

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
March 19th, 2020

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, March 19th, 2020 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Neuharth called the meeting to order at 3PM. Members present were Rick Beilke, Sid Feickert, and Anthony Kunz. Absent: Delmar Metzger.

Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to approve the agenda of the March 19th special meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-4

“RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MCPHERSON COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS McPherson County has experienced severe damage from strong winds, flooding, hail, heavy snow, heavy rain, and tornadoes on many occasions in the past century, resulting in property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety;

WHEREAS a Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed after more than one year of research and work by McPherson County Emergency Management, NECOG, and the Hazard Mitigation Committee;

WHEREAS the Plan recommends hazard mitigation actions that will protect the people and property affected by the natural hazards that face the County;

WHEREAS a public meeting was held to review the Plan as required by law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED by the Chairman and the McPherson County Commission that:

1. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of McPherson County,
2. The respective County official identified in the strategy of the Plan is hereby directed to implement the recommended action assigned to them. This official will report annually on the activities, accomplishments, and progress to McPherson County Commission, and
3. The McPherson County Emergency Manager will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the plan to the County Commission. This report shall be submitted to the Commission by November 1st of each year.

Passed by the McPherson County Commission on this 19th day of March, 2020 at Leola, SD

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Jeff Neuharth
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Feickert moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 20-4, Kunz seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution Number 20-4 was declared duly adopted.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

COVID-19

Kunz moved Feickert seconded to address the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect the public from the unintended spread of the COVID-19 virus by closing the McPherson County Courthouse to the general public from March 20, 2020 until the April 7, 2020 regular County Commission Meeting; County Offices will be available to the public during regular business hours by telephone, email and fax. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A drop box is available at the courthouse in the east vestibule. Any business placed in the drop box should include a contact phone number and if the customer wants completed work mailed back or wants to pick it up. Should the customer want to pick up completed work a staff member will review pickup instructions with the customer. Please allow additional time for essential business.

During the period of time of the closure of the McPherson County Courthouse, the McPherson County court system remains open and all people will have access to the court system. In order to access the court system all a person needs to do is contact the McPherson County Clerk of Courts at (605) 439-3361 or (605) 377-4291, or the McPherson County State's Attorney's Office (605) 284-5121. The court system in McPherson County remains accessible to anyone in the public that needs it.

Highway Department

Beilke moved and Kunz seconded to accept sealed bids for the 1998 International Truck model #2554 (VIN#1HTGCADR3WH538287) to be opened at 11AM on Tuesday April 7th. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to go into executive session at 3:30PM to discuss employment matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 6:40PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to offer the open deputy assessor position to the top candidate. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 6:45PM Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on April 7th, 2020 beginning at 10AM. The Board of Equalization will meet April 14th, 2020 beginning at 10AM.

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Chairman of Board of Commissioners