

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
November 3rd, 2015

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2015 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Beilke called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were: Jeff Neuharth, Sid Feickert, Delmar Metzger and Jim Schumacher. Others present were Don Kallenberger and Glenn Spitzer

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to approve the agenda of the November meeting with the addition of adding Web Water to the agenda and also to approve the minutes of the October 6th, 2015 meeting of the Board of Commissioner. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

BIDS:

The following bids were received for the 2007 Motor Grader: Troy Balder, \$5506.00; Butler Machinery, \$90,000.00.

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to accept the bid from Butler Machinery. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schumacher moved and Metzger seconded to accept the following bids from the public auction: Casey Higgins, \$50.00 for a sander; Duane Wolff, \$25.00 a piece for two sanders; Thad Kuntz \$10,400.00 for a gravel truck; Spring Creek Colony, \$260.00 for misc. culverts. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 15-10
“Approval of Plat”

“Be it resolved by McPherson County Board of Commissioners that the Replat of Tract 1, Tract 2, and Tract 3 & Plat of Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3, and Lot 4 of Tract 1, Boschee Addition to the City of Eureka, Vacating Plat of Tract 1, Tract 2, and Tract 3, Boschee Addition, Recorded as Document #395, Dated 01/23/2003, and vacating Corrective replat of Tract 1, Tract 2, & Tract 3 and Lot 1 & Lot 2, Boschee Addition, Recorded as Document #401, Dated 04/12/2004, located in NE ¼, Section 2, T126N, R73W, 5th P.M.. McPherson County, South Dakota having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof.”

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution 15-10 and Schumacher seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution 15-10 was declared duly adopted.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

4DK Electric, Supplies, \$285.63; A&B Business, Supplies, \$77.62; Aberdeen Masonry, Courthouse Repairs, \$2,000.00; Dave Ackerman, Reimbursement, \$48.70; All Traffic Solutions, Sheriff Equipment, \$9,650.00; Ameripride Services, Linen Services, \$336.99; Art's Equipment, Highway Supplies, \$287.92; AT&T Mobility, Cell Phone, \$305.22; Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance Premium, \$472.48; Butler Machinery, Highway Supplies, \$3,004.68; Connecting Point, Firewall/Offsite Backup, \$357.50; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Highway Supplies, \$62.16; D & S Service, Highway Supplies, \$7,792.20; Dakota Fluid Power, Highway Supplies, \$1,560.88; Diesel Machinery, Highway Supplies, \$1,064.14; Dakota Supply Group, Courthouse Supplies, \$126.68; Brandon Duquette, Reimbursement, \$29.66; Edmunds County Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$400.00; Eureka City, Utilities, \$41.20; Eureka Manufacturing, Highway Supplies, \$331.34; FEM Electric, Utilities, \$288.01; G&R Controls, Courthouse Repairs, \$2,380.76; Gene's Oil Company, Supplies/Travel, \$14,555.37; Hedahl's, Highway Supplies, \$60.28; HF Jacobs & Sons, Highway Supplies, \$69,352.80; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies, \$51.32; Dawn Jenner, Conference Registration, \$65.00; JP Lumber, Highway Supplies, \$12.72; Donald Kallenberger, Reimbursement, \$568.34; Ken's Food Fair, Highway Supplies, \$17.58; Kimball Midwest, Highway Supplies, \$329.57; Leola City, Utilities, \$99.50; Leola Grocery, Supplies, \$36.87; Light & Siren, Sheriff Equipment, \$1,936.00; MARC, Courthouse Supplies, \$121.28; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$356.52; MDU, Utilities, \$434.55; NCFE, Supplies, \$585.19; Neve's Uniform & Equipment, Supplies, \$119.69; North Star Energy, Utilities, \$120.44; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$744.14; PERU, Prisoner Care, \$55.20; Pomp's Tire Service, Highway Supplies, \$25.98; Premier, Highway Supplies, \$2,954.09; Quill Corp., Supplies, \$341.96; Jackie Rau, Supplies/Travel, \$189.47; Register of Deeds, Returned Check, \$37.00; Rod Hoffman, Courthouse Repairs, \$3,149.31; David Roggenkamp, Coroner Fees/Mileage, \$181.08; Sanford Health, Prisoner Care, \$334.34; Pat Schaffner, Highway Supplies, \$100.00; Michael Schwingler, Reimbursement, \$163.76; SD DOT, Highway Supplies, \$1,165.08; SD Federal Property Agency, Highway Supplies/Equipment, \$14,847.50; SD Sheriff's Association, 2016 Sheriff Dues, \$423.77; SDACC, 2016 Membership Dues, \$844.26; SDACO, 2016 Membership Dues, \$697.13; SDACC, September M&P Fees, \$76.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$77,001.27; State Treasurer, Sales & Excise Tax, \$597.24; Share Corp., Supplies, \$356.95; State 4-H Office,

Extension Supplies, \$112.50; Department of Revenue, Blood Draw, \$35.00; Superior Lamp, Courthouse Supplies, \$186.28; Vinger Construction, Courthouse Repairs, \$3,251.76; VISA, Supplies/Travel, \$570.89

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

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$2652.25; Auditor, \$5524.57; Treasurer, \$5524.57; State's Attorney, \$3498.91; Government Building, \$2548.24; Director of Equalization, \$5524.57; Register of Deeds, \$4696.35; Veteran Service Officers, \$1314.02; Sheriff, \$4626.54; Extension, \$2500.00; Road & Bridge, \$29571.46; Emergency & Disaster, \$122.38; Joint Law, \$2942.24;

McPherson County Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$6047.76

Insurance: American Family, \$418.34; Wellmark, \$6869.93; Vision Care, \$197.40; Metlife, \$153.73

Retirement: South Dakota Retirement System, \$4848.70

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Johnson Controls

Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded to take no action on the proposal submitted by Johnson Controls for energy efficiency improvements. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Grassland Colony

Representatives from Grassland Colony inquired what permits were all needed for the building of another colony. They were instructed that a building permit would be all that is needed as long as they remain 150 feet from the road when building.

Drainage Board:

At 10:30 AM Metzger moved and Schumacher seconded to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Board. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The commission met concurrently with the Board of Commissioners and their minutes are listed in a separate section.

Employee Handbook Ordinance #15-2

Schumacher moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the second reading of ordinance #15-2 Employee Handbook. All voted in favor. Motion carried. A copy of the ordinance is on file in the Auditor's office. This handbook will become effective January 1st, 2016.

Health Insurance Renewal

The 2016 health insurance renewal was received by the County Auditor. Mark Mehlhaff will be asked to attend the December 1st meeting to review the renewal and to set up employee meetings.

Sheriff Department

Sheriff Ackerman informed the board of the grant that he wrote to receive matching funds for two digital speed signs. These signs will be located in Eureka. The cost of the project will be split with Eureka City.

Executive Session

At 11:20 AM Schumacher moved and Feickert seconded to enter into executive session per the request of the highway superintendent for personnel reasons. The Auditor and States Attorney were asked to leave for the executive session. All voted in favor. Motion carried. At 11:40AM Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded to exit executive session. No action was taken.

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to enter into executive session at 2:15PM for personnel reasons. All voted in favor. Motion carried. At 3:15PM Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The following action resulted from executive session. Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded to table the hiring of an additional deputy sheriff. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department:

Discussion by highway superintendent on the highway markers that were removed on a section line by Grassland Colony. Gravel crushing has been completed; 44,000 ton of surface course at the north Kolb pit and 21,016 ton of reseal material at the Fink pit. The highway superintendent has ordered the new bridge deck that needs to be installed. He hopes to have that work completed before it freezes. The highway superintendent informed the board that he purchased a roller for \$25,000.00 from the federal surplus; he apologized for not obtaining any kind of prior approval from the board. A complaint on the state line north of Eureka was discussed. The highway superintendent asked the board if he will still be allowed to use his company cell phone for personal use once the new handbook is adopted as long as there are no minute overages. The Leola City drainage project was discussed; the highway superintendent is working with the City of Leola on this project. Road striping for the upcoming years was discussed. A complaint on weed spraying was discussed.

Schumacher moved and Feickert seconded to transfer \$82,569.80 from unorganized road and bridge to county road and bridge. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to approve a right of way permit submitted by Darwin Aman to trench in a 1" water line for a hydrant between sections 13 and 24 of T125, R72. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Maintenance Department

Schumacher moved and Metzger seconded to have a water softener installed for the boiler. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Feickert moved and Schumacher seconded to have Kappes Tree removal remove the cedar trees from in front of the courthouse. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Authorization

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded for Michael Schwingler to attend a weed board meeting on December 1st and for Daryl Pfiefler and Harvey Schaible to attend a veteran service officer's mini conference on December 2nd. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Aberdeen Masonry

Scott Sudemier from Aberdeen Masonry discussed with the board the outstanding bill that McPherson County has with him for the work that he completed in 2014. Aberdeen Masonry has now fulfilled their obligations that were in the contact to McPherson County. Schumacher moved and Feickert seconded to pay the remaining \$2000.00 to Aberdeen Masonry. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Holiday Closing and Holiday Open House

Feickert moved and Neuharth moved for McPherson County to be closed on November 27th the day after Thanksgiving and to close at noon on December 24th for Christmas Eve. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Metzger moved and Schumacher seconded to allow Christmas trees to again be displayed at the courthouse and to have a holiday open house with Christmas tree judging. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Time Change

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to have the monthly meetings start at 10AM until further notice. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The meeting time change will begin with the December 2015 meeting.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Web water is now offering bottled water. The prices will be checked into to see how they compare with Tri State Water. The following items and reports were approved. Register of deeds statement of fees collected during the month of October 2015 for the amount of \$3121.00. Register of deeds modernization and preservation fees collected during the month of October 2015 \$320.00. Auditor's Account with the Treasurer: Total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$111,055.89; Total amount of actual cash, \$1180.03; Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$429,517.16; CD's, \$993,752.52; Super Savings-Leola, \$2,115,103.63; Total, \$3,650,609.23.

At 3:40PM Schumacher moved and Metzger seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners