileage, \$104.34; JP Lumber, Highway Supplies, \$6.49; Donald Kallenberger, Reimbursement, \$645.10; Don Kallenberger, Secretary Wage Reimbursement, \$1590.00; Kappes Tree Service, Courthouse Tree Removal, \$200.00; Kimball Midwest, Highway Supplies, \$271.88; Leola Fire Department, Fire Tax Distribution, \$6333.36; Leola City, Utilities, \$77.20; Les' Standard, Repairs, \$935.95; Long Lake Fire Department, Fire Tax Distribution, \$1391.82; Long Lake Colony, Road Hauling Agreement, \$1000.00; Jenna Malsom, Mileage, \$147.73; McPherson County Treasurer, Supplies, \$24.70; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$188.83; MDU, Utilities, \$560.44; Microfilm, Equipment Rental, \$85.00; NCFE, Supplies, \$459.21; Newman Traffic Signs, Highway Supplies, \$400.23; North Central Regional E911, 2nd Qt. Remittance, \$6628.36; North Star Energy, Propane, \$150.51; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$115.21; PERU, Inmate Medical, \$56.40; Pomps, Highway Supplies, \$3559.56; Premier, Highway Supplies, \$15.05; Pro Ag Supply, Weed Control Supplies, \$261.54; Quill, Supplies, \$509.54; Rod Hoffman Construction, Building Construction, \$15,598.67; Safe Harbor, Marriage License Fee's,

\$265.00; SD Department of Health, Blood Alcohol Draw, \$70.00; SDAAO, DOE School Tuition, \$300.00; SDACC, Conference Registration, \$990.00; SDACC, Catastrophic Legal Expense, \$986.32; SDACC, M&P June Fee, \$108.00; State Treasurer, Sales & Excise Tax, \$7.68; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$57,964.21; SDDPS, Teletype Services, \$2340.00; SDPAA, Insurance, \$1108.00; Share Corp., Highway Supplies, \$171.58; Sheehan Mack Sales, Highway Supplies, \$1846.11; Superior Lamp, Courthouse Supplies, \$139.71; Tri State Water, Courthouse Supplies, \$66.60; USPS, Postage, \$113.00; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$719.80; Van Diest, Chemical, \$8040.50; VISA, Supplies, \$190.38; Walworth County, TV Translator District, \$5632.00; Duane Wolf, Stump Removal, \$165.00

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to approve the foregoing claims with the exception of the Les's Standard bill in the amount of \$935.95. The Les's Standard bill is tabled until the September meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$2575.00; Auditor, \$5130.36; Treasurer, \$5363.65; State's Attorney, \$3397.00; Government Building, \$2937.52; Director of Equalization, \$5363.65; Register of Deeds, \$4518.32; Veteran Service Officers, \$1875.74; Sheriff, \$4533.02; Extension, \$2061.78; Road & Bridge, \$30,432.33; Emergency & Disaster, \$380.22; Joint Law, \$2500.00; Weed, \$84.85; Planning & Zoning, \$120.00

McPherson County Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$5724.01

Insurance: American Family, \$418.34; Wellmark, \$7200.00; Vision Care, \$172.90; Metlife, \$141.67

Retirement: South Dakota Retirement System, \$4548.86

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Legislative Audit

Chelsey Siebrands from legislative audit informed the board that she is currently auditing McPherson County for the years of 2012 and 2013. She presented the board with the understanding of services that Legislative Audit will be providing as well as the fee for those services. She will be reviewing her findings with the board once the audit is completed.

Becky Wolff- Maintenance Department

Becky informed the board that the shrubs have been removed around the flag pole in front of the courthouse. The need for a new difibulator for the courthouse was discussed; grant options will be looked into for the purchase. The plaster work from the water leak is still not repaired in

the Janitor and Register of deeds office. Delmar will contact a local contractor to see if they will be able to complete the drywall work.

ROD Copy Machine

Beilke moved and Metzger seconded for the Register of Deeds office to purchase a new copy machine. The copy machine is \$2873.94 from A&B Business in Aberdeen. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The copy machine that is currently in the Register of Deeds office will be moved to the County Health Nurse's office.

2015 Provisional Budget

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the 2015 Provisional Budget for McPherson County with expenditure appropriations in the amount of 3,891,479. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The provisional budget hearing will be September 2nd at 10:00am in the Commissioners Chambers.

US Fish & Wildlife

Representatives from US Fish & Wildlife discussed with the board their intent to purchase the NE ¼ of 31-127-70 of the 5th P.M. They informed the board that the information they gave the board at the July meeting regarding tax payments was incorrect. An updated recommendation was made based on the correct information for this land purchase. Feickert moved and Schumacher seconded to oppose the US Fish & Wildlife's purchase of the land. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Right of Way Application

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to approve a right of way application submitted by Jeff Walman to trench a water line, telephone line, and power line in the SE ¼ of 127-66. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Board

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to forego a drainage board meeting for the month of August due to no new drainage permits submitted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department

The Highway Superintendent discussed the possibility of having an application for adding and widening approaches. He presented information on what other counties policies and procedures are for adding or widening approaches. Discussion was held on the roads that are up for reseal in 2015. Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to transfer \$47,742.73 from unorganized to county road and bridge. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Kessler-WEB Water

Discussion was held on the fence that was constructed and is located in the right-of-way that separates Section 33-126-66 and Section 4-125-66. In October of 2013 the Board of Commissioners granted a permit to occupy right-of-way to WEB water for the construction of a potable water line. When the landowner declined to execute an easement to allow WEB water to proceed with the construction the landowner was instructed to remove the fence by August 1st; however the landowner has now executed an easement with WEB water to allow the construction to proceed. Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded that Kessler would not have to relocate the fence immediately but may be required to do so at some point in the future. Additionally, this landowner as well as all landowners in the county are to put on notice that in the future McPherson County will not allow fences to be constructed and located within the right-of-way and further that any issues with respect to existing fences that are currently located within the right-of-way that are brought to the attention of the commissioners will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Kessler-Mitchell Trust

Discussion was held on the fence disagreement between Melvin Kessler and Mitchell Trust. The fence at issue is located on the East and West Section line that separates the West Half of Section 24-127-66 and the West Half of Section 25-127-66. The location of the fence within the right-of-way was brought to the attention of the Board of Commissioners and that as constructed prevents Kessler from accessing his property. Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded that the States Attorney shall send a letter to the landowner or its farm manager directing that the newly constructed fence shall be removed from the right-of-way and placed on the right-of-way line or within the landowner's property line. Failure to do so by the landowner may result in the county employees completing the removal of said fence and the county would either retain all of the fencing material or assess the cost for removal to the landowner. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Fund Transfer

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to transfer \$29,980.00 from the general fund to the joint law fund. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Safety Benefits Inc.

A letter from Safety Benefits Inc. was reviewed with the board. A property management review was completed by Safety Benefits for McPherson and some improvement recommendations were developed. The recommendations were reviewed with the appropriate department heads and will be completed.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Discussion was held on delinquent taxes. The following items and reports were approved: Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of July 2014 for the amount of \$2288.75. Register of Deeds Modernization and Preservation fees collected during the month of July 2014 in the amount of 245.00. Auditor's Account with the Treasurer: Total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$128,786.57; Total amount of actual cash, \$3361.28; Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$9259.65; Miscellaneous cash, \$73.70; CD's, \$993,028.82; Super Savings-Leola, \$1,040,145.35.

At 2:25PM Schumacher moved and Beilke seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Delmar Metzger
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners