

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
August 4th, 2020

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4th, 2020 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Neuharth called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were Rick Beilke, Delmar Metzger, Anthony Kunz and Sid Feickert. Others present: Don Kallenberger.

Metzger moved and Beilke seconded to approve the agenda of the August 4th meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to approve the minutes of the July 7th Commissioner's meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Hwy Supplies, \$159.95; Agtegra-Leola Shop, Hwy/Soil Dist./Sheriff Supplies, \$12,505.91; Amazon Capitol Services, Supplies, \$242.45; Ameripride, Linen Services, \$594.06; Art's Body Shop, Sheriff Supplies, \$375.00; ATT, Cellphones, \$409.94; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$351.85; Rick Beilke, Commissioners Mileage, \$163.80; Samantha Boshard, VSO Reimb., \$80.00; Boulder Redi Mix, Cement Hwy, \$1,240.00; Kristi Brandt Court Reporter, Court Reporting Fees, \$17.00; Lanette Butler, DOE Mileage, \$36.96; Butler Machinery, Hwy Supplies, \$983.38; Century Business Products, Copier Service Contract, \$5.69; McPherson Clerk of Courts, Payment, \$300.00; Connecting Point, Software Contracts, \$6,490.00; Crawford Truck & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$2,276.30; Crawford MS&F, Hwy Alignment, \$317.24; Custom Cage, Sheriff Vehicle, \$1,315.00; Dakota Psychological Services, Assessment, \$4,213.95; Edmunds County Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$650.00; Trisha Erdmann, Reimbursement, \$77.61; Eureka City, Hwy Utilities, \$61.70; Eureka Fire Department, Fire Tax 2020, \$8,378.04; Eureka MFG, Hwy Supplies, \$13.96; Fedex, Evidence Return, \$33.36; FEM, Utilities, \$336.73; Flint Hills Resources, Hwy Supplies, \$147,073.07; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$1,807.15; Andrew Goldade, License Renewal Reimb., \$48.00; Brooke Graves, Meals/Reimb., \$73.73; Sharon Guthmiller, Reimbursement, \$43.94; Heartland Waste, Hwy Utilities, \$70.00; Hosmer Fire Dept., Fire Tax 2020, \$1,055.79; House of Glass, Door Exit Devices, \$1,784.00; George Hulscher, Zoning Mtg Mileage, \$29.40; Jensen Rock & Sand, Hwy Supplies, \$3,845.80; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Mtg Mileage, \$10.50; Don Kallenberger, SA Rent/Mileage/Supply Reimb., \$329.15; Kary's Service Station, Sheriff Supplies, \$840.00; Kens Food Fair, Hwy Supplies, \$14.88; Kimball MidWest, Hwy Supplies, \$476.96; Richard Kolb, Zoning Mtg Mileage, \$2.94; Leola City, Utilities, \$95.00; Leola Fire Department, Fire Tax 2020, \$8,416.73; Long Lake Fire Department, Fire Tax 2020, \$1,914.32; Marin-Biel Ins, Ambulance Insurance, \$5,171.00; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$264.37; MDU, Utilities, \$784.48; Menards, Supplies, \$142.33; Dan Mettler, Zoning Mtg Mileage, \$21.00; Microfilm Imaging, M&P Equip/DOE Scanner, \$1,783.66; Barry Mock, Courtroom Woodwork, \$993.75; NACVSO, VSO Membership, \$50.00; Newman Traffic Signs, Hwy Signs, \$259.18; North Central E911, 2nd QTR Remittance, \$6,323.87; Northeastern Mental Health, 2020 Allocation,

\$3,500.00; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$409.82; Peru, Inmate Ins, \$64.48; Plastix Plus, Sheriff Vehicle, \$1,036.75; Poms Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$4,098.11; Premium Quality Lighting, Courthouse Supplies, \$489.12; Praxair Distribution, Hwy Supplies, \$235.41; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$2,749.17; Pramukhraj Pierre LLC, DOE Hotel Room, \$77.00; Quill Corp, Supplies, \$673.67; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maint./Backup, \$218.94; Runnings Farm and Fleet, Hwy Supplies, \$588.32; SD Sheriffs Association, Sheriff Supplies, \$20.00; Kris Jacobsen CLERP, 3rd QTR CLERP, \$2,024.00; SDVSO, Membership/Conference, \$100.00; Share Corp., Hwy Supplies, \$337.18; Glenn Spitzer, Fuel Reimb., \$61.12; Streichers, Eureka JL Supplies, \$148.97; Sully Co Hwy Dept., Hwy Supplies/Weed Equip., \$20,750.00; The Support Circle, Prisoner QMHP, \$225.00; Truenorth Steel, Hwy Supplies, \$28,351.44; ValleyTelco, Phone/Internet, \$943.66; VanDiest, West Nile Supplies, \$2,989.00; VISA, Supplies/Postage, \$69.50; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$99.50; West McPherson, AED Reimb., \$1,399.00; Wegner Auto, Hwy Sup Pickup, \$32,369.00; SDACC, M&P June Fees, \$120.00; State Treasurer, Money due to State, \$75,702.06; State Treasurer, Sales Tax, \$139.80; June amount remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$167,137.41; Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$747.45; Guardian, COBRA Insurance, \$19.07; Great Western Bank, Reissue #48883, \$200.00; CorTrust, Stop Payment Charge, \$20.00; CorTrust, Sheriff Vehicle License, \$21.20; CorTrust, Hwy Vehicle License, \$21.20; CorTrust, Deliq. Tax Payments, \$14,203.92.

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

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$3,200.35; Auditor, \$6,491.64; Treasurer, \$7,591.64; State's Attorney, \$6,248.09; Government Building, \$3,136.00; Director of Equalization, \$9,351.64; Register of Deeds, \$6,591.64; Veteran Service Officers, \$1,317.33; Sheriff, \$6,499.02; Extension, \$3,006.42; Planning and Zoning, \$240.00; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$50,403.04; Emergency Management, \$775.38; Eureka Joint Law, \$3,733.12; Leola Joint Law, \$3,496.91.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$7,812.11

Insurance: American Family, \$545.01, Avera Health, \$11,352.15; Guardian Vision, \$190.60; MetLife, \$176.90; South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,075.52; Colonial Life Vision, \$76.24.

INCREASED SALARIES:

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to increase Brooke Graves's salary to \$2960.00/month for 40hrs/week for passing the CAA test effective August 1st. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 20-12

"MCPHERSON COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION RESOLUTION"

WHEREAS, McPherson County, South Dakota suffered severe flood damage caused by an excessive rain event on July 24th, 2020 through July 25th, 2020, and

WHEREAS, this flood event has caused major disruption to emergency response and travel; and in addition, thereto, potential structure damage and livestock disruption, and

WHEREAS, the McPherson County roadway system has been impacted by extreme road flood damage, culvert damage and erosion which has compromised safe travel; and in addition, thereto, public and private structure damage, as well as potential home flooding and sewage back-up, and

WHEREAS, McPherson County has experienced damage to critical infrastructure; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the McPherson County Commissioners do hereby declare a disaster for the population of the area impacted.

The McPherson County Commissioners respectfully request that any and all assistance that may be available from State and Federal agencies be provided to all local governments to include McPherson County and to the local businesses and the general population as we work to overcome this disaster.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the McPherson County Commissioners do hereby declare a Severe Rain Storm with significant Flooding event disaster and respectfully request the Governor of the State of South Dakota to declare a disaster area and to request a Presidential Declaration of Disaster to ensure that the maximum amount of assistance is made available to local governments, businesses and residents affected.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2020 at Leola, SD

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

Jeff Neuharth

McPherson County Auditor

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Feickert moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 20-12, Kunz seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution Number 20-12 was declared duly adopted.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Highway Department

Glenn Spitzer updated the board on road damage due to the July 24th flood event in the northeast area of the county. Road repair, culvert replacement, graveling and hot mix schedules were discussed. Down tree, haybale and storm debris removal from the right of way was discussed. The county appreciates efforts that landowners have made to promptly remove storm debris from ditches near their land.

Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to transfer \$101,083.25 from unorganized to county road and bridge. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to purchase a 2016 Kubota side by side with sprayer from Sully County for \$14,750 to be used by the weed department. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Metzger moved and Kunz seconded to reduce the speed limit to 55mph for all traffic on county road 7 and to grind approximately 3 miles of county road 7 between sections 30,19,18 of Kassel

Township. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Public Auction

At 10AM a live auction of surplus property was held and the following items sold:
1994 Chevy Pickup #0327 (VIN#1GCHK34K1RE258974) - \$300 to Glenn Spitzer
2004 Dodge Pickup #0330 (VIN#1D7HUI8D24J228169) - \$500 to Rick Beilke

Drainage Board

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

Director of Equalization

Lanette Butler updated the board on a new Ag Land Adjustment form available online from the Department of Revenue. Butler is working on a required Ag Land Adjustment plan for McPherson County. Deputy Assessor Brooke Graves has passed her CAA test and will receive the accompanying raise effective August 1st. The zoning board is making progress on the zoning ordinance update.

Sheriff's Office/Emergency Management

The Walworth County regional jail was discussed. Beilke moved and Kunz seconded to appoint Sheriff Ackerman as McPherson County's one representative for the regional jail board. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

McPherson County's Covid-19 plan was discussed. If an employee tests positive the courthouse will be evacuated for a 24-hour period. The maintenance department will then do a thorough cleaning that will take approximately 1-2 days. After cleaning staff not experiencing symptoms will report to work but the courthouse will be closed to the public until at least the next commissioners meeting. Any employees who are sick or on an administrative leave will still receive their normal rate of pay and benefits. Necessary cleaning supplies will be ordered. The public is encouraged to continue doing business by phone/mail/email if possible, to limit exposure for employees and the community.

A permanent drop box and camera system were briefly discussed.

Budget 2021

The second draft of the budget was presented, some changes were made at the department level. The provisional budget will be published and a budget hearing will be held on September 1st, 2020 at 11:30AM. The final 2021 budget adoption will take place on September 22nd, 2020 at 9AM.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Beilke moved and Kunz seconded to approve the SD Dept. of Health Community Nursing contract with a \$28,500 contribution for 2021. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: Veterans Service Officer July Report, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of July 2020 for the amount of \$2,084.50, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of July 2020 for the amount of \$315.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of July 31st, 2020 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$265,787.26; total amount of actual cash, \$1,168.60; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$7,335.94; CD's, \$1,161,542.72; Super savings, \$1,608,331.96; total, \$3,044,166.48.

At 2:30PM Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday September 1st beginning at 9AM.

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