

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Neuharth called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Members present were Rick Beilke, Delmar Metzger, Sid Feickert, and Anthony Kunz. Also present: Don Kallenberger and Austin Hoffman.

Beilke moved and Kunz seconded to approve the agenda of the February meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to approve the minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup> Commissioner's and January 7<sup>th</sup> Drainage meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

A&B Business Solutions, Copier Service Contract, \$23.26; Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Hwy Engine Replacement, \$7,273.20; Dave Ackerman, Deductible Reimb., \$23.68; Agtegra-Leola Shop, Hwy Supplies/Courthouse Propane, \$27,650.34; Amazon Capitol Services, Supplies/Equipment, \$2,015.31; Ameripride, Linen Services, \$769.89; ATT, Cellphone Service, \$414.00; Avera St Lukes, Mental Health, \$888.48; Bluetarp Financial, Hwy Supplies, \$250.84; Samantha Boshard, VSO Reimb., \$252.72; Butler, Hwy Supplies, \$5,392.49; Cartney Bearing, Hwy Supplies, \$1,453.98; Century Business Products, Copier Service Contract, \$26.94; CHS Farmers Alliance, Hwy Propane, \$1,274.12; Crawford Truck & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$2,810.63; Curt's Repair, Sheriff/JL/Hwy Supplies, \$309.87; Dakota Electronics, Hwy Supplies, \$545.00; Data Spec Inc, VSO VetraSpec Program, \$699.00; Edmunds Co Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$6,500.00; Trisha Erdmann, Supply Reimb., \$5.55; Eureka MFG, Hwy Supplies, \$79.64; FEM, Utilities, \$550.72; Gene's Oil, Hwy/JL/Sheriff Fuel, \$1,788.55; Gerdes & McNeary PC, Court Appointed Attorney, \$471.50; Glacial Lakes & Prairie Tourism, 2020 Allocation, \$300.00; G&R Controls, Boiler/Radiator Repair, \$17,427.44; Grow SD, 2020 Allocation, \$3,000.00; Sharon Guthmiller, Deductible/Mileage Reimb., \$149.10; Lindley Howard, Mileage/Supply Reimb., \$99.79; George Hulscher, Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$29.40; Cletus Imberi, Hwy Reimb., \$53.48; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$10.50; Don Kallenberger, Rent/Mileage/Supply Reimb., \$332.40; Kens Food Fair, Hwy Supplies, \$37.50; Kiesler's Police Supply, Supplies/Equip., \$188.01; Kimball MidWest, Hwy Supplies, \$494.00; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy/VSO Supplies, \$37.04; Leola City, Utilities, \$176.00; Les Standard, Courthouse Repairs, \$321.00; MDU, Utilities, \$1,040.41; Menards, Hwy Supplies, \$124.87; Dan Mettler, Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$21.00; National 4-H Council, 4-H Supplies, \$229.71; Network Distribution by Design, Courthouse Supplies, \$269.95; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$617.44; Peru, Inmate Insurance, \$32.24; Planning & Development, GIS Fees, \$17,000.00; Pumps Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$5,019.29; Praxair Distribution, Hwy Supplies, \$281.45; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$6,634.82; Quill, Supplies, \$489.26; Jackie Rau, Reimb., \$123.37; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server

Labor, \$3,598.96; Redwood Toxicology, Sheriff Supplies, \$25.00; Ron's Service Center, Sheriff Supplies, \$50.89; Safety Service, Hwy Supplies, \$458.97; Michael Schwingler, Deductible Reimb., \$140.81; SD Police Chiefs Assoc., Conference Registration, \$85.00; SDACC, Welfare Workshop, \$60.00; SDPAA, Hwy Insurance, \$360.65; SDSU State 4-H Office, Livestock Tags, \$90.00; ValleyTelco, Phone/Internet, \$759.29; Vanguard Appraisals, DOE Program, \$7,360.00; VISA, Courthouse Repairs/Registrations/Subscription, \$691.86; Web Water Bottling, Courthouse Water, \$73.50; State Treasurer, Money due to State, \$24,087.50; SDACC, M&P December Fees, \$108.00; State Treasurer, Sales Tax, \$9.28; January amount remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$56,964.99; Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$747.45; Guardian, COBRA Insurance, \$51.18.

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

#### **INCREASED SALARIES:**

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to increase Trisha Erdmann's salary by \$50/month for her 1 year increase effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$3,200.35; Auditor, \$6,441.64; Treasurer, \$6,591.64; State's Attorney, \$6,248.09; Government Building, \$3,059.65; Director of Equalization, \$9,617.94; Register of Deeds, \$6,591.64; Veteran Service Officers, \$1,331.33; Sheriff, \$8,275.62; Coroner, \$150.00; Extension, \$3,006.42; Weed Control, \$81.20; Planning and Zoning, \$180.00; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$40,326.66; Snow Removal, \$7,900.25; Emergency Management, \$833.35; Eureka Joint Law, \$3,496.91; Leola Joint Law, \$3,496.91.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$7,779.08

Insurance: American Family, \$564.56, Avera Health, \$11,409.21; Guardian Vision, \$190.60; MetLife, \$176.90; South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,430.07; Colonial Life Vision, \$85.77.

#### **OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

##### DemKota Permit

Representatives from Demkota Adam Bode COO and Dan DeHaan joined the meeting along with Sam Wipf from Spring Creek Colony. Demkota will meet with Spink County again in March to discuss obtaining an additional site permit. A centrifuge system has been purchased to convert the sludge manure to solid. After the system is operational it will reduce the number of loads into McPherson County and increase the plant's flexibility during weather events. The delay in monthly payments and route conditions this winter were also discussed.

Kunz moved and Metzger seconded to extend the 5-mile manure variance permit that was granted to Demkota Beef Plant at the July 2019 meeting until August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as long as the overdue December payment is received. The following conditions will continue: (1) To lessen

road wear DemKota will travel the original route - hwy 10, north on C23, west on C2 and south on C21 to location for approximately 50% of the loads, the other 50% of the load will be hauled on the alternative route - enter McPherson County going west on C2, south on C21 to location, (2) approval must be obtained from Wachter and Weber Townships in McPherson County and also from Brown County and Dickey County if the approved route and/or alternate route includes any of their county roads. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Veterans Service Officer Report

Samantha Boshard updated the board via email on the number of hours and claims worked in January along with other ideas to get information out to veterans in McPherson County.

#### Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Feickert moved and Metzger seconded to forego a drainage meeting for the month of February due to no new drainage permits. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Director of Equalization

Lanette Butler submitted a resignation letter from Jackie Kessler to the board effective January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The commission accepted the resignation and thanked her for her time in the position. Kunz moved and Metzger seconded to advertise for the deputy assessor position with applications due prior to March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Butler updated the board on the progress NECOG is making in the planning and zoning ordinance update. An update on the Vanguard system was also given.

#### Highway Department

Metzger moved and Beilke seconded to call for road oil and hot mix bids to be opened at 10AM on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Glenn Spitzer gave an update on the Leola dam spillway project. Costs and scope of the project were discussed. An updated project installation quote and prices of materials will be requested for the commission to review. Spitzer updated the board on snow removal equipment and road conditions around the county. The commission will take a road tour on February 7<sup>th</sup> leaving from the Eureka County Shop at 10AM.

#### Right of Way Permits

Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to approve the following right of way permit: FEM Electric to bore or plow a 2-inch power cable between Sections 13 and 24 of 127-73. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Executive Session

Kunz moved and Metzger seconded to go into executive session at 11:35AM to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to exit executive session at 11:50AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Courthouse Maintenance Position

Applicants were reviewed for the open Courthouse Maintenance Position.

### Walworth County Jail

Commissioner Metzger and Sheriff Ackerman gave a report from the last regional jail committee meeting. House Bill 1099, other funding sources and a general legislative session update was reviewed.

### Sheriff Department

Sheriff Ackerman gave an update on the FEMA reimbursement. Brief discussion was held on adding a K9 unit to the department. More information will be requested and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

### Mutual Aid Agreement

Beilke moved and Kunz seconded to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement for Intercounty sharing of Resources during Emergencies or Natural Disasters. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Leola Fire Department Roster

Metzger moved and Beilke seconded to add the following names to the Leola Fire Department Roster on file in the Auditor's Office: Royce Erdmann, Jaime Taylor and Monte Hoffman. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Meeting Authorizations

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded the following meeting authorizations: Lindley Howard to attend a welfare workshop in Pierre in March and Dave Ackerman to attend the SD Sheriffs Spring Conference and workshops. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Miscellaneous Items and Reports

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: The 2019 property inventory, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of January 2020 for the amount of \$2,812.00, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of January 2020 for the amount of \$275.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of January 31st, 2020 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$348,632.55; total amount of actual cash, \$669.20; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$14,593.73; CD's, \$1,158,318.43; Super savings, \$1,464,926.90; total, \$2,987,140.81.

At 1:30PM Beilke moved and Metzger seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 beginning at 10AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Jeff Neuharth

Chairman of Board of Commissioners