

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Anthony Kunz called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Members' present were: Rick Beilke, Delmar Metzger, Sid Feickert, and Jeff Neuharth. Also, present: Austin Hoffman.

Metzger moved and Beilke seconded to approve the agenda of the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts were declared.

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to approve the minutes of the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> commissioners' meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 21-10**

**“BRIDGE REINSPECTION PROGRAM RESOLUTION FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER  
CONTRACTS”**

**WHEREAS**, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two year with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

**THEREFORE**, McPherson County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program using Bridge Replacement funds.

The County requests SDDOT to hire IMEG (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021 at Leola, South Dakota.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard  
McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 21-10, Beilke seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$6,254.75; Auditor, \$6,807.02; Treasurer, \$6,342.76; State's Attorney, \$3,975.17; Government Building, \$3,224.00; Director of Equalization, \$9,839.01; Register of Deeds, \$7,837.02; Veteran Service Officer, \$2,419.06; Sheriff, \$4,901.63; Extension, \$3,099.20; Weed Control, \$161.80; Planning & Zoning, \$240.00; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$51,746.38; Emergency Management, \$876.68; Eureka Joint Law, \$3,166.67; Leola Joint Law, \$3,598.02.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$8,213.18

Insurance: American Family, \$511.96, Avera Health, \$10,956.65; Guardian Vision, \$171.54; MetLife, \$173.53; South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,425.17; Colonial Life Vision, \$66.71.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Agtegra-Leola Shop, Hwy/Courthouse Supplies, \$16,685.50; Amazon, Supplies, \$406.75; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$604.09; ATT, Cellphone Service, \$404.26; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$443.61; Big State Industrial Supply, HWY Supplies, \$215.20; Samantha Boshard, VSO Reimb., \$168.20; Butler, Hwy Supplies, \$658.06; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$51.78; CGI, LLC, Court Appointed Investigator, \$1,039.64; Christopher A. Haar, Court Appointed Attorney, \$1,260.48; CHS, Courthouse/Hwy Propane, \$5,062.45; Thomas J Cogley, Court Appointed Attorney, \$512.60; Cole Papers, Courthouse Supplies, \$88.95; Corson County Sheriff, K9 Donation from MDU, \$1,500.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip., Hwy Supplies, \$2,306.07; Curt's Repair, Leola JL Oil Changes, \$122.00; Jay Moran (CWS), HWY Supplies-First Aid Kits, \$200.00; D-Ware INC, Conference, \$150.00; Dakota Fluid Power Inc, Hwy Pump & Motor Repair, \$1,899.06; Dakota Oil, HWY Supplies, \$739.51; Danko Emergency Equip., Emergency Management Supplies, \$993.12; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting, Court Reporting, \$30.00; Edmunds Co. Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$300.00; Ron Ehresman, 3/10 MTG Miles, \$17.64; Election Systems & Software, Election Firmware Maint., \$94.80; Eureka City, Utilities, \$61.30; Eureka Comm. Health Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr Nursing Contract, \$7,125.00; Eureka Comm. Health Service, Blood Alcohol, \$42.75; Eureka Ready Mix Concrete, HWY Pea rock, \$11,524.50; FEM, Utilities, \$362.43; Vicki Geffre, Conference Meals, \$26.00; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$1,956.77; Gailen Hauck, 3/10 Weed MTG Miles, \$12.60; Heartland Waste, Hwy Utilities, \$35.00; Curtis Hoff, 3/10 Weed MTG Miles, \$23.52; Lindley Howard, Meals/Carwash, \$32.00; George Hulscher, 3/16 Zoning MTG Miles, \$29.40; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware, Hwy Supplies, \$7,439.62; Johnny & Renee Schwingler, Hwy Supplies, \$262.99; Jensen Rock & Sand INC, HWY Supplies, \$10,263.34; Alvin Kallas, 3/16 Zoning Mtg Miles, \$10.50; Mark Katterhagen, Mental Health, \$15.00; Ken's Food Fair, HWY Supplies, \$17.28; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$554.61; Richard Kolb, 3/16 Zoning MTG Miles, \$2.94; Leola City, Utilities, \$172.46; Lucy Lewno, Mental Health, \$166.51; Lincoln County Treasurer, Mental Health, \$189.20; Darcy Lockwood, Mental Health, \$15.00; Matheson Tri-Gas INC, HWY Supplies, \$110.77; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$510.69; MDU, Utilities, \$606.90; Dan Mettler, 3/16 Zoning Mtg Miles, \$21.00; Microfilm Imaging, ROD/M&P

Equip. Rent, \$404.40; Mobridge Police Dept, K9 Donation from MDU, \$1,500.00; Newman Traffic Sign, HWY Supplies, \$758.25; Northern Safety Technology, HWY Supplies-Lights, \$225.04; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$904.81; Peru, FEB/MAR Inmate Insurance, \$61.36; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$323.17; Praxair Distribution, Hwy Supplies, \$399.14; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$677.01; Quill, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$470.53; Ramkota Hotel-Pierre, Conference Hotel, \$303.00; Jackie Rau, Shooting Sports Reimb., \$54.25; DRN Readitech, Server Maint/Backup, \$143.94; Ron's Service Center, Sheriff Oil Change, \$47.16; Runnings Farm And Fleet, HWY Supplies-Gauge & Switch, \$62.98; Michael Schwingler, Phone Reimb.-Weed, \$200.00; SD Assoc. Of County Officials, 2021 Spring Workshop, \$555.00; SD Dept of Public Safety, Teletype-2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2020, \$2,340.00; SD DOT, HWY Pavement Markers, \$18,984.27; SD Sheriff's Assoc., Conference, \$115.00; SDAAO, DOE Conference, \$400.00; SDACC, HWY Conference, \$75.00; Kris Jacobsen, CLERP Admin, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, \$2,024.00; Share, Hwy Supplies, \$298.36; Ten-45 Grocery & Café, Supplies, \$40.02; The Lodge At Deadwood, HWY Conf. Hotel, \$279.00; Tools Plus Industries, HWY Supplies, \$89.97; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$751.31; Van Diest Supply Company, Weed Chemicals, \$3,150.00; Visa, Postage-Registration-Sub-Transport, \$1,111.33; Web Water Bottling, Courthouse Water, \$197.00; Tiffany Weiszhaar, Conference Meals, \$26.00; Yankton County Treasurer, Mental Health, \$175.00; Trevor Zantow, 3/10 Weed MTG Miles, \$7.56. Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$866.42; Guardian, COBRA Vision, \$32.11, State Treasurer, Sales Tax, \$13.96; SDACC M&P, February Fees, \$156.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$63,467.44; February Amount Remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$157,436.18, CorTrust Bank, Deliq. Tax/Box Rent, \$1,176.38; Ryan Sanborn, Reissue #50624, \$583.48.

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

#### **OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

##### Department of Legislative Audit

Dave Schlosser from the Department of Legislative Audit presented the closing conference for the FY 18-19 audit. No significant deficiencies were found and no written comments were issued. Management recommendations for improvement were also presented.

##### Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to forgo an April Drainage Commission meeting due to no new permits. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### Highway Department

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to call for bids for double cell precast reinforced concrete box culvert with an opening span of 28' by 4' rise (2-14'x4') with straight wing walls and a 3-sided precast concrete drop structure; Drop structure shall have a concrete base with a span on 34' and a width of 6'- 8', side walls shall be 6' high; County anticipates ordering 54' of

culvert barrel, 1 end section and 1 drop structure at the Leola Dam; Bids will be opened on May 6<sup>th</sup>. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter transfer of \$38,416.99 from unorganized to county road and bridge. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

With dry conditions and extreme wind there has been a lot of field erosion and debris in the road ditches. Landowners are asked to remove any field debris from their road ditches.

Grinding of County road 7 is scheduled to begin on April 14<sup>th</sup>. An equipment update was given. Gravel crushing and oil road breakup around the county was discussed.

#### Right of Way Permits

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the following right of way permits:

- 1: Spring Creek Colony to bore 2" water line between Section 14 and Section 13 of T128-R67
- 2: FEM to bore 7200 volt power cable between Section 32 and Section 33 of T127-R66
- 3: FEM to bore power cable between Section 26 and Section 27 of T126-R66
- 4: FEM to bore 7200 volt power cable between Section 29 and Section 32 of T127-R66
- 5: FEM to bore 7200 volt power cable between Section 27 and Section 34 of T127-R66
- 6: FEM to bore 7200 volt power cable between Section 28 and Section 33 of T127-R66

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Mike & Marsha Lapka – Tax Concern

Mike and Marsha Lapka along with Ronda Geffre met with the board to discuss the current tax classification as Non-Ag for PAY 2022 on record #6974 and asked the board to consider their request to change it to Owner Occupied at the April 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Equalization meeting. Tax rates and property valuations for property located inside versus outside city limits were discussed.

#### Director of Equalization

Feickert moved and Metzger seconded to approve the GIS Shapefile purchase contract. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to name Lanette Butler, Director of Equalization as the authorized agent to sign the GIS Shapefile purchase contract on the county's behalf. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A zoning ordinance update was given. The zoning board is currently discussing wind tower setbacks and discussion will continue at the next meetings April 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30AM and April 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00AM.

#### Tax Refund 21-01

Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded to refund \$757.42 total, county portion \$274.10 for the taxing error on record #4572 from pay 2008 through pay 2021. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded the following meeting authorizations: Vicki Geffre,

Lindley Howard and Tiffany Weiszhaar to attend the SDACO Spring Conference in Pierre on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>; Dawn Jenner to attend a workshop in Pierre on May 6<sup>th</sup> and the D-Ware workshop in Michell on June 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>; Austin Hoffman to attend the State's Attorney Convention in May. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to reimburse the weed superintendent \$20/month for his cellphone. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on courthouse office discretionary spending, records retention and enacting a burn ban ordinance.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: Veteran's Service Officer March 2021 hours, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of March 2021 for the amount of \$3514.75, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of March 2021 for the amount of \$360.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$395,276.08; total amount of actual cash, \$1,026.90; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$13,044.28; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$0.00; CD's, \$1,163,082.49; Super savings, \$1,921,584.21; total, \$3,494,013.96.

At 2:20PM Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The commission will meet on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 beginning at 10AM as the board of equalization and May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard  
McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz  
Chairman of Board of Commissioners