

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
January 8th, 2019

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Feickert called the meeting to order at 10:05AM. Members present were Rick Beilke, Jeff Neuharth, Sid Feickert, and Anthony Kunz. Also present: Austin Hoffman, Glenn Spitzer, Rick Rau and Lanette Butler.

Feickert relinquished the Chair to the Auditor for the purpose of reorganizing the board for the year 2019. Nominations for chairman were requested. Feickert nominated Neuharth for chairman. Kunz moved and Metzger seconded that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Neuharth. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Nominations for vice-chairman were requested. Neuharth nominated Kunz for vice-chairman. Beilke moved and Feickert seconded that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Kunz. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Auditor relinquished the Chair to Chairman Neuharth.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 19-1

“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 limits on all McPherson County oil roads 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 provision 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.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2019 at Leola, SD

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Jeff Neuharth
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Kunz moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 19-1, Feickert seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all vote, "AYE". Motion carried and Resolution Number 19-1 was declared duly adopted.

2019 SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

The following annual salaries are in effect for McPherson County officers and employees for the year 2019: David Ackerman, \$53,771.38; Ted Smith, \$42,603.91; Steven Lipke, \$42,603.91; Allie Hilgemann, \$42,603.91; Donald Kallenberger, \$47,835.62; Austin Hoffman, \$24,555.50; Glenn Spitzer, \$50,388.31; Donna Breitag, \$46,557.57; Vicki Geffre, \$46,557.57; Lanette Butler, \$46,557.57; Lindley Howard, \$46,557.57; April Schaar Mehlhoff, \$28,695.36; Tiffany Weiszhaar, \$29,895.33; Dawn Jenner, \$29,895.33; Sharon Guthmiller, \$35,882.25; Jackie Rau, \$34,804.97; Becky Wolff, \$35,434.31; Maria Evans, \$27,495.36; Darrell Pfeifle, \$9,679.86; Harvey Schaible, \$9,679.86; Rick Beilke, \$7,567.32; Sid Feickert, \$7,567.32; Delmar Metzger, \$7,567.32; Jeff Neuharth, \$7,567.32; Anthony Kunz, \$7,567.32.

The following hourly salaries are in effect for 2019: Jerry Bossert, \$18.72; Josh Flemmer, \$19.82; Rick Rau, \$20.00; Brandon Leeper-Duquette, \$19.53; Michael Schwingler, \$19.64; Dean Geffre, \$19.49; Greg McCulloch, \$19.53; Rodney Malsam, \$19.53; Cletus Imberi, \$18.62; David Brandon Pickell, \$18.99. Election official's salaries are \$10.00.

Members of the Zoning Board, Weed Board, and Local Emergency Planning Committee are paid \$30.00 per meeting. Highway Department employees are paid time-and-half for overtime hours. Full time employees who have worked for the county for 11 years or more are paid a longevity pay at the end of the year, with the amount of payment varying according to the number of years employed, should the employee retire prior to the end of the year longevity pay will be prorated.

APPOINTMENT AND DESIGNATIONS:

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to make the following appointments and designations.

Weed Board- Sid Feickert, 4 years remaining; Trevor Zantow and Ron Ehresman, 2 years remaining; Galen Hauck and Curtis Hoff, 3 years remaining

Northeast Council of Governments- Sid Feickert, Anthony Kunz, Lloyd Miller, and Glenn Spitzer

Five County Television Translator District-Delmar Metzger

Zoning Board-Jeff Neuharth, 1 years remaining; Alvin Kallas and George Hulscher, 2 years remaining; Dan Mettler, 4 years remaining; Richard Kolb, 1 years remaining.

Housing and Redevelopment Committee- Jeff Neuharth, 1 years remaining; Alvin Kallas and George Hulscher, 2 years remaining; Dan Mettler, 4 years remaining; Richard Kolb, 4 years remaining.

North Central E-911 Board: Anthony Kunz and Sharon Guthmiller

Community Health Board- Rick Beilke

Northeast South Dakota Community Action Program Board-Rick Beilke

Local Emergency Planning Committee: Delmar Metzger, Travis Mehlhaff, Jackie Rau, Mike Chapman, Alan Adam, Karl Moser, Wes Hilgemann, Doug Hatlewick, Tim Serr, Dave Ackerman.

Official Depositories: Great Plains Bank, CorTrust Bank and First State Bank of Roscoe.

Official Newspapers: Northwest Blade, Inc. and McPherson County Herald

Foreclose Sale Sites: Leola County Highway Shed, Eureka County Highway Shed, and the first-floor lobby of the Courthouse.

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Dave Ackerman, Postage Reimbursement, \$8.75; Agtegra-Leola Shop, Highway Supplies, \$10,561.21; Ameripride, Linen Services, \$351.42; Anthony Kunz, Commissioners Mileage, \$223.44; ATT, Cellphone Service, \$413.82; Best Western of Huron, Extension Hotel Room, \$27.50; Crawford Truck and Equipment, Highway Supplies, \$2,574.73; Curt's Repair, Sheriff/Joint Law Supplies, \$176.60; Dakota Country Store, Highway Supplies, \$95.99; Diesel

Machinery INC, Highway Supplies, \$1,224.54; Eureka Community Health Service, Community Nursing, \$7,125.00; Maria Evans, Postage Reimbursement, \$7.62; FEM, Utilities, \$431.28; Galls INC, Sheriff Supplies, \$31.88; Gappa Electric, Courthouse Repair/Hwy Supplies, \$896.02; Gene's Oil Company, Travel/Supplies, \$1332.45; Austin Hoffman, States Attorney Mileage/Supplies, \$867.57; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies, \$173.21; Ken's Food Fair, Highway Supplies, \$9.99; Kimball Midwest, Highway Supplies, \$362.47; Leola City, Utilities, \$572.50; Long Lake Town, Highway Utilities, \$234.00; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$469.01; MDU, Utilities, \$418.07; Mid States Organized Crime, Sheriff Membership, \$100.00; NECOG, 2019 Allocation, \$7,371.98; North Star Energy, Utilities, \$471.03; Praxair Distributing, Highway Supplies, \$50.45; Premier Equipment, Highway Supplies, \$175.21; Ramkota Pierre, Hwy Hotel Room, \$203.98; David Roggenkamp, Coroner Fee, \$150.00; SD Division of Motor Vehicles, License Plates, \$60.67; SD Public Health Lab, Tox Screen, \$100.00; Transource, Highway Repairs, \$1,751.47; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$743.81; Vilas Pharmacy, Prisoner Care, \$12.99; Web Water Bottling, Courthouse Water, \$80.00.

Metzger moved and Kunz seconded to approve the forgoing claims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Extension Memorandum of Understanding

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to sign the 2019 Extension memorandum of understanding with South Dakota State University. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department

Spitzer presented an estimate from Fischer Painting and Drywall for painting the shop buildings in Eureka. A decision on painting was tabled until spring.

Beilke moved and Metzger seconded to declare some scrap steel and aluminum as surplus property. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Spitzer along with Rick Rau discussed what they would like for step pay and annual raise increases for the highway department in 2019.

Equipment needs in 2019 and the possible surplus of a semi and dozer were discussed. No action taken.

Feickert moved and Metzger seconded to have Curt Schumacher, Stanton Spitzer, Jack Geffre, Lee Geffre, Perry Thompson and Doug Casey as part-time help as needed at the rate of pay of \$18.76 per hour. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to transfer \$83,346.84 from unorganized to county road and bridge. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2019 Raises

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to give all courthouse employees except the Commissioners a 1.5% raise + \$500/year, the Veteran Service Officers a 3% raise and the hourly highway

personnel a \$0.52/hour cost of living raise plus step pay increases as determined by the highway superintendent; effective January 1st, 2019. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Feickert moved and Kunz 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.

Meeting Authorizations

Beilke moved and Kunz seconded for Vicki Geffre to attend the Deed Magic workshop on January 24th in Watertown. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2018 Year End Balances

Auditor Howard discussed the year end balances with the board.

Employee Handbook

Current vacation/sick/personal and comp time were discussed along with implementing yearly roll over limits on comp time. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Director of Equalization

Butler presented a contract from District III for Geographic Information System (GIS) Metzger moved and Beilke seconded to sign the contract with District III with fees of \$51,000 and follow the presented 3-year payment option with the first payment due in January 2020. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Representatives from the Eureka and Leola Schools met with the board. They discussed the State Aid formula and what impact a full county assessment would have on their funding. Increases in district property valuation may not increase their total dollars; instead it would increase the local burden and decrease state aid dollars with total general fund dollars remaining essentially the same. Capital Outlay and Special Ed funds were also discussed as well as other aspects/regulations surrounding the state aid formula and the effects of a school being privately funded versus accepting state aid.

Executive Session

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to go into executive session at 2:18PM to discuss a pending lawsuit. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 2:26PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

Safety Benefits Recommendations:

Jeff Lanning with Safety Benefits conducted a loss control visit to McPherson County in August of 2018. Recommendations from that visit were presented. More discussion will be held on the recommendations at the next meeting.

Sheriff Department

Metzger moved and Beilke seconded to sign the 2019 Edmunds County and Faulk County Jail Agreements. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

An update on the progress of the PDM Plan update was given. An attendance sheet for those present during the update is on file in the Auditor's Office.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to add Holly Mueller to the Leola EMT roster. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: The 2018 property inventory, Veteran Service Officers quarterly and yearly reports; Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of December 2018 for the amount of \$2351.00, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of December 2018 for the amount of \$108.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of December 31st, 2018 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$95,742.02; total amount of actual cash, \$610.00; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$17,930.12; CD's, \$1,151,055.56; Super savings, \$1,303,692.63; total, \$2,569,030.33.

At 2:40PM Beilke moved and Metzger seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on February 5th, 2019 beginning at 10AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Jeff Neuharth
Chairman of Board of Commissioners