**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**September 4th, 2018**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Feickert called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were Delmar Metzger, Rick Beilke, Jeff Neuharth, Anthony Kunz. Also present: Austin Hoffman, Donald Kallenbergerand Glenn Spitzer.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the agenda of the September meeting along with the minutes of the August 2nd and August 21st meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the August 21st Drainage Commission minutes.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 18-09**

**“PLAT APPROVAL”**

“Be it resolved by the board of County Commissioners of McPherson County, South Dakota, that the Plat showing; “Tract 1 of Hybrid Addition in the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 125 North, Range 68 West of the 5th P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota” having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-6, and any amendments.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2018 at Leola, SD

ATTEST:

Maria Evans Sid Feickert   
McPherson County Deputy Auditor Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 18-09, Kunz seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution Number 18-09 was declared duly adopted.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

A&B Business Solutions, Supplies, $187.50; Aberdeen Asphalt, Inc, Hwy Supplies, $17,362.22; Allen Adam, LEPC Mileage $29.40; AgTegra Leola Shop, Hwy Supplies, $16,257.63; AmeriPride Services, Linen Services, $622.74; AT&T, Cell Phones, $359.30; Auto Value, Highway Supplies, $108.62; Avera Occupational Medicine, Testing $149.00; Black Hills Ammunition Sheriff’s supplies, $659.00; Butler Machinery Co., Highway Supplies, $3418.35; Cartney Bearing, Highway Supplies, $41.81; Chrisopher A. Haar, Court Appointed Attorney, $1203.33; Connecting Point, Sever Maint./Offsite Backup, Anti-Virus, $423.50; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Highway Supplies $1,355.61; Dakota Electronics, Sheriff’s & Highway Supplies $1249.30; Dakota Oil, Highway Supplies, $53.45; Dependable Sanitation, Inc, Highway & Gov Building Supplies, $249.00; Ron Ehresman, Weed Board Mileage,$91.14; Eureka City, Highway Utilities, $46.05; Eureka MFG, Inc., Highway Supplies, $418.81; Eureka Plumbing & Heating, Highway Supplies, $7.85; Maria Evans, Certified Mailing, $12.84; Fastenal Company, Highway Supplies $83.76; FEM Electric Association, Utilities, $359.98; Flint Hills, Highway Supplies, $21,042.71; Sandra Flittie, Ach. Days Judge & Mileage, $45.20; Galls Incorporated, Sheriff Supplies, $150.93; Vicki Geffre, Basket for Conference, $50.00; Gene’s Oil Company, Supplies/Travel-Gas, $1,992.32;Doug Hatlewick, Lepc Mileage, $6.72; Heartland Waste, Highway Utilities, $35.00; Wesley Hilgemann, Lepc Mileage, $29.40: Homestead Building Supplies, Court House Supplies, $38.47; Wanda Jundt, Ach Days Judge & Mileage, $49.40; Donald Kallenberger, SA Rent/Reimb., $345.50; Kary’s Service Station, Hwy. & Eureka JT. Law Supplies, $258.51; Ken’s Food Fair, Highway Supplies,$9.99; Kimball Midwest, Highway Supplies, $423.15; Lakeside Lumber, Highway Supplies, $21.62; Marshall & Swift, DOE Supplies, $2164.10; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, $806.44; MDU, Utilities, $656.91; Delmar Metzger, Commissioner Mileage, $198.66; Microfilm Imaging, ROD/M&P Equipment Rent, $369.40; Mid-American Research Chemical, Janitorial Supplies, $1910.39; Mobile Binders, Reg. of Deeds Supplies, $456.16; Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Extension Supplies, $50.00; NECOG, Hazmat Plan, $5500.00; Newman Traffic Signs, Highway Signs, $368.03; North Star Energy, Highway Utilities, $379.69; Northeastern Mental Health, 2018 Allocation, $3,500.00; Northwest Blade Inc, Publishing/commissioners, $481.15; PERU, Inmate Medical Insurance, $30.69; Pheasantland Industries, Doe & Sheriff’s Supplies, $77.00; Premium Quality Lightening Inc., Janitorial Supplies, $207.85; Praxair Distribution, Highway Supplies, $229.07; Premier, Highway Supplies, $461.81; Quill Corp., Supplies/Equipment, $1,176.95; Jackie Rau, Extension Reimb./Brookings Meetings Mileage & Meals, $127.48; Ron’s Service Center, Sheriff’s Supplies, $632.91; Safe Harbor, Domestic-Abuse-Marriage Licenses, $60.00; Safety Benefits, Registration Fee-Dawn, $65.00; Tim Serr, Lepc Mileage, $ 29.40; Share Corp., Highway & Courthouse Supplies, $848.70;

Streicher’s Inc., Leola Joint Law & Sheriff’s Supplies, $1548.00; Ten-45 Grocery and Café, Extension, Hwy, Gov. Building Supplies, $306.68; The Lodge At Deadwood, Hwy Hotel-Glenn, $288.00; The Radar Shop, Inc., Sheriff’s Radar Recerification, $172.00; Transource Truck & Equipment, Highway Supplies, $95.10; USPS-Leola, Absentee Ballot Postage, $183.60; Van Diest Supply Company, Weed Control Chemical, $4292.00; Jeff Vanderwal, Ach Days Judge & Mileage, $90.48; VISA, Supplies, $521.13; WM. D. Scepaniak, Inc., Crushed Gravel, $ 197,000.00; Julie Wiest, Ach Days Judge & Mileage, $77.96; Leola City, Court House Water, $82.00.

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

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, $3,153.05; Auditor, $5,994.82; Treasurer, $6,194.82; State’s Attorney, $5,861.34; Government Building, $2,868.17; Director of Equalization, $6,201.19; Register of Deeds, $6,040.82; Veteran Service Officers, $1,566.32; Sheriff, $7,815.65; Extension, $2,816.50; Planning and Zoning, $90.00; Road & Bridge, $36,547.65; Emergency & Disaster, $210.00; Eureka Joint Law, $3,290.14; Leola Joint Law, $3,290.14; Weed, $790.77

McPherson County’s Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: $7,504.68

Insurance: American Family, $412.00; Avera Health, $7,637.56; Vision Care, $245.92; MetLife, $184.61; South Dakota Retirement System, $5,846.71

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Jennifer Sietsema, NECOG – Mitigation Plan Update

Jennifer Sietsema with NECOG met with the commissioners to discuss natural hazard mitigation and the required 5-year update to the County’s PDM plan. The Mitigation Plan requires public involvement as well as a 25% in-kind match for the grant that was received from FEMA to update the plan. NECOG will conduct monthly work sessions to assist the county in updating the plan. Citizens are invited to attend the meetings and provide comments. NECOG will provide a monthly update to the commission until the plan update is finalized. Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded to approve NECOGs Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Plan Assistance Contract. All voted in favor. There will be several meetings over the course of the next year. The attendance list of those present for the Plan Update is on file in the Auditor’s Office.

Dave Ackerman/Steven Lipke/Jackie Rau

Rau, on behalf of the LEPC Board, met with the commissioners and informed them that they would like to purchase AED’s and First Aid kits for the Eureka, Leola and Long Lake communities. The cost will be approximately $4,500 and the funds are currently budgeted for and available in the Emergency Management

Lipke updated the board on the Zeurcher system. Budgeted funds for the system were discussed and the board was made aware of upcoming investment and yearly maintenance costs associated with the system.

Ackerman and Lipke also presented the cost of purchasing 3 new Tasers and the necessary accessories. Funds for the purchase are available in the budget and necessary do to the upcoming phase-out of the older Taser models.

Dave presented the County’s updated Hazardous Materials Response Plan that he has been working with NECOG. The last time the plan was updated was in 2004. He asked that the board look over and review the updated plan.

Eureka Housing Development Commission

The discussion on whether the Eureka Housing Development Commission is tax exempt and if they should be making payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) continued from the August 2nd meeting. Hoffman reviewed state statues, legal definitions and the Attorney General’s opinion on the matter from 2006 and presented his interpretation/opinion. Hoffman believes the 4-plex units in Eureka are tax exempt but fall under the legal definition of a housing project and are therefore subject to PILT at the 5% of revenue set by state statue with this payment not to exceed what would be payable in property taxes if the property was not tax exempt. Should the 4-plex units be sold to a private entity they would lose the tax exempt status and be place back on the tax roll.

Questions arose as to the definition of revenue and how other units similar to this one operate in other counties. Any decision on this matter was tabled until the next meeting to allow the State’s Attorney to conduct more research on the matter.

Burn Ban

Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to lift the burn ban that was implemented on Augsut 21st, 2018. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Volunteer Fireman/EMT Rosters

The volunteer Fireman and EMT Rosters for the Eureka/Leola/Long Lake communities were reviewed by the board. Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the addition of Brett Schiable to the Leola Fireman roster; also to approve the presented lists of volunteers for the Eureka Fire Department, Eureka EMTs, Leola Fire Department, Leola EMTs and the Long Lake Fire Department. It is McPherson County’s intent to cover these volunteers for workman’s comp purposes and the rosters for all listed entities are on file in the Auditor’s Office. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Kunz moved and Neuharth 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.

State’s Attorney

Hoffman requested to look into placing a booster in the Highway Department Office to allow for wireless internet access in the Courtroom, the board granted permission.

Kallenberger had a request to issue a quit claim deed to remove the covenant restricting any successor in the interest from digging or excavating at a depth of greater than three feet, that was put in place by the county on previously sold county property. Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded to grant the request and issue a quit claim deed to remove the restrictive covenant on Lots 11 and 12 of Blck 2 of Just’s First Addition to the City of Eureka, in the SE ¼ of Section 35, Township 127 North, Range 73 West of the 5th P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2019 Budget

A hearing was held on the 2019 provisional budget. The budget was reviewed by the board and the Auditor will make the suggested changes. A final budget meeting will be held on September 25th at 9AM in the commission chambers to approve the budget.

Highway Department

Discussion was held on the approximately 10.1 acres for sale located behind the county shop in Long Lake. Glenn spoke with the owner and an offer was considered. Beilke moved and Kunz seconded purchase the property for $30,000. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Right of Way Permits

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the following right of way permits: Hanson’s Inc., to bore a pasture waterline in Sections 9 and 16 of 127-72**;** WEB Water Development to bore a water line in Section 13 of 125-69.

Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the following meeting authorizations: Dawn Jenner to attend the Safety conference in Pierre on November 7th and 8th; Donna Breitag, Vicki Geffre, Glenn Spitzer, Jeff Neuharth and Delmar Metzger to attend the Fall Officials Workshop in Pierre on September 10th and 11th; Michael Schwingler to attend the Fall Weed Commission Meeting and Fall Tour in Pierre on September 12th and 13th. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

The following miscellaneous items and reports were approved: Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of August 2018 for the amount of $1722.10, Register of Deed’s Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of August 2018 for the amount of $245.00, Auditor’s Account with the County Treasurer as of August 2018 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, $42,167.95; total amount of actual cash, $680.90; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer’s possession not exceeding three days, $7,538.39; Itemized list of all items, check and drafts in the Treasurers possession over three days, $210.45, CD’s, $1,148,814.63; Super savings, $1,452,060.80; total, $2,651,473.12.

At 12:00PM PM Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2nd beginning at 10AM in the Commissioner’s Chambers at the Courthouse in Leola. The final budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th beginning at 9AM in the Commissioner’s Chambers at the Courthouse in Leola

ATTEST:

Maria Evans Sid Feickert

McPherson County Deputy Auditor Chairman of Board of Commissioners