

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
July 5th, 2017

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 5th, 2017 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Feickert called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. Members present were Jeff Neuharth, Rick Beilke, Delmar Metzger, and Anthony Kunz.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the agenda of the July meeting and the minutes of the June 6th and 23rd, 2017 Board of Commissioners meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 17-10
“APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANT AGENT FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM”

WHEREAS, McPherson County is submitting a Hazard Mitigation Grant application to the South Dakota Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, McPherson County is required to appoint an Applicant Agent for the purpose of signing documents and assuring the completion of all application documents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that McPherson County appoints the Emergency Manager as the authorized Applicant Agent.

Dated at Leola, South Dakota this 5th day of July 2017.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Sid Feickert
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 17-10. Beilke seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted in favor. Motion carried, and Resolution Number 17-10 was declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 17-11
“DROUGHT DISASTER RESOLUTION”

WHEREAS, McPherson County is suffering from drought conditions, The Board of County Commissioners in regular session resolve that said drought conditions constitute a disaster of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of this county, or even the State of South Dakota, and that federal assistance is necessary, and there is no emergency plan available to alleviate the damage and economic chaos resulting from these drought conditions.

WHEREAS, McPherson County does not have the financial resources to respond to this disaster, and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of McPherson County are aware that row crops have failed to grow, and having below normal precipitation and above normal temperatures, along with high winds, have depleted the moisture content and created sparse pastures and lack of forage crops for feeding livestock, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of McPherson County, South Dakota declare a drought emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we, the Board of Commissioners of McPherson County respectfully petition the governor of the State of South Dakota and the United States Secretary of Agriculture to provide with all dispatch and remedies any state and/or federal assistance available.

Dated at Leola, South Dakota this 5th day of July 2017.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Sid Feickert
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Kunz moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 17-11. Neuharth seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted in favor. Motion carried, and Resolution Number 17-11 was declared duly adopted.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

4DK Electric, \$62.51; Aberdeen Asphalt, Highway Supplies, \$22,143.55; Dave Ackerman, Postage Reimbursement, \$16.33; Ameripride Services, Supplies, \$220.56; AT&T, Cell Phone Bill, \$433.20; Auto Value, Highway Supplies, \$309.92; Connecting Point, Server Off-Site Backup/Maint., \$135.00; Connecting Point, Software Contract, \$9849.01; CorInsurance, Ambulance Insurance, \$3185.00; Creighton A. Thurman, Mental Health Hearings, \$406.00; Custom Installation Solutions, Sheriff Equipment, \$200.00; Edmunds County Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$50.00; FEM, Utilities, \$154.92; Flint Hills Resources, Highway Supplies, \$158,747.46; Gene's Oil Company, Travel/Supplies, \$7,972.42; Donna Hoffman, Extension Supplies, \$128.00; Homestead, Supplies, \$31.83; House of Glass, Windows, \$382.59; Lindley Howard, Postage Reimbursement, \$6.24; George Hulscher, Mileage, \$29.40; The Estate of George Imberi, Refund for Taxes, \$2257.30; Alvin Kallas, Mileage, \$10.50; Kary's Service Station, Supplies, \$94.65; Richard Kolb, Mileage, \$2.94; Leola City, Water Bill, \$113.00; McLeod's Printing, Sheriff Supplies, \$156.86; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$254.32; MDU, Utilities, \$435.03; Microfilm Imaging, Equipment Rent, \$282.40; National Sheriff's Association, Membership Dues, \$60.00; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$281.68; PERU, Inmate Medical, \$29.70; Darrell Pfeifle, Supplies, \$46.60; Premier, Highway Supplies, \$227.75; Psychological Assoc. of Yankton, Mental Health Hearing, \$500.00; Quill, Supplies, \$524.90; Jackie Rau, Reimbursement, \$81.48; Harvey Schaible, VSO Rent, \$443.92; Dept. of Revenue, Blood Alcohol Test, \$35.00; SD Property Mangement, Highway Broom, \$15,000.00; SDACO, Catastrophic Legal Expense, \$1063.89; SDPAA, Tractor Insurance, \$686.62; SDPAA, Property Insurance, \$48,673.51; SDSU State 4-H Office, State Fair Passes, \$50.00; SDVSO, Registration & Dues, \$150.00; Kristi Spitzer, Mowing Lots, \$240.00; Superior Lamps, Courthouse Supplies, \$222.93; USPS, Postage, \$108.50; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$802.22; VISA, Visa Payment, \$631.84; West McPherson EMS, Ambulance Insurance, \$6373.50 Guradian, Cobra Vision, \$26.96; Blue Cross Blue Shield, Insurance Premium, \$610.75; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$60,796.22; SDACC, May M&P Fees, \$136.00; State Treasurer, Sales & Excise Tax, \$18.64; SDACO, Budget Training, \$70.00

Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded to pay the foregoing claims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$5784.85; Auditor, \$5750.80; Treasurer, \$6700.80; State's Attorney, \$5623.86; Government Building, \$3500.65; Director of Equalization, \$6700.80; Register of Deeds, \$6700.80; Veteran Service Officers, \$2913.06; Sheriff, \$5928.16; Extension, \$2700.00; Road & Bridge, \$48,124.94; Joint Law, \$3211.55; Weed Control, \$359.54; Planning & Zoning, \$90.00

McPherson County Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$7716.28

Insurance: American Family, \$414.19; Wellmark, \$8977.11; Vision Care, \$232.00; MetLife, \$177.62; South Dakota Retirement System, \$5541.51

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Drainage Board

At 1:30PM Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded to forego a drainage board meeting for the month of July due to no new drainage permits submitted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Ackerman Sheriff Department and Emergency Management

Dave discussed the grant that he is applying for that will assist in the needed updates to the PDM plan. Dave asked permission from the board to attend a commission meeting in Walworth County to discuss the proposed new jail in Walworth County. Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded for Dave to attend the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. A discussion was held on the revised burn ban that was implemented on June 23rd, 2017. The board discussed to leave the ban as is and discussed looking into passing a burn ban ordinance in the future. Discussion was held on transferring the cost of the new sheriff pickup from the sheriff assigned money to unassigned, this transfer will occur once all expenses are through the Auditor's office.

2017 Budget/Air Conditioning Units

The Auditor is still working on obtaining a quote for new air conditioners in the courthouse from Les' Standard. A quote from House of Glass for replacing the architectural panels on the windows once the old air conditioners are removed was discussed. The Auditor is to obtain quotes from electricians once the air conditioning quote is obtained from Les' Standard

2018 Budget

The Auditor presented the board with the 2018 departmental budget requests. The requests were all reviewed by the board and the needed adjustments were discussed. Budget discussion will continue at the August meeting.

Permit to Occupy Right of Way

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the following right of way applications submitted by FEM Electric:

1. To plow powerline in section 7 and 8 of T127-68
2. To bore powerline between section 4 and 9 of T127-68
3. To plow or bore powerline between section 18 and 19 in T127-68
4. To plow or bore powerline between section 16 and 17 of T126-68
5. To plow or bore powerline between section 8 and 9 of T126-68
6. To plow or bore powerline between section 10 and 11 of T126-68
7. To plow or bore powerline between section 14 and 15 of T126-68

8. To plow or bore powerline between section 19 and 30 of T128-72
9. To plow or bore powerline between section 7 and 18 of T128-72
10. To plow or bore powerline between section 10 and 11 of T128-72
11. To plow or bore powerline between section 10 and 15 of T128-72
12. To plow or bore powerline between section 32 and 33 of T128-70
13. To plow or bore powerline in section 32 of T 128-71
14. To plow or bore powerline in between section 29 and 30 of T127-67

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

NECOG – County Site Analysis

Eric Senger and Todd Kays from NECOG and David Skaggs from the SD Dept. of Agriculture came before the board to discuss the county site analysis for McPherson County that was done to determine locations that could possibly accommodate concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO) development or agriculturally related commercial/industrial development (AID). The analysis is available from NECOG for public view.

Manure Hauling Variance

Grant Kindlespire, Lee Kindlespire, Clark Kindlespire, Doug Hatlewick, Jerome Mack came before the board to discuss the manure hauling variance that was granted to DemKota New Angus Beef Plant to haul to Spring Creek Colony. The patrons are concerned with the amount of dust the trucks are producing with the dry conditions as well as the amount of waste the trucks are spilling when traveling down the roads. The route the trucks are currently taking was discussed. The highway superintendent is to contact the trucking company for DemKota New Angus to discuss a new route that will reduce the amount of gravel that is traveled. This new route is also to be discussed with Dicky County before New Angus begins using it. The board did a conference call to Dan DeHaan of New Angus to discuss their progress on finding new sites for their manure. DeHaan informed the board that New Angus has two new sites that have the initial paperwork started and paperwork will be turned over to the State of SD for state paperwork to be completed. The board also discussed with DeHaan the concerns they have with the trucks spilling waste while traveling as well as a new route for the trucks to take.

Dismantling Eureka Properties

Lloyd Miller and Jeremy Eberhart from the City of Eureka came before the board to discuss the possibility of the county helping with the demolition of some properties in Eureka that the city's code enforcer recommended to be removed. The board did a conference call with States Attorney Kallenberger to discuss the matter. The States Attorney advised that the county not get involved in the removal of any kind of commercial property. Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to allow the county to help with the dismantling of the residential properties with the understanding that the timeframe will be on the highway superintendent's schedule and that cooperation and assistance from the City of Eureka is requested on county properties within the City. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded for the highway department to advertise for bids for stockpiled reseal material. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Spitzer, informed the board that he purchased a power broom for \$15,000.00 from the State of South Dakota. Spitzer presented to the board a couple of trucks that are coming available from the State and he expressed interest in going to look at them. One truck is located West River and the other truck is located in South East part of the state.

Other updates from the highway superintendent are as follows: the main reseal of the year has been completed and the blades are out working on the gravel roads. A sign to suggest slow traffic was requested on

County road 7 near Boulder Creek Colony. The Weller pit is being prepared for gravel crushing and county road 12 will be having the top reground.

Upcoming Meetings

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded for Glenn Spitzer to attend the 2018 NACE Conference in Wisconsin Dells and for the Director of Equalization office and Auditor office employees to attend the Ultra Software meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The upcoming Upper Missouri River Valley meeting was discussed. The meeting will be in Glenham on July 20th at 5pm. Auditor Guthmiller reminded the board members that McPherson County holds the chair position for the meeting. The Fall County Officials meeting will be held September 18th and 19th in Rapid City Metzger and Neuharth expressed interest in attending the meeting.

Rangeland Fire Protection Agreement

Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to sign the rangeland fire protection agreement from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture Wildland Fire division. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Beilke moved and Metzger seconded to add the following to the Leola Fireman roster for workman's comp: Lloyd Schaunaman, Mike Waltman, and Bruce Geffre. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The Auditor and Director of Equalization office are looking into purchasing new computers from Ultra Software Service. The following miscellaneous items and reports were approved: Quarterly reports of the Veteran Service Officers, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of June 2017 for the amount of \$2253.25, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of June \$255.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of June 30th, 2017 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$130,808.90; total amount of actual cash, \$850.20; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$9,324.58; CD's, \$996,386.01; Super savings, \$2,339,777.82; total, \$3,477,147.51.

At 4:30PM Beilke moved and Kunz seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Sid Feickert
Chairman of Board of Commissioners