

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Anthony Kunz called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Members' present were: Rick Beilke, Jeff Neuharth and Sid Feickert. Absent, Delmar Metzger. Also present: Austin Hoffman.

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to approve the agenda of the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts were declared.

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the minutes of the November 2<sup>nd</sup> commissioner meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 10:45AM no public concerns were brought before the board.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Agtegra-Leola Shop, Hwy Supplies/Conservation, \$8,473.62; Amazon, Supplies, \$1,087.93; American Business Forms, Supplies/Equip, \$339.25; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$694.85; AT&T, Cellphones/Hotspot, \$483.73; Avera Occupational Medicine, Hwy Random Test, \$82.25; Avera St. Luke's, Mental Health, \$654.25; Black Hills Ammunition, Supplies, \$338.50; Samantha Boshard, VSO Reimb., \$79.80; Kristi Brandt, Court Reporting, \$123.95; Butler, Hwy Supplies, \$75.60; Central Square Technologies, Maintenance Fee, \$312.56; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$12.90; CHS, Propane, \$5,435.33; Comfort Suites University, Ext Hotel, \$225.00; Crawford, Hwy Supplies, \$340.57; Curt's Repair, Oil Changes, \$226.65; D-Ware Inc, \$4,350.00; Dakota Counseling Group LLC, Court Appointed Evaluation, \$1,600.00; Dependable Sanitation, Utilities, \$216.00; Ron Ehresman, Weed Board Miles, \$17.64; Election Systems & Software, Firmware License, \$1,105.00; Eureka City, Utilities, \$62.70; Sid Feickert, Comm Miles, \$ 217.56; FEM, Utilities, \$381.00; Fire Safety First LLC, Extinguisher Check, \$396.00; Josh Flemmer, Clothing Allowance, \$194.90; G&G Implement, Hwy Parts, \$9.27; Dean Geffre, Clothing Allowance, \$154.40; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$3,078.86; G&R Controls, Boiler Repair, \$1,416.88; Gailen Hauck, Weed Board Miles, \$12.60; Curtis Hoff, Weed Board Miles, \$23.52; Hollaway Bridge & Culvert, Hwy Supplies, \$78,281.46; George Hulscher, Zoning Miles, \$29.40; Johnny & Renee Schwingler, Eureka Hwy Parts, \$7.82; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Miles, \$10.50; Richard Kolb, Zoning Miles, \$2.94; Kurita America, Chemical/Tests, \$1,139.90; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$2,027.22; Leola City, Utilities, \$172.58; Linde Gas & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$363.85; Maxwell Electric, Generator Service, \$497.34; McPherson Co Herald, Publishing, \$292.35; MDU, Utilities, \$459.72; Microfilm Imaging Systems, M&P/ROD Equip Rent, \$364.40; MARC, Supplies, \$1,376.14; CRS, Inmate Insurance, \$33.17; Pomp's Tire Service Inc, Hwy Supplies, \$4,119.00; Premier Equipment LLC, Hwy Supplies, \$57.04; Quill, Supplies, \$59.56; Ramkota Hotel & Conference, Sheriff Conference Hotel, \$190.08; Ramkota Hotel-Pierre, Hwy Hotel, \$49.00; Jackie Rau, 4-H Reimbursement, \$97.62; RDO Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$40.29; Dickey Rural, Server Maint./Backup, \$183.39; Ron's Service Center, Leola Joint Law Tires, \$120.00; SD Assoc Of Co Hwy, 2022 Dues, \$350.00; Sd Assoc of County Officials, Web Hosting, \$150.00; SD Public Health Lab, Test, \$40.00; SD Sheriffs' Association, 2022 Dues, \$639.68; SDAAO, Membership Dues, \$150.00; SDAE4-HP, Renewal Dues, \$120.00; Share, Hwy Supplies, \$727.29; Stanley Spitzer, Spray Booms-Weeds, \$1,000.00; Ten-45 Grocery & Café, Supplies, \$129.13; The Radar Shop, Recertification, \$147.00; USPS, Ext Postage, \$156.00; USPS, Auditor/Election Postage, \$928.00; USPS, Treas Postage, \$1,326.00; Visa,

Supplies, \$534.86; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$112.50; Trevor Zantow, Weed Board Miles. \$7.56. Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$866.42; Guardian, COBRA Vision, \$32.11; State Treasurer, Sales Tax, \$25.23; SDACC M&P, October Fees, \$122.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$34,599.22; October Amount Remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$1,571,656.06; AT&T, Cellphone/Hotspot, \$474.90, Valley, Phone/Internet, \$802.62; Cortrust Bank, Deliq Taxes, \$1,976.24.

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

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$3,254.75; Auditor, \$6,787.02; Treasurer, \$6,787.02; State’s Attorney, \$5,390.44; Government Building, \$3,224.00; Director of Equalization, \$9,987.02; Register of Deeds, \$6,637.02; Veteran Service Officer, \$1,669.06; Sheriff, \$8,068.30; Coroner, \$150.00; Extension, \$3,099.20; Weed, \$570.30; Planning & Zoning, \$240.00; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$45,805.90; Snow Removal, \$127.56; Emergency Management, \$833.35; Eureka Joint Law, \$3166.67; Leola Joint Law, \$3,598.02, Rural Access Infrastructure, \$562.80.

McPherson County’s Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$7,779.56

Insurance: American Family, \$548.71, Avera Health, \$11,906.22; Guardian Vision, \$190.60; MetLife, \$181.07; South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,568.92; Colonial Life Vision, \$66.71.

**INCREASED SALARIES**

Neuharth moved at Beilke seconded to increase the following salaries: Kyra Moser \$50/month (1 year increase); Austin Roknian Certified Sheriff’s Deputy, \$3,764.69. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-15**

**“MCPHERSON COUNTY RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES FOR COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS”**

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-8-10 according to SDCL 7-8-10, the Board of County Commissioners, at its regular meeting in February of each year ending in the numeral 2, shall change the boundaries of the commissioner districts if such change is necessary in order that each district shall be as regular and compact in form as practicable and contain as near as possible an equal number of residents, as determined by the last preceding federal census; and

WHEREAS, results of the federal census, taken in the year 2020, did determine it to be necessary to change the boundaries of the existing commissioner districts of McPherson County, South Dakota, in order to contain, as near as possible, an equal number of residents in each district; and

WHEREAS, Notice of Public Hearing, of the intent to change the commissioner district boundaries, has been published for two consecutive weeks in the official newspapers of McPherson County, according to SDCL 7-8-12, as follows:

District #1 - Represented by Commissioner Sid Feickert

**Townships:** Wachter, Carl, Koto, Hoffman, Willow sections 1-18 (north of hwy 10), Leola twsp. outside of Leola city limits sections 1-18 (north of hwy 10), Spring sections 1-18 (north of hwy 10), Wacker sections 19-36 (south of 103<sup>rd</sup> Street), Weber sections 12, 13, 23-26, 35, 36 (east of county rd 19)

**Cities:** City of Leola, Wards 1 and 2 – all premises north of Moulton from Church to Sherman including premises north of hwy 10 west of Church Street to 363<sup>rd</sup> Ave to Leola city limits, and all premises west of Sherman Street to Leola city limits.

District #2 - Represented by Commissioner Rick Beilke

**Townships:** Lincoln, Washington, Howard, Dewey, Arena, Moscow sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36 (east of 348<sup>th</sup> Ave), Spring sections 19-36 (south of hwy 10), Leola twsp. outside of Leola city limits sections 19-36 (south of hwy 10), Willow sections 19-36 (south of hwy 10).

**Cities:** Wetonka Town, City of Leola: Ward 3 – all premises south of Moulton from Church Street to Sherman Street including the block east of Church Street and south of hwy 10 to Leola city limits.

District #3 – Represented by Commissioner Delmar Metzger

**Townships:** Jackson sections 2-11, 14-23, 26-35 (west of 328<sup>th</sup> Ave), Bauer outside of city limits sections 2-11, 14-23, 26-35 (west of 328<sup>th</sup> Ave), Glucksthal outside of city limits sections 2-11, 14-23, 26-35 (west of hwy 47), Spring Creek sections 2-11, 14-23, 26-35 (west of hwy 47).

**Cities:** City of Eureka - All premises north of J Avenue and west of 10<sup>th</sup> Street to city limits, all premises south of F Avenue but north of J Avenue which are west of 3rd Street, but east of 10th Street, also including an area north of F Avenue and south of C Avenue between 3rd and 5th streets, including that block whose boundary is F Avenue on the south, E Avenue on the north, 6th Street on the west and 5th Street on the east.

District #4 – Represented by Commissioner Anthony Kunz

**Townships:** Glucksthal south half of section 36 outside of Eureka city limits, Jackson sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36 (east of 328<sup>th</sup> Ave), Bauer outside of Eureka city limits sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36 (east of 328<sup>th</sup> Ave), Stickel, Hillsvie, Kassel, Odessa sections 1-4, 9-16, 21-28, 33-36 (east of 338<sup>th</sup> Ave), Cleveland, Blaine, Moscow sections 2-11, 14-23, 26-35 (west of 348<sup>th</sup> Ave), Long Lake, Highland.

**Cities:** Hillsvie Town, Long Lake Town, City of Eureka - Ward Three: All premises in Sunrise Addition and also all premises within the incorporated city limits which are south of J Avenue.

District #5 – Represented by Commissioner Jeff Neuharth

**Townships:** Glucksthal outside of Eureka city limits sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 and the north half of section 36 outside of Eureka city limits (east of hwy 47), Spring Creek sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36 (east of hwy 47), Detmold, Rosenthal, Petersburg, Odessa sections 5-8, 17-20, 29-32, Bergdorf, Harrison excluding the town of Long Lake, Wacker sections 1-18 (north of 103<sup>rd</sup> Street), Weber sections 1-11, 14-22, 27-34 (west of county rd 19)

**Cities:** City of Eureka - All premises north of F Avenue and west of 5th Street but east of 10<sup>th</sup>

street, but also including the area north of C Avenue which lies east of 5th Street, excluding that block whose boundary is of F Avenue on the south, E Avenue on the north, 6th Street on the west and 5th Street on the east.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the McPherson County Board of Commissioners do intend to adopt the new boundary changes listed above, for the McPherson County Commissioner Districts, at the regular meeting to be held on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Dated at Leola on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2021

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz

Chairman of Board of Commissioners

Beilke moved for adoption of Resolution 21-15. Neuharth seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, Beilke, Feickert, Kunz, and Neuharth voted "AYE" absent Metzger. Motion carried, and Resolution Number 21-15 was declared duly adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION 21-16**

#### **"FORMAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2021 BUDGET"**

Be it resolved, by the McPherson County Board of Commissioners, to supplement the 2021 McPherson County Road and Bridge Budget as follows; Highway Supplies \$382,000 with the source of revenue for this supplement to be the Road and Bridge Fund cash on hand in the amount of \$382,000.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2021

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz

Chairman of Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 21-16, Beilke seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, Beilke, Feickert, Kunz and Neuharth voted "AYE" absent Metzger. Motion carried and Resolution Number 21-16 was declared duly adopted.

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

##### Treasurer's Office

Discussion was held on property #7694 and #7695. Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to have the Auditor prepare and abatement for the pay 2012-pay 2019 taxes and have the appraiser review the parcel valuation for pay 2020 and pay 2021. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Advertising list questions were discussed with the States Attorney.

##### Tax Deed/Surplus Property

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to retain ownership of parcel #6862, lots 3, 4, & 5 Block 24 Original Plat – Long Lake Town; and parcel #6863, lots 6 through 16 Block 24 – Original Plat Long Lake Town. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Abatements

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the following abatements that were a result of the tax deed proceedings:

- 21-06: Lynda Bailey, record #7355, abate PAY 2015 – PAY 2021, County total \$156.44
- 21-07: Phillip Huffman/Carol Sharrod, record #6982, abate PAY 2011 – PAY 2021, County total \$123.77
- 21-08: John & Staci Grabowska, record #7280, abate PAY 2016 – PAY 2021, County total \$4.03
- 21-09: Keith & Kimberly Richter, record #7055, abate PAY 2015 – PAY 2021, County total \$63.77
- 21-10: Barry Mock, record #6978, abate PAY 2015 – PAY 2021, County total \$63.77
- 21-11: Forrest Howard/Elizabeth Dalton, record #7932, abate PAY 2017–PAY 2021, County total \$54.56
- 21-12: Darrell Burns, record #7662, abate PAY 2016 – PAY 2021, County total \$60.28
- 21-13: Jeff Nies, record #7986, abate PAY 2017 – PAY 2021, County total \$4.53
- 21-14: Jeff Nies, record #7991, abate PAY 2017 – PAY 2021, County total \$2.10
- 21-15: Edna Weisser & Viola Spitzer, record #6861, abate PAY 2017-2021, County Total \$3.59
- 21-16: Jimmy Kolb, record #6862, abate PAY 2017-2021, County Total \$0.90
- 21-17: Jimmy Kolb, record #6863, abate PAY 2017-2021, County Total \$4.73
- 21-18: Jimmy Kolb, record #6865, abate PAY 2017-2021, County Total \$1.34
- 21-19: Jimmy Kolb, record #6818, abate PAY 2017-2021, County Total \$5.96
- 21-20: Jimmy Kolb, record #6864, abate PAY 2017-2021, County Total \$6.81
- 21-21: Billie Holleman, record #6714, abate PAY 2014-2021, County Total \$0.27
- 21-22: Verna Schock, record #6606, abate PAY 2016-2021, Totals County \$4.26, Secondary Road \$0.88
- 21-23: Kristin Flanagan, record #6658, abate PAY 2017-2021, County Total \$0.54
- 21-24: Lawrence Miller, record #6671, abate PAY 2014-2021, County Total \$1.84
- 21-25: Hulda Gruebele, record #6620, abate PAY 2017-2021, Totals County \$4.26, Secondary Road \$0.19
- 21-26: Terry Blake, record #6620, abate PAY 2014-2021, Totals County \$1.51, Secondary Road \$0.32
- 21-27: Wade & Lisa Foley, record #6914, abate PAY 2012-2021, County Total \$274.17

All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Highway Department

The final bills have been received for the Leola Dam project, overall, the project came in about \$75,000 under budget. An update was given on section line repairs, dozer parts and repairs that are needed and the Long Lake tax deed parcel clean up. Wages were briefly discussed.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to call for propane and fuel bids for the highway shops and the courthouse to be opened on December 29<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to transfer the budgeted \$382,450 cash from the General Fund (101) to the Road and Bridge Fund (201). All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to forgo a drainage meeting for the month of December due to no new permits. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Executive Session

Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to enter executive session at 12:00PM to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 12:35AM. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

### Executive Session

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to enter executive session at 1:40PM to discuss personnel matters. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to exit executive session at 2:20PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

#### Director of Equalization

The sales ratio numbers were discussed. The equalization office will reach out to the Department of Revenue in Pierre for additional assistance.

#### 2022 Employee Benefits and 2022 Employee Raises

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded keep the county health insurance contribution for 2022 the same as it was in 2021; the county will pay 100% of the employee premium and if the employee's health insurance premium is less than \$500 the remaining amount, up to \$500 will be rolled over to a spouse or dependents on the county health insurance policy; For employees who have proof of other health insurance outside of the county's group the county will reimburse \$250/month paid quarterly. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Options for employee raises were briefly discussed and the Auditor will prepare the requested options for the December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to sign the following agreements for 2022, the NECOG JCA agreement, the SDSU Extension MOU, and the VSO rent contract. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: Veteran's Service Officer November 2021 hours, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of November 2021 for the amount of \$1,548.50, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of November 2021 for the amount of \$245.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$316,003.75; total amount of actual cash, \$1,012.00; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$87,300.48; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$0.00; CD's, \$1,164,465.56; Super savings, \$1,965,320.69; total, \$3,534,102.48.

At 3:10PM Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. The commissioners will meet in special session on December 7<sup>th</sup> for the tax deed auction beginning at 1pm. The Zoning board will meet on December 9<sup>th</sup> time 1pm. The next commissioners meeting is December 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am and January 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz

Chairman of Board of Commissioners