

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
November 5th, 2019

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Neuharth called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were, Delmar Metzger, Anthony Kunz, Rick Beilke and Sid Feickert. Also present: Don Kallenberger, Austin Hoffman.

Beilke moved and Kunz seconded to approve the November agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Feickert moved and Metzger seconded to approve the minutes of the September 23rd, September 24th and October 1st Commissioners Meetings, the September 24th Board of Adjustment meeting and the October 1st Drainage commission minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

3D Specialties INC, Hwy Supplies, \$304.36; A&B Business, Sheriff/DOE Supplies, \$16.15; Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Hwy Vehicle Check, \$124.95; Agtegra- Leola Shop, Hwy/Sheriff/ Soil Conservation Supplies, \$17,104.38; Amazon Capital Services, Supplies/Equipment, \$1,099.11; AmeriPride Services, Linen Services, \$648.33; Anthony Kunz, Commissioners Mileage, \$127.68; AT&T, Cell Phones, \$414.48; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$76.33; Butler, Hwy Supplies, \$868.92; Certified Languages, Court Interpreter; \$42.90; Connecting Point, Backup/Service Call, \$185.00; C&R Supply, Weed and Pest Supplies, \$20.48; Credit Collections Bureau, Collection Commission, \$33.60; Dakota Electronics, Sheriff Siren Controller, \$100.00; Waste Connections, Auditor/Treasurer Shredding, \$56.07; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting, Mental Health Hearing, \$24.00; Dependable Sanitation, Courthouse Utilities, \$216.00; Eureka City, Hwy Utilities, \$47.15; Eureka Community Health Service, 4th QTR Nursing, \$7,125.00; Eureka MFG, Hwy Supplies, \$4.64; Eureka Ready Mix, Courthouse/Hwy Concrete, \$1,448.00; Fastenal, Hwy Supplies, \$47.59; FEM Electric Association, Utilities, \$338.25; Dean Geffre, Clothing Reimb., \$106.49; Vicki Geffre, Conference Meals, \$26.00; Gene's Oil Company, Supplies, \$2,524.16; Gerdes McNeary, Court Appointed Attorney, \$486.50; Grassland Colony, Hwy Supplies, \$135.00; Harmelink, Fox & Ravensborg, Mental Health Hearing, \$165.70; Heartland, Hwy Utilities, \$35.00; Austin Hoffman, States Attorney Mileage and Supplies, \$131.80; Homestead Building Supplies, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$50.03; House of Glass, Hwy Keys, \$15.10; Lindley Howard, Upper Missouri Meeting Mileage, \$35.42; George Hulscher, Zoning Mtg Mileage, \$58.80; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Mtg Mileage, \$21.00; Don Kallenberger, State's Attorney Rent/Reimb., \$357.30; Kary's Service Station, Joint Law/Hwy Supplies, \$833.36; Ken's Food Fair, Hwy Supplies, \$8.99; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$517.48; Kleinschmit Construction, Courthouse Repairs, \$4655.63; Richard Kolb, Zoning Mtg Mileage, \$5.88; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$60.00; Leola City, Utilities, \$95.50; Lewis and Clark Behavioral, Mental Health Hearing, \$178.00; Rodney Malsam, Clothing Allowance, \$187.95; McLeod's, Sheriff Supplies, \$207.63; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$768.42; MDU, Utilities, \$700.42; Menards, Courthouse Repairs, \$1,641.54; Microfilm Imaging, ROD/M&P Equip., \$738.80; Midstates

Group, Laminating, \$128.00; National 4-H Council, Recognition Awards, \$134.71; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$960.64; PCC, Prisoner Care, \$939.00; Peru, Inmate Insurance, \$32.24; Pumps Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$257.08; Popp Binding & Laminating INC, ROD Supplies, \$79.53; Praxair, Hwy Supplies, \$52.35; Premier, Hwy/Sheriff Supplies, \$1,885.80; Quill Corp., Supplies, \$422.28; Ramkota Hotel Pierre, Hwy Hotel Room, \$207.98; Jackie Rau, Conference Hotel and Meals, \$227.50; SDAAO, DOE Membership Dues, \$150.00; Kris Jacobsen CLERP, 4th QTR CLERP, \$1,321.00; SDML Workers Comp Fund, Workman's Comp, \$2,150.00; SDML Workers Comp Fund, Workman's Comp, \$29,894.00; SDPAA, Hwy Property Insurance Changes, \$676.92; Share Corp, Hwy Supplies, \$325.70; Super 8 Pierre, Convention Hotel Rooms, \$158.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, Court Appointed Attorney, \$475.60; Ten-45 Grocery, Supplies, \$124.63; The Radar Shop, Radar Repair, \$324.50; ValleyTelco, November Phone/Internet, \$736.30; VISA, Supplies/Conference Registration/Subscription, \$1,198.00; Walworth Co, Prisoner Care, \$1,710.00; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$99.50; Tiffany Weiszhaar, Conference Meals, \$26.00; Yankton Co Treasurer, Mental Health Hearing, \$110.50; VallyTelco, October Phone/Internet, \$159.78; SDACC M&P, September Fees, \$116.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$48,560.52; State Treasurer, Sales Tax, \$15.91; October amount remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships, \$105,454.20; Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$578.73; Guardian, Cobra Insurance, \$101.18.

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

ADDED OR INCREASED SALARIES:

Beilke moved and Kunz seconded to increase Deputy Assessor Jackie Kessler's salary to \$2920/month due to her passing the CAA test beginning November 1st, 2019. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$3,153.05; Auditor, \$6,221.08; Treasurer, \$6,371.08; State's Attorney, \$6,032.59; Government Building, \$2,952.86; Director of Equalization, \$9,091.08; Register of Deeds, \$6,271.08; Veteran Service Officers, \$1,613.32; Sheriff, \$8,030.18; Extension, \$2,900.41; Weed Control, \$510.64; Planning and Zoning, \$90.00; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$42,965.40; Snow Removal, \$3,647.75; Emergency Management, \$833.35; Eureka Joint Law, \$3,383.66; Leola Joint Law, \$3,383.66.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$7,539.29

Insurance: American Family, \$564.56, Avera Health, \$10,063.19; Vision Care, \$266.34; MetLife, \$184.67; South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,047.72

BIDS:

At 10AM the following bids were opened for up to 14,000 gallons of propane to be used between November 5th and May 1st at the McPherson County courthouse in Leola. Bid amounts shown are the total bid margin and freight cost which the vendors are adding to the cost of the products shown on the State of South Dakota website.

CHS – Farmers Alliance: \$.350

Agtegra Coop: \$.369

Westside Heating-\$.360

Metzger moved and Kunz seconded to accept CHS – Farmers Alliance bid for Courthouse Propane. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:Health Insurance Renewal

Lorne Serr from Mark Mehlhaff Insurance presented the 2020 premium quotes from Avera and Wellmark for health insurance.

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to accept the renewal quotes from Avera Health, offer the Avera 4000, Avera 5500HDHP and Avera 6000 in 2020 and to keep the county's contribution toward health insurance the same. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mark and Lorne will be re-enrolling employees in the new plans on December 3rd.

Walworth County Jail

Discussion was held on the Walworth County Jail and the concerns the commissioners have with the project. Metzger will represent McPherson county on the regional commissioner's board, he will express McPherson County's concerns and attend the Walworth County Commissioners meeting on November 19th.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Dave Ackerman presented a quote for Leads Online a web-based tool his office could utilize in investigations. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Public Concerns

Feickert and Beilke brought up concerns voiced to them about excessive speed and traffic not stopping at the stop sign on County Road 21. Sheriff Ackerman will increase presence in the areas of concern and a resolution to lower the speed limit on that road may be considered in the future.

Ken Stugelmayer shared concerns about the valuation and taxes on one of his parcels of land and land access concerns to another parcel.

Drainage Board

At 10:45AM Kunz moved and Metzger 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.

Highway Department

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to call for sealed bids for the 1998 International Truck VIN#1HTGCADR3WH538287 and the 2000 International Truck VIN#1HTGCADT1YH309184 to be opened on December 3rd at 11AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Spitzer updated the board on equipment, department needs, and the FEMA reimbursement status. The 2019 highway budget was discussed. Culvert projects and road conditions were discussed along with future projects for 2020.

Right of Way Permits

Metzger moved and Kunz seconded to approve the following right of way permit: Wesley Schaible, to bore and underground water line between Section 26 and Section 35 of 125-71. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Ordinance

McPherson County is in the process of rewriting the planning and zoning ordinance, and changes have been authorized for Section 23, Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and Regulations. Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to not accept any new CAFO permit applications until the updated ordinance has been adopted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Director of Equalization

Lanette Butler shared with the board that Deputy Assessor Jackie Kessler has passed her CAA test and is certified. The Vanguard system is installed and the office has begun to use the program. Butler updated the board on the most recent AgTaskforce meeting.

Veterans Service Officer

The board has been informed of VSO Harvey Schaible's intent to not seek reappointment come January 1st, 2020. Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to combine the two current VSO positions into a single position and to advertise the new position for 2 weeks. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office

2020 levies have been submitted to the Department of Revenue. The 2019 budget, transfers and end of year cash on hand estimate was discussed. More discussion will continue at the December meeting.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning Meeting – NECOG

A mitigation planning meeting was held at the County Courthouse on October 24th with representatives from Eureka City, Leola City and McPherson County present. An update from the meeting, prepared by NECOG, was read to the board.

Becky Wolff

Becky Wolff updated the board on the progress the boiler repairman has made on replacing parts within the heating registers around the courthouse. Wolff also informed the board that the large window on the 3rd floor leaks in certain weather conditions and will need to be replaced.

Holiday Closing and Holiday Open House

Metzger moved and Beilke seconded for the McPherson County Courthouse to be closed on November 29th, December 23rd and December 24th. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to allow Christmas trees from area groups to be displayed at the courthouse for the holiday season and to have a holiday open house with Christmas tree judging on December 6th. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Authorizations

Beilke moved and Kunz seconded to approve the following meeting authorizations: Ronnie Ehresman and Micheal Schwingler to attend the weed board meeting in Brookings November 6th; Lanette Butler to attend the New Directors Workshop November 12th in Pierre. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of October 2019 for the amount of \$2,050.25, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of October 2019 for the amount of \$325.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of October 31st, 2019 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$248,605.19, total amount of actual cash, \$1,844.83; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$432,773.88; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$5,944.46; CD's, \$1,156,666.62; Super savings, \$2,801,655.37; total, \$4,647,490.35.

At 2:20PM Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The commission will meet in regular session on December 3rd beginning at 10:00AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Jeff Neuharth
Chairman of Board of Commissioners