

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**January 5th, 2016**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Beilke called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Members present were Rick Beilke, Jeff Neuharth, Sid Feickert, and Jim Schumacher.

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to approve the minutes of the December 1st meeting of the Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The chairman relinquished the Chair to the Auditor for the purpose of reorganizing the board for the year 2016. Nominations for chairman were requested. Feickert nominated Beilke for chairman. Metzger moved and Schumacher seconded that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Beilke. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

The Auditor relinquished the Chair to Chairman Beilke.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 16-1**

**“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 5th day of January, 2016 at Leola, SD

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller  
McPherson County Auditor

Sid Feickert  
Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Schumacher moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 16-1, Neuharth seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all vote, "AYE". Motion carried and Resolution Number 16-1 was declared duly adopted.

**2016 SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

The following annual salaries are in effect for McPherson County officers and employees for the year 2016: David Ackerman, \$47,858.88; Ted Smith, \$37,072.20; Donald Kallenberger, \$44,086.32; Glenn Spitzer, \$46,552.20; Jennifer Guthmiller, \$42,851.88; Donna Breitag, \$42,851.88; John Hilgemann, \$42,851.88; Susan Hoffman, \$42,851.88; Nicole Kempf, \$26,757.72; Vicki Geffre, \$26,757.72; Tiffany Weiszhaar, \$26,757.72; Dawn Jenner, \$30,840.84; Sharon Guthmiller, \$30,579.72; Jackie Rau, \$31,500.00; Becky Wolff, \$32,107.80; Darrell Pfeifle, \$8,278.33; Harvey Schaible, \$8,278.33; Rick Beilke, \$6,683.67; Sid Feickert, \$6,683.67; Delmar Metzger, \$6,683.67; Jeff Neuharth, \$6,683.67; Jim Schumacher, \$6,683.67.

The following hourly salaries are in effect for 2016: Jack Geffre, \$17.97; Jerry Bossert, \$16.98; Josh Flemmer, \$17.61; Rick Rau, \$17.79; Lee Geffre, \$17.57; Brandon Leeper-Duquette, \$15.85; Perry Thompson, \$17.88; Michael Schwingler, \$17.25; Dean Geffre, \$17.12; Greg McCulloch, \$17.25; Cletus Imberi, \$16.35. 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.

**APPOINTMENT AND DESIGNATIONS:**

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to make the following appointments and designations.

**Weed Board-** Sid Feickert, 3 years remaining; Trevor Zantow and Ron Ehresman, 1 year remaining; Galen Hauck and Curtis Hoff, 2 years remaining

**Northeast Council of Governments-** Sid Feickert, Jim Schumacher, Mark Opp, and Glenn Spitzer

**Five County Television Translator District-**Delmar Metzger

**Zoning Board-**Jeff Neuharth, 4 years remaining; Alvin Kallas, 1 year remaining; Leland Berreth, 3 years remaining; Richard Kolb, 2 years remaining; and George Hulscher; 1 year remaining.

**Housing and Redevelopment Committee-** Jeff Neuharth, 4 years remaining; Alvin Kallas, 1 year remaining; Leland Berreth, 3 years remaining; Richard Kolb, 2 years remaining; George Hulscher; 1 year remaining

**North Central E-911 Board:** Jim Schumacher and Sharon Guthmiller

**Community Health Board-** Rick Beilke

**Northeast South Dakota Community Action Program Board-**Rick Beilke

**Local Emergency Planning Committee:** Delmar Metzger, John Hilgemann, Jackie Rau, Kent Weiszhaar, Jeff Jenner, Alan Adam, Doug Hatlewick, Tim Serr, Dave Ackerman, and Dawn Jenner.

**Official Depositories:** Great Plains Bank and CorTrust Bank

**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:**

3D Specialties Inc., Highway Supplies, \$327.52; Ameripride, Linen Services, \$462.46; Crady's Radiator Shop, Highway Supplies, \$65.00; Curt's Repair, Highway Supplies, \$63.51; Dakota Fluid

Power, Highway Supplies, \$1378.67; Daren Fischer Painting, Courthouse Supplies, \$2052.90; Eureka City, Highway Utilities, \$44.90; Eureka Manufacturing Inc., Highway Supplies, \$381.57; Eureka Ready Mix Concrete, Highway Supplies, \$11,049.50; FEM, Utilities, \$220.29; Josh Flemmer, Reimbursement, \$120.00; Jack Geffre, Reimbursement, \$150.00; Gene's Oil Company, Supplies, \$3,739.38; Lindsey Gill, Reimbursement, \$56.85; Hedahl's Inc., Highway Supplies, \$7.80; Homestead, Supplies, \$60.05; Leola City, Utilities, \$604.00; Leola Grocery, Highway Supplies, \$1.78; Long Lake Town, Utilities, \$144.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, Highway Supplies, \$35.63; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$425.20; MDU, Utilities, \$193.50; Mid-States Organized Crime Info. Center, Professional Fees, \$100.00; NCFE, Supplies, \$641.34; NECOG, 2016 Allocation, \$7,018.79; North Star Energy, Utilities, \$1,026.61; Premier, Highway Supplies, \$67.10; Register of Deeds, Supplies, \$300.00; SD DOT, Highway Supplies, \$1,346.36; SD Federal Property Agency, Highway Supplies, \$25,014.00; SD Weed & Pest Board, Conference Registration, \$235.00; SDAE4-HP, Conference Registration, \$80.00; SD Dept. Public Safety, Teletype Services, \$2,340.00; SDSU Extension, Conference Registration, \$30.00; Share Corp., Highway Supplies, \$181.18; Specialty MFG., Highway Supplies, \$3.83; Perry Thompson, Reimbursement, \$58.28; Valley Telco., Utilities, \$696.31; Westside Heating & AC, Highway Supplies, \$169.50; Winwater, Courthouse Equipment, \$524.85

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

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

##### Drainage Board

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to forego a drainage board meeting for the month of January due to no new drainage permits submitted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### NECOG/Department of Ag

Eric Senger from North East Council of Governments and David Skaggs from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture gave the board information on them conducting a rural development site analysis of McPherson County. If the board decides to allow them to conduct the study a signed resolution will need to be returned to the Department of Agriculture. No action was taken at this time.

##### Highway Department

Highway superintendent, Glenn Spitzer, informed the board that he attended the Leola City Council meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and discussed the City of Leola's proposed interest in a drainage project with NECOG for the flooding that takes place on the Southwest side of Leola and the residences on the Southwest side of town. The Leola City Council agreed to the

participation. A signed resolution and motion to pay for half of the costs of a benefit cost analysis from Leola City is needed for the County to agree to participate.

Premier Equipment will be lending tractors to McPherson County for use in 2016. We will be receiving these tractors once they are received by Premier Equipment.

The roads to be resealed in 2016 were discussed. The following are on the list to be resealed in 2016: County road 8 from County road 19 to the Brown County Line for a total of 10 miles, County road 7 from Highway 10 south to County road 12 for a total of 8 miles, County road 5 from Highway 10 north to County road 8 for a total of 6 miles.

The clothing allowance deadline for the highway department will now be October 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded for Sheriff Ackerman and Deputy Sheriff Smith to attend any needed trainings in 2016, and for Jennifer Guthmiller to attend Annual Report Training on January 20<sup>th</sup>. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Sheriff Department

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded for Sheriff Ackerman to hire Sharon Guthmiller as his Sheriff Secretary for 5 hours per week. Guthmiller will have an additional \$3822.00 added to her salary for these additional 5 hours per week. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Miscellaneous Items and Reports

The end of year figures for 2015 were handed out to the board, they will be discussed more in depth once the annual report is prepared. The following miscellaneous items and reports were approved: Veteran Service Officers quarterly and yearly reports; Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of December 2015 for the amount of \$2,783.50, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of December 2015 \$280.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of December 31st, 2015 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$486,980.45; total amount of actual cash, \$635.50; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$6,466.33; CD's, \$994,188.29; Super savings, \$1,254,641.04; total, \$2,742,911.61.

At 1:10 PM Metzger moved and Schumacher seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller  
McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke  
Chairman of Board of Commissioners