

McPherson County Board of Commissioners

Minutes of Proceedings

November 1st, 2016

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday November 1st, 2016 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Beilke called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were Jeff Neuharth, Delmar Metzger, Sid Feickert, and Jim Schumacher. Others present: Don Kallenberger and Austin Hoffman

Schumacher moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the agenda of the November meeting and to approve the minutes of the October 4th meeting of the Board of Commissioners and Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

4DK Electric, Courthouse Repairs, \$38.33; A&B Business, Supplies, \$780.94; Aberdeen Asphalt, Highway Supplies, \$294.12; Dave Ackerman, Sheriff Supplies, \$15.77; Ameripride, Linen Services, \$383.35; AT&T Mobility, Cell Phone Utilities, \$363.10; Best Western Ramkota, Highway Lodging, \$171.98; Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance Premium, \$508.97; Butler Machinery, Highway Supplies, \$11,053.08; Connecting Point, Firewall Renewal, \$280.00; Days Inn Brookings, Extension Lodging, \$171.00; DS Solutions, Election Supplies, \$175.00; Brandon Duquette, Highway Reimbursement, \$95.85; Eureka City, Utilities, \$37.98; Eureka Community Health Services, Community Nursing Services, \$7125.00; Eureka Mfg., Highway Supplies, \$703.99; FEM Electric, Utilities, \$329.56; Josh Flemmer, Highway Clothing Allowance, \$150.00; Dean Geffre, Highway Clothing Allowance, \$13.78; Vicki Geffre, Meal Reimbursement, \$47.00; Gene's Oil Company, Supplies/Travel, \$9565.00; Guardian Dental, Cobra Insurance, \$49.92; Jennifer Guthmiller, Meal Reimbursement, \$68.00; John Hilgemann, Reimbursement, \$82.53; Susan Hoffman, Supplies, \$24.00; Homestead, Supplies, \$154.47; Horn Law Office, Mental Health Hearing, \$215.60; Cletus Imberi, Highway Clothing Allowance, \$27.68; JP Lumber, Highway Supplies, \$20.89; Donald Kallenberger, Reimbursement, \$354.80; Mark Katterhagen, Mental Health Hearing, \$15.00; Ken's Food Fair, Supplies, \$13.58; Kimball Midwest, Highway Supplies, \$449.10; Leola City, Utilities, \$75.50; Lewis & Clark Behavioral, Mental Health Hearing, \$160.00; Lucy Lewno, Mental Health Hearing, \$148.96; Lynn Card Company, Sheriff Supplies, \$54.95; Mid-American Research Chemical, Courthouse Supplies, \$808.44; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., Highway Supplies, \$71.42; Greg McCulloch, Highway Clothing Allowance, \$149.09; McLeod's Printing, Election Supplies, \$49.20; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$2076.33; MDU, Utilities, \$129.23; Menard's, Weed Control Supplies, \$58.94; Microfilm, Equipment Rental, \$994.40; NCFE, Supplies, \$66.00; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$1405.19; PERU, Prisoner Care, \$30.69; Pheasantland Industries, Sheriff Supplies, \$32.50; Pomp's Tire Service, Highway Supplies, \$1002.50; Premier, Supplies, \$452.37; Quill, Supplies, \$311.71; Rick Rau, Highway Clothing Allowance, \$40.83; Cathy Refhuss, Mental Health Hearing, \$15.00; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting, Mental Health Hearing, \$75.00; Michael Schwingler, Highway Clothing Allowance, \$58.50; SD Federal Property Agency, Highway Supplies & Equipment, \$13,650.00; Sd Sheriff's Association, 2017 Sheriff Dues, \$423.77; SDACC, 2017 County Dues, \$1319.00; SDACC, M&P August Fees, \$188.00; SDAE4-HP, Extension Membership Renewal, \$120.00; SDML Worker's Comp. Fund, Workman's Comp, \$28,737.00; Share, Supplies, \$763.92; Sheehan Mack, Highway Supplies, \$88.60; State Treasurer, Sales Tax, \$15.17; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$57,021.02; State Treasurer, DOE Classes, \$440.00; Theodore Smith, Reimbursement, 68.00; Stoddard Law Office, Court Appointed Attorney, \$638.48; Streicher's Inc., Sheriff Supplies, \$194.98; USPS, Election/Auditor Supplies, \$235.00; USPS, Trial

Expense Supplies, \$148.52; USPS, Extension Supplies, \$94.00; ValleyTel, Phone/Internet Utilities, \$144.77; Visa, Supplies, \$507.82; Web Water, Courthouse Supplies, \$86.50; Becky Wolff, Reimbursement, \$3.20; Yankton County Treasurer, Mental Health Hearing, \$116.25; Zoll Medical Corporation, Courthouse Supplies, \$2786.24

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$2784.85; Auditor, \$5800.80; Treasurer, \$5800.80; State's Attorney, \$5473.86; Government Building, \$2675.65; Director of Equalization, \$5800.80; Register of Deeds, \$5800.80; Veteran Service Officers, \$1379.72; Sheriff, \$6973.41; Extension, \$2625.00; Road & Bridge, \$15,964.96; Joint Law, \$3089.35; Weed Control, \$86.25; Snow Removal, \$4477.90

McPherson County Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$6292.06

Insurance: American Family, \$422.25; Wellmark, \$8081.26; Vision Care, \$214.89; MetLife, \$159.35; South Dakota Retirement System, \$5156.45

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Emergency Management

Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded to elect not to participate in the State and Local Agreement program in support of Emergency Management and forfeit any and all funding allotments under this program. All voted in favor.

The State and Local Agreement program will be discussed again in the future once Emergency Management is more established in the Sheriff's office.

Dave discussed with the board that he is working on updating some emergency management manuals that have not been updated since 2003.

Sheriff Office

Dave discussed that his office has received a grant for an additional laptop and discussed some additional grants that he is applying for in 2017. Dave also discussed that he will be purchasing first aid kits to carry in each patrol vehicle.

Barry Mock Lien Release Request

No representation was present for the meeting. No action was taken.

Holiday Closings

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to grant the following as holiday days to all county employees: November 25th, December 26th and January 2nd. Also all county departments will be closing at 12 PM on December 23rd. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Holiday Open House

Feickert moved and Neuharth to allow for a Holiday Open house. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Health Insurance Renewal

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to elect defined contribution plan A from Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield for county health insurance for 2017. The county will pay up to \$450.00 for a single policy with the remainder of the premium as well as any dependents premiums being employee responsibility. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Mehlhaff will be here on December 6th to meet with each employee to make elections for all insurance in 2017. The county Auditor will be getting all renewal information out to each employee.

5 mile Manure Variance

A brief discussion was held on the 5 mile manure variance application submitted by New Angus LLC. A \$1,000.00 bond and an official application has been received. Further discussion will take place at the meeting on November 10th.

Drainage Board

At 10:35 AM Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The commission met concurrently with the Board of Commissioners and their minutes are listed in a separate section.

Highway Department

Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded for a yearly clothing allowance of \$200.00 beginning in January 2017 for the highway department road crew employees. A receipt showing the clothing expense must be turned in to obtain reimbursement from the county. Neuharth, Metzger, and Schumacher voted in favor. Feickert abstained from voting. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the salary of highway secretary. John Hilgemann, Donna Breitag, and Susan Hoffman were also present for the discussion. The highway superintendent asked the board to reconsider the salary of the highway secretary. As of now the highway secretary is paid the same as all of the other deputies/secretaries in the courthouse. The highway superintendent feels that the highway secretary should be compensated at a higher level. The board heard discussion from the highway superintendent as well as the other courthouse department heads. Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded for the salary of the highway secretary to remain to the same as the other courthouse deputies/secretaries but to be compensated \$15.00 per hour when she assists the crew with road work. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The highway superintendent has as asked for legal advice from Doug Kinniburgh from secondary roads regarding right of ways on roads that have been in use for more than 20 years. The answer he received was that it goes back to codified law and is 66 feet.

The county bridge project on County road 1A is being worked on. Rock was purchased from Rick Beilke construction for rip-rap on the bridge as well as the bridge north of Wetonka.

The dirt work for a drainage issue one mile south of Leola and ½ mile west has been completed and will be working in the near future on a drainage issue north of Sam Schauer's.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

The following miscellaneous items and reports were approved: Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of October 2016 for the amount of \$2884.50, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of October \$335.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of October 2016 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$224,194.88; total amount of actual cash, \$2631.77; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$466,632.09.; CD's, \$994,850.28; Super savings, \$3,195,833.63; total, \$4,884,142.65.

At 12:05 PM Feickert moved and Metzger seconded to recess the meeting until November 10th at 9am. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Rick Bielke
Chairman of Board of Commissioners