

McPherson County Board of Commissioners

Minutes of Proceedings

August 2nd, 2018

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 2nd, 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: Donald Kallenberger and Austin Hoffman.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the agenda of the August meeting along with the minutes of the May 29th, June 7th and July 3rd meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the June 7th and July 3rd Drainage Commission minutes.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

A&B Business Solutions, Service Contract, \$43.08; AgTegra Leola Shop, Supplies, \$8,418.44; AmeriPride Services, Linen Services, \$532.63; Art's Body Shop, Highway Supplies, \$138.00; AT&T, Cell Phones, \$353.94; Auto Value, Highway Supplies, \$515.24; Best Western Hotel, Extension Hotel Room, \$70.00; Lanette Butler, Reimbursement, \$44.99; Butler Machinery, Highway Supplies, \$657.06; Clark Engineering Corp., Survey, \$1,626.53; Connecting Point, Sever Maint./Offsite Backup, \$85.00; Crady's Radiator Shop, Highway Supplies, \$90.00; Edmunds Co Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$130.00; Eureka City, Highway Utilities, \$88.03; Eureka Community Health Service, Community Nursing 2nd & 3rd Quarter, \$14,250.00; Eureka Fire Department, Fire Tax Distribution, \$7,615.90; Eureka MFG, Inc., Highway Supplies, \$102.61; FEM Electric Association, Utilities, \$263.10; Flint Hills, Highway Supplies, \$6,300.08; Galls Incorporated, Sheriff Supplies, \$67.19; Gappa Electric, Courthouse Repairs, \$2,198.45; Vicki Geffre, Mileage, \$50.40; Gene's Oil Company, Supplies/Travel-Gas, \$2,489.38; Great Plains Insurance, Eureka Ambulance Insurance, \$4,845.00; Austin Hoffman, Tuition Reimbursement, \$4,379.76; Donna Hoffman, Extension Supplies, \$48.00; Homestead Building Supplies, Highway Supplies, \$24.25; Hosmer Fire Department, Fire Tax Distribution, \$976.65; Lindley Howard, Auditor Supplies Reimb., \$43.44; George Hulscher, Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$29.40; Cletus Imberi, Highway Supplies, \$16.08; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$10.50; Donald Kallenberger, SA Rent/Reimb., \$320.90; Kimball Midwest, Highway Supplies, \$368.97; Richard Kolb, Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$2.94; Lakeside Lumber, Highway Supplies, \$10.14; Leola City, Utilities, \$513.00; Leola Fire Department, Fire Tax Distribution, \$7,916.40; Long Lake Fire Department, Fire Tax Distribution, \$1,765.81; Long Lake Town, Highway Utilities, \$234.00; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$112.00; MDU, Utilities, \$541.37; Microfilm Imaging, ROD/M&P Equipment, \$369.40; Mikelson Law Office, Mentally Handicapped, \$843.88; City of Mobridge, Sheriff Utilities, \$8,564.00; North Star Energy, Highway Utilities, \$131.41; Northwest Blade, Publishing/HWY Renewal, \$478.84; PERU, Inmate Medical Insurance, \$30.69; Brandon Pickell, Insurance Reimb., \$48.10; Pomp's Tire, Highway Supplies, \$137.58; Praxair Distribution, Highway Supplies, \$48.55; Premier, Highway Supplies, \$673.16; Quill Corp., Supplies/Equipment, \$517.57; Jackie Rau, Extension Reimb./State Horse Show Meals, \$128.85; David Roggenkamp, Coroner's Fees/Mileage, \$302.52; Harvey Schaible, VSO Reimb., \$386.15; Michael Schwingler, Weed Meeting Reimb./Meals, \$91.00; SD Dept of Public Safety, Sheriff Utilities, \$2,340.00; SD Division of Motor Vehicles, Highway Supplies, \$21.20; SD Sheriff's Association, Sheriff Supplies, \$301.56; SDACC Kris Jacobsen, CLERP Admin, 3rd QTR CLERP, \$1,733.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, Insurance Renewal, \$50,915.72; Share Corp., Highway Supplies, \$421.79; Theodore Smith, Coroner Fees, \$150.00; Streicher's Inc.,

Leola Joint Law Supplies, \$249.99; Tools Plus Industries, Highway Supplies, \$466.68; Transource Truck & Equipment, Highway Supplies, \$197.19; USPS-Leola, Extension Postage, \$135.00; USPS-Leola, Trial Postage, \$12.50; Van Diest Supply Company, Weed Control Chemical, \$670.95; VISA, Supplies, \$435.83; Walworth County Treasurer, TV Trans., \$5,632.00; Web Water Bottling Company, Courthouse Water, \$160.00; Duane Wolf, Courthouse Stump Removal, \$65.00; Judicial Professional Fees/Mileage; \$865.00; SDACC M&P, June Fees, \$102.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$53,956.18; State Treasurer, Sales Tax, \$8.27; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$789.44; Election Systems & Software, Election Supplies, \$873.30; Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$606.39; Guardian, Cobra Vision Insurance, \$159.40

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

ADDED OR INCREASED SALARIES:

Kunz moved and Metzger seconded to add the following salary: Maria Evans, Deputy Auditor, \$2213.41 per month effective July 23rd, 2018. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$3,153.05; Auditor, \$5,189.00; Treasurer, \$6,209.82; State's Attorney, \$5,861.34; Government Building, \$2,868.17; Director of Equalization, \$6,212.19; Register of Deeds, \$6,055.82; Veteran Service Officers, \$1,577.32; Sheriff, \$7,815.65; Extension, \$2,831.50; Road & Bridge, \$34,865.16; E911, \$11.00; Eureka Joint Law, \$3,290.14; Leola Joint Law, \$4028.19; Weed, \$781.18

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$7,572.820

Insurance: American Family, \$412.00; Avera Health, \$7,137.56; Vision Care, \$237.44; MetLife, \$179.43; South Dakota Retirement System, \$5,820.30

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Dennis Feickert/Paul Dennert

Dennis and Paul shared background knowledge, obtained from their time within the SD Legislature, about how the change from the market value model to the current productivity model changed the way land/property valuations were determined. They discussed how the productivity model formula, county top crop numbers and state valuation factors all play into how land/property valuations are determined at the county level. Using Brown County as an example they spoke about the responsibility the state places upon county accessors to make local adjustments to equalize land values within their county using tools such as but not limited to: soil ratings, rocks, and land best use.

Eureka Housing Development Commission

Arlo Bertsch met with the board on behalf of the Eureka Housing Development Commission concerning the two 4 plex apartment units in Eureka. The McPherson Co Director of Equalization believes Eureka HDC should be making payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) based on rent revenue. The Eureka HDC believes the 4 plex units are exempt from any taxes or PILT payments until their bonds are paid off or the property is sold to a private entity. Any decision on this matter was tabled until the September meeting to allow the State's Attorney to review state statutes and legal definitions.

Bertsch also asked the board if they would be willing to lower the tax burden should the 4 plex units be sold to a private investor and brought onto the tax roll. No action was taken.

Drainage Board

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

2019 Budget

The 2019 budget was discussed. The provisional budget hearing will be held at the September 4th meeting.

DOE Office

Lanette shared an email received from the Department of Revenue regarding school funding. Lanette also informed the board that all adjustments have been removed for the 2019 assessment/payable 2020 year. This was verified with ULTRA reports requested by the state auditor.

Burn Ban

The board discussed moisture conditions around the county and agreed that no burn ban is necessary at this time.

Public Comments/Concerns

Jeree Meyers from RDO invited the board and all courthouse officials that will be attending the Fall Conference in Pierre to RDO's 50-year Customer Appreciation supper that will be held on Monday September 10th.

Becky Wolff

Becky presented House of Glass quotes for the 3rd floor courtroom windows along with an additional quote for the large window in the judge's chambers. Quote #1 - \$21,829 for all 9 windows in the courtroom, Quote #2 - \$8,465.60 for 3 windows on the north courtroom wall, Quote #3 - \$14,712 for 6 windows on the east courtroom wall and Quote #4 - \$8,651.65 for the large window in the judge's chambers. Discussion was held on all presented options. Kunz moved and Metzger seconded to offer House of Glass \$21,000 to replace all 9 windows in the courtroom. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Becky presented the offer to House of Glass and it was accepted.

Becky would like to remove a dying tree located in the southwest portion of the courthouse lawn. Any decision on removal will be tabled until a later date.

Auditor's Office

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to update the signature card at CorTrust Bank by removing Jennifer Guthmiller and John Hilgemann and adding Maria Evans. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

An indigent medical claim for a voluntary admission fee to the SD Human Services Center was discussed. Metzger motioned and Beilke seconded to deny the claim based on the residency clause in the McPherson County Welfare Handbook and SDCL 28-13-3. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Several courthouse offices have broken and unused electronic equipment. Recycling via 21st Century Recycling was discussed. There would be no cost for recycling but there was concern with allowing the hard drives from courthouse computers to be destroyed by a 3rd party. Glenn offered to take care of destroying the hard drives as he has in the past. Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to dispose of surplus electronic equipment with the hard drives removed for Glenn to destroy. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department

Glenn informed the board that reseal material is being put up at the Glenn Opp location.

Glenn checked with the property owner that is selling approximately 10.1 acres located behind the county shop in Long Lake. The owner is asking \$85,000 for the property. The board instructed Glenn to dig test holes with the property owner's permission to look for gravel on the property. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Glenn presented a material quote for \$10,961.81 from Homestead Building Supply for material to build a 3-stall courthouse garage. Concrete costs and building design were discussed. Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to use \$20,000 currently in the 2018 budget to build the garage. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to transfer \$61,450.59 from unorganized to county road and bridge. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Right of Way Permits

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the following right of way permits: Verlin Jakober to bore a pasture waterline in Sections 1, 2 and 11 of 125-69; FEM Electric to plow a power cable in Section 17 of 127-67; FEM Electric to plow a power cable in between Sections 3 and 10 of 127-67. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Deborah Davis – Long Lake Community

Deborah Davis met with the board and shared her concerns with the various activities in the Long Lake community. The board informed her that they have no control or jurisdiction over city meetings and city business. She also expressed concerns she has regarding the sheriff's department. The board informed Ms. Davis that they hold budget control over an elected official's department but the elected official is tasked to run their departments as they see fit.

Meeting Authorizations

Beilke moved and Metzger seconded to approve the following meeting authorizations: Lanette Butler and Sharon Guthmiller to attend a State workshop in Aberdeen, SD on August 28th and to close the Equalization office for that day. Harvey Schaible to attend the annual Veterans Service Officers training school in Pierre, SD August 20th-22nd. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Sheriff Ackerman shared with the board the West Nile Grant that he received and informed the board that he has purchased the needed chemical. 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 July 2018 for the amount of \$1996.25, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of July 2018 for the amount of \$260.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of July 2018 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$213,878.50; total amount of actual cash, \$924.90; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$7,069.12; 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, \$1,512,060.80; total, \$2,882,958.40.

At 1:30PM PM Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th beginning at 9AM 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:

Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Sid Fecikert
Chairman of Board of Commissioners