

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
November 5th, 2020

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5th, 2020 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Neuharth called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were Rick Beilke, Delmar Metzger, Anthony Kunz and Sid Feickert. Others present: Don Kallenberger and Austin Hoffman.

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to approve the agenda of the November 5th meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Metzger moved and Beilke seconded to approve the minutes of October 6th Commissioner meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Agtegra-Leola Shop, Supplies & Sheriff Repair, \$8,845.79; Amazon Capitol Services, Supplies, \$276.70; Aramark, Linen Services, \$610.15; Associated Bag, Evidence Bags, \$336.12; ATT, Cellphones, \$403.65; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$133.43; Beverly Binder, Resolution Board & Mileage, \$70.92; Black Hills Ammunition, Ammunition, \$659.00; BlueTarp Financial, Hwy Supplies, \$6.92; Samantha Boshard, VSO Reimb., \$168.20; Bound Tree Medical, LLC, Gloves-COVID, \$188.98; Butler Machinery, Hwy Supplies, \$9,270.65; Cartney Bearing, Hwy Supplies, \$176.01; Century Business Products, Copier Service Contract, \$8.15; Sandy Chapman, Election Wages, \$252.50; Crawford Truck & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$2,157.46; Curt's Repair, Hwy Supplies, \$62.72; Dependable Sanitation, Courthouse Garbage, \$216.00; Dollar General, VSO Supplies, \$10.20; DS Solutions, Election Test Deck, \$175.00; Brandon Duquette, Clothing Reimb., \$196.96; Jacalyn Eberhart, Election Wages, \$282.50; Edmunds Co Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$195.00; Election Systems & Software, Firmware Licenses Renewal, \$1,007.30; Marilyn Erdmann, Election Wages, \$290.00; Eureka City, Hwy Utilities, \$62.50; Eureka Community Health, 4th QTR Nursing, \$7,125.00; Eureka MFG, Hwy Supplies, \$1,515.64; Faulk County, 2011 Motorgrader, \$130,000.00; Sid Feickert, Commissioner Mileage, \$186.48; FEM, Utilities, \$362.74; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$1,704.87; Brooke Graves, Basics School Meals, \$200.00; George Hulscher, Zoning Mtg Mileage, \$29.40; Intoximeters, Breathalyzer, \$325.00; Dawn Jenner, Election Mileage, \$40.32; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Mtg Mileage, \$10.50; Bonnie Kary, Election Wages/Meal, \$296.50; Perry Kessler, Election Wages/Mileage, \$294.26; Jackie Kessler, Election Wages/Mileage, \$315.20; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$560.43; Richard Kolb, Zoning Mtg Mileage, \$2.94; Leola Legion Bar, Election Meals, \$46.50; Lakeside Lumber, Mailbox, \$21.99; Evelyn Layton, Election Wages/Mileage, \$301.76; Leola City, Utilities, \$99.00; Steve Lipke, Postage Reimb., \$8.48; Leann Lux, Election Wages/Mileage, \$349.58; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$1,449.94; MDU, Utilities, \$623.98; Menards, Supplies, \$114.93; Dan Mettler, Zoning Mtg Mileage, \$21.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc, ROD/M&P Equip Rent, \$369.40; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$2,209.57; Mark Opp, Election Wages, \$282.50; Peru, Inmate Ins, \$32.24; Praxair Distribution, Hwy Supplies, \$72.31; Premier Equipment, Hwy

Supplies, \$939.95; Primetime, Election Meals, \$92.15; Pramukhraj Pierre LLC, DOE School Hotel, \$385.00; Quill, Supplies, \$388.90; Ramkota Pierre, VSO School Hotel, \$216.00; RDO Equipment Co, Hwy Supplies, \$2,635.34; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maint./Backup/Fix, \$143.94; Redwood Toxicology, Test, \$12.88; Rons Service Center, Sheriff Oil Change, \$50.91; Runnings, Hwy Supplies, \$55.76; Diane Schumacher, Election Wages, \$290.00; SDACO, 2021 Dues, \$697.13; SD Game and Fish, Animal Damage Control, \$1,357.89; SD Sheriffs Assoc., 2021 Dues, \$573.77; SDACC, 2021 Dues, \$1,319.00; Janice Serr, Election Wages, \$282.50; Share Corp, Supplies, \$496.75; Ten-45 Grocery & Café, Election Meals, \$67.80; The Radar Shop, Radar Recertification, \$172.00; USPS, Trial Expense, \$173.80; USPS, Extension Postage, \$110.00; Vanguard Appraisals, 2nd Year Software Payment, \$7,360.00; VISA, Supplies/Postage, \$262.91; Margaret Walker, Election Wages, \$282.50; Michele Waltman, Resolution Board/Mileage, \$71.76; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$86.50; Judy Weiszhaar, Election Wages, \$288.38; Westside Heating, Long Lake Shop Propane, \$253.22; Becky Wolff, Election Wages, \$230.00; SDACC, M&P September Fees, \$98.00; State Treasurer, Money due to State, \$57,784.41; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$25.48; USPS, Treasurer Postage, 1,131.00; September amount remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$97,990.14; Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$747.45; CorTrust, Deliq. Tax Payments, \$1,786.80.

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

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$3,200.35; Auditor, \$6,541.64; Treasurer, \$6,591.64; State's Attorney, \$6,248.09; Government Building, \$3,240.00; Director of Equalization, \$9,551.64; Register of Deeds, \$6,591.64; Veteran Service Officers, \$1,317.33; Sheriff, \$8,275.62; Extension, \$3,006.42; Weed Control, \$121.80; Planning and Zoning, \$240.00; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$42,965.45; Emergency Management, \$905.35; Eureka Joint Law, \$3,000.00; Leola Joint Law, \$3,496.91.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$7,727.54

Insurance: American Family, \$545.01, Avera Health, \$11,345.69; Guardian Vision, \$209.66; MetLife, \$182.08; South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,040.78; Colonial Life Vision, \$76.24.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

DemKota Permit

Demkota representatives Dan DeHaan and Adam Bode joined the meeting. The centrifuge system is installed and will be operational soon. An additional site for solid manure has been secured in Edmunds County. Load into McPherson County are expected to be reduced by 70% soon.

Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to extend the 5-mile manure variance permit that was granted to DemKota Beef Plant at the September 2020 meeting until March 1st, 2021 with the price per load staying at \$200/load. The following conditions will continue: (1) To lessen road

wear DemKota will travel the original route - hwy 10, north on C23, west on C2 and south on C21 to location for approximately 50% of the loads, the other 50% of the load will be hauled on the alternative route - enter McPherson County going west on C2, south on C21 to location, (2) approval must be obtained from Wachter and Weber Townships in McPherson County and also from Brown County and Dickey County if the approved route and/or alternate route includes any of their county roads. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jeree Meyer – RDO

Jeree Meyer outlined RDO Equipment's proposal for a 2021 John Deere 772G motor grader.

Highway Department

Glenn Spitzer updated the board on the highway departments mowing, blading, and graveling schedule. The Leola dam project was discussed. SD School and Public Lands has contributed \$50,000 towards the cost of the box culverts and would like to know the status of the project. Spitzer will meet with the Leola City Council to ask the city to contribute \$50,000 towards the box culverts as well. The repair work that was completed by the state on the hwy 10 detour route was discussed. Spitzer will pass the commission's concerns onto the state.

Right of Way Permits

Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to approve the following right of way permits:

- 1: FEM to bore 7200 volt power cable between Section 14 and Section 13 of T128-R67
- 2: FEM to bore 7200 volt power cable between Section 2 and Section 11 of T127-R67
- 3: FEM to bore 7200 volt power cable between Section 6 and Section 7 of T127-R66
- 4: FEM to bore 7200 volt power cable between Section 7 and Section 8 of T127-R66

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Lorne Serr – Mark Mehlhoff Insurance

Lorne Serr met with the board to discuss the county employee health insurance renewal. The county will see an increase in health insurance premiums in 2021. Avera Health Plans remains the economical carrier choice for 2021. Dental and Vision premiums will not change in 2021.

Veterans Service Officer

Sam Boshard has coordinated with the local schools to have students make Christmas Cards for county veterans and widows of veterans this year. The VSO October report was examined.

Courthouse Maintenance

Kalen Thomas updated the board on problems discovered with Boiler#1 and the water softener. Thomas will coordinate the necessary repairs.

Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Metzger moved and Feickert 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.

West McPherson EMS/Leola Ambulance

Feickert moved to increase the current stipend to \$25 plus .50/mile beginning retroactively on January 1st, 2020. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Kunz moved and Metzger seconded to increase the current stipend to \$25 plus .50/mile beginning retroactively on July 1st, 2020. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The commission thanks each volunteer ambulance crew for their dedication to the community.

Executive Session

Feickert moved and Metzger seconded to go into executive session at 11:15AM to discuss employment matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to exit executive session at 12:00PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. As a result of executive session Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to approve transfer of April Schaar-Mehlhoff from Deputy Register of Deeds to Deputy Treasurer beginning on November 16th, 2020 at her current rate of \$2,591.15/month with a 90-day training period as outlined in 4.15 of the Employee Handbook; and to advertise for the Deputy Register of Deeds position. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

General Election

The November 3rd General Election results were canvassed. Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to declare the election results as correct. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to use grant funds to pay \$50 hazard pay in addition to the normal wage for the 15 precinct poll workers and 2 absentee precinct poll workers. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Office

Tax deed properties were discussed. Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to not take the following tax deed properties due to SDCL 10-25-20:

- A. Tax Sale #104 - South Ninety-Two (92') of Lot Two (2); Lot Three (3) less West Seven (7') of North Twenty-Eight (28); Lot Four (4) Block Fourteen (14) Original Plat to Long Lake Town, McPherson County, South Dakota.
- B. Tax Sale #105 - Lots Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5) Block Twenty-Four (24) Original Plat of Long Lake Town, McPherson County, South Dakota.
- C. Tax Sale #106 – Lots Six (6) through Sixteen (16) Block Twenty-Four (24) Original Plat of Long Lake Town, McPherson County, South Dakota.
- D. Tax Sale #107 – Lots One (1), Two (2), Five (5) and Six (6) Block Twenty- Five (25) Original Plat of Long Lake Town, McPherson County, South Dakota.
- E. Tax Sale #108 – Lot s Three (3) and Four (4) Block Twenty-Five (25) Original Plat of Long Lake Town, McPherson County, South Dakota.

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Chad Morgan – Butler

A proposal for a Cat 150-15A motorgrader was reviewed. Specifications were completed within

the guidelines of Sourcewell Contract #032119 used by the City of Aberdeen and the State of South Dakota. Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to purchase the proposed Cat 150-15 AWD Motorgrader with the 9000hr/9year warranty which follows the specifications of Sourcewell's #032119-CAT contract. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Leola Fire Department Roster

Beilke moved and Kunz seconded to add Lance Feickert and McKlay Schaible and to delete Skyler Geffre from the roster on file in the Auditor's office. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Holiday Schedule

Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to grant November 27th and December 24th as holiday days. 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 2020 for the amount of \$2,109.25, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of October 2020 for the amount of \$295.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of October 31st, 2020 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$395,265.38; total amount of actual cash, \$1,146.47; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$305,910.50; CD's, \$1,161,301.04; Super savings, \$2,895,403.48; total, \$4,760,026.87.

At 1:50PM Kunz moved and Beilke seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday December 1st at 10AM and Tuesday December 29th at 10AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Jeff Neuharth

Chairman of Board of Commissioners