

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
November 2nd, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021, in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Anthony Kunz called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members' present were: Rick Beilke, Delmar Metzger, Jeff Neuharth and Sid Feickert. Also present: Austin Hoffman.

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

Feickert moved and Metzger seconded to approve the minutes of the September 7th drainage and the October 5th and October 14th commissioners meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Access Elevator & Lifts Inc, Lift Repair, \$3,265.12; Agtegra-Leola Shop, Hwy Supplies/Chemical, \$16,507.63; Amazon, Supplies, \$218.82; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$684.39; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$26.94; Samantha Boshard, VSO Reimb., \$110.46; Boulder Redi-Mix LLC, Concrete, \$6,900.00; Butler, Hwy Supplies, \$1,293.37; Cavalry Investigations, Inc, Court Appointed Investigation, \$500.00; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$7.62; Thomas J Cogley, Court Appointed Attorney, \$327.10; Crawford, Hwy Supplies, \$441.56; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting, \$60.00; Brandon Duquette, Clothing Reimbursement, \$200.00; Trisha Erdmann, Meals, \$66.00; Eureka City, Utilities, \$61.30; Eureka City, Water-Weeds, \$10.00; Eureka Comm. Health Service, Test, \$42.75; Eureka Comm. Health Service, 4th Quarter, \$7,125.00; FEM, Utilities, \$325.10; Forterra Concrete Products, Hwy Supplies, \$89,508.20; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$2,173.69; Governors Inn, Election Hotel, \$154.00; G&R Controls, Boiler Repair & Start Up, \$2,305.34; Sharon Guthmiller, Fuel Reimb-Station Closed, \$69.02; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$35.00; Lindley Howard, Meal/Miles, \$98.76; George Hulscher, Zoning Miles, \$29.40; Jensen Rock & Sand, Hwy Supplies, \$1,751.60; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Miles, \$10.50; Ken's Food Fair, Hwy Supplies, \$5.00; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$278.89; Richard Kolb, Zoning Miles, \$2.94; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$1,103.84; Leola City, Utilities, \$200.52; Lewis & Clark Behavioral, Mental Health, \$184.00; Linde Gas & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$87.66; Rodney Malsam, Clothing Reimbursement, \$200.00; Greg McCulloch, Clothing Reimbursement, \$159.74; McPherson Co Herald, Publishing, \$542.73; MDU, Utilities, \$473.06; Menard's, Supplies, \$323.94; Microfilm Imaging Systems, M&P/ROD Equip Rent, \$364.40; Jeff Neuharth, Miles, \$390.60; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$728.30; Premier Equipment LLC, Hwy Supplies, \$111.11; Quill, Supplies, \$76.86; Rick Rau, Clothing Reimbursement, \$200.00; Jackie Rau, 4-H/Fuel/Meals, \$123.40; RDO Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$22.55; Dickey Rural, Server Maint./Backup, \$145.89; Redwood Toxicology, Tests, \$13.27; David Roggenkamp, Continuing Education, \$150.00; Safe Harbor, June Fees, \$30.00; SD DOT, Bridge Inspection, \$868.40; SD

Public Health Lab, Test, \$40.00; SDACC, ARPA Consulting, \$2,000.00; SDML Workers Comp, Workers Comp Ins, \$37,652.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, Insurance, \$62,991.01; Share, Hwy Supplies, \$290.32; Taliaferro Law Firm, Court Appointed Attorney, \$1,693.45; Kalen Thomas, Mowing, \$150.00; USPS, Juror Postage, \$203.00; Vanguard Appraisals, 3rd Year, \$7,360.00; Visa, Supplies, \$554.44; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$112.50. Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$866.42; Guardian, COBRA Vision, \$32.11; State Treasurer, Sales Tax, \$11.26; SDACC M&P, September Fees, \$90.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$53,445.71; September Amount Remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$164,117.48; Cortrust Bank, Deliq Taxes, \$2,138.92; Cortrust, Check Blanks, \$29.25. Austin Hoffman, Reissue #49169, \$965.16; Karl Moser, Reissue #45162, \$27.70; Michael Kilmer, Reissue #48154, \$39.40; Sherry Perrion, Reissue #35565, \$44.98; Perry Thompson, Reissue #31412, \$35.00; Katie Kehrwald, Reissue #47943, \$117.20; Miranda Kallenberger, Reissue #36129, \$10.74, 16 Jurors, Juror Fees, \$803.60.

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

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$3,296.75; Auditor, \$6,815.02; Treasurer, \$6,815.02; State's Attorney, \$5,390.44; Government Building, \$3,224.00; Director of Equalization, \$10,029.02; Register of Deeds, \$6,665.02; Veteran Service Officer, \$1,669.06; Sheriff, \$8,068.30; Coroner, \$150.00; Extension, \$3,113.20; Planning & Zoning, \$180.00; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$40,874.87; Snow Removal, \$1,791.96; Emergency Management, \$833.35; Eureka Joint Law, \$3166.67; Leola Joint Law, \$3,598.02, Rural Access Infrastructure, \$667.00.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$7,491.72

Insurance: American Family, \$548.71, Avera Health, \$13,197.14; Guardian Vision, \$190.60; MetLife, \$183.89; South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,366.26; Colonial Life Vision, \$66.71.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Redistricting

The redistricted commissioner districts were given a final review, the maps are available for review online at https://mcpherson.sdcounties.org/?page_id=2523 or in the Auditor's Office. New precinct boundaries were discussed.

Mark Mehlhoff Insurance/Employee Benefits

Lorne Serr and Mark Mehlhoff met with the board to discuss the county employee health insurance renewal. Rates increased about 9.5%. Discussion was held with the pros and cons of Avera verses Wellmark.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to have the Auditor take a vote on if the employees want to remain with Avera with 100% of the employee's premium covered or switch to Wellmark

with the employee splitting the employee premium difference between the carriers 50/50. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the current employee vacation policy. Vacation and Sick leave hours should be based on the number of hours the employee works per week divided by the days the employee works per week.

Beilke moved and Metzger seconded to continue paying 50% of the AFLAC intensive care premium for the 9 employees currently electing the benefit, and to not pay any portion of the AFLAC special event premium. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to enter executive session at 9:20AM to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Metzger moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 9:25AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to accept Cole Tanner's resignation as of November 4th, 2021. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department

The Leola Dam project is mostly complete with finish work to be done next spring. Updates on mowing ditches, section line work, and grading was given.

Right of Way Permit

Metzger moved and Beilke seconded to approve the following right of way permit: Mark Gruebele to plow in a livestock water line between Section 32 of T128N-R73W and Section 5 of T127N-R73W. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Board

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

Tax Deed/Surplus Property

Pictures of the structures (record #6914, #7355, #6978, #7932) are available online or in the Auditor's Office. All tax deed properties will be sold by auction on December 7th at 1pm in the first-floor rotunda of the McPherson County Courthouse.

Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded to surplus and sell at the tax deed auction on December 7th at 1pm the following two parcels; #7984 Lots 11, 12 and 13 in Block Three, Homeyer's Addition to the City of Eureka; #6605 W1/2 of Lot 2 and Lot 3 in Block 1 Greenway Village. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

IMEG Bridge Inspection

Chelsey Sheridan and Michael Gutenkauf from IMEG presented the Bridge Inspection report of McPherson County's 5 structures.

Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded to enter executive session at 12:55PM to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to exit executive session at 1:15PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

Director of Equalization

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to have the assessors value properties that the owners refused to allow re-assessment at the highest value per square foot of similar properties. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Sheriff Department

Brief discussion was held on a regional jail concept being considered by Brown County.

Summit Carbon Solutions: Midwest Carbon Express Pipeline

Dan Lederman presented, via conference call, information on a potential carbon pipeline. The project, Midwest Carbon Express, will capture carbon dioxide emissions from biorefineries such as ethanol plants, compress and transport the carbon to North Dakota for underground storage. The preliminary map, on file in the Auditor's Office, shows 56.76 miles of pipeline through McPherson County.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Metzger moved, and Beilke seconded to pay the \$2,000 assessment to SDACC for ARPA guidance from Eide Bailey. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to have Lindley Howard sign-on McPherson County to the National Opioid Settlement. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to grant Friday, November 26th as a holiday. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: Veteran's Service Officer October 2021 hours, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of October 2021 for the amount of \$2,035.00, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of October 2021 for the amount of \$305.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of October 31st, 2021 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$277,510.05; total amount of actual cash, \$2,818.87; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$287,872.61; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$0.00; CD's, \$1,163,847.63; Super savings, \$3,039,660.85; total, \$4,771,710.01.

At 2:10PM Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next commission meetings are scheduled for Thursday, December 2nd,

2021 beginning at 10AM, Tax Deed Auction December 7th, 2021, beginning at 1PM, and December 29th beginning at 10AM. The Zoning board will meet on December 9th time TBD.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz

Chairman of Board of Commissioners