

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 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 February meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts were declared.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the minutes of the December 29<sup>th</sup>, January 4<sup>th</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup> commissioners meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A public comment period was held at 10:45AM.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Hwy Supplies-filters, \$150.75; Agtegra, Hwy Supplies, \$4,675.76; Amazon, Supplies, \$433.14; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$832.29; AT&T, Cellphones/Hotspot, \$535.62; Auto Value, Hwy Parts, \$344.00; Beadle Ford, Oil Change, \$44.50; John Bender, Shooting Sports Reimb., \$194.00; Samantha Boshard, VSO Miles, \$88.20; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$13.72; CHS, Propane, \$7,580.13; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$2,908.12; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting, Mental Health, \$30.00; DMI, Hwy Supplies, \$1,085.29; Equipment Blades, Hwy Supplies-Blades, \$12,098.00; Eureka City, Utilities, \$63.90; Eureka Comm Health Service, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, \$7,125.00; Eureka MFG INC, Hwy Supplies, \$332.79; FEM, Utilities, \$560.01; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$2,337.87; Glacial Lakes & Prairie Tourism, 2022 Allocation, \$300.00; Brooke Graves, Deductible Reimb., \$372.69; Grow SD, 2022 Allocation, \$3,000.00; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$35.00; Allie Hilgemann, Reimb., \$27.87; George Hulscher, Zoning Mileage, \$29.40; Alvin Kallas, Zoning mileage, \$10.50; Ken's, Hwy Supplies, \$7.13; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$462.71; Richard Kolb, Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$2.94; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$388.36; Leola City, Utilities, \$186.81; Lewis & Clark Behavioral, Mental Health, \$184.00; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$112.39; McPherson Co Herald, Publishing, \$266.91; MDU, Utilities, \$819.40; Menards, Hwy Supplies, \$336.54; Microfilm Imaging Systems, M&P/ROD Equipment Rent, \$728.80; Mid-States Organized Crime, 2022 Membership, \$100.00; Midwest Pump & Tank, \$1,335.60; City of Mobridge, North Central 911 Maintenance, \$2,165.08; NACVSO, 2022 Membership, \$50.00; Northern Safety Technology, Hwy Supplies, \$91.26; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$394.07; CRS, Inmate Insurance, \$65.27; Planning & Development, Project Fees, \$17,000.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$5,581.86; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$699.90; Quill Corp, Supplies, \$811.37; Rick Rau, Test Reimb., \$48.00; Dickey Rural, Server Maint./Backup/Service, \$277.14; Ryan Sanborn, Shooting Sports Reimb., \$309.44; Michael Schwingler, Clothing Reimb., \$58.56; SDDOT, Hwy Project Fees, \$748.37; SD Federal Property Agency, Tool Chest, \$125.00; SD Newspaper Services, Help Wanted Ad, \$300.00; Share Corp., Hwy Supplies, \$234.52; Ten-45 Grocery, Supplies, \$18.26; Transource Truck & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$671.62; Truenorth Steel, Hwy Supplies, \$1,116.00; VISA, Supplies, \$481.66; Avera, Dependent Ins, \$971.80; Aramark, Courthouse Supplies, \$460.97; Brown County, Prisoner Care 2022, \$25,000.00; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$803.02; Weed & Pest Conference,

Registration, \$100.00; SDACC, M&P December Fees, \$162.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$24,296.32; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$12.91; December 2021 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$41,674.60, CorTrust Bank, Deliq. Tax, \$31,272.33.

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

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$3,368.65; Auditor, \$7,191.23; Treasurer, \$7,191.23; State’s Attorney, \$6,136.48; Government Building, \$3,420.17; Director of Equalization, \$10,586.56; Register of Deeds, \$7,091.23; Veteran Service Officers, \$1,769.14; Sheriff, \$9,308.81; Extension, \$3,291.01; Weed Control, \$132.66; Planning & Zoning, \$240.00; Road & Bridge, \$40,943.54; Snow Removal, \$3,901.16; 911, \$14.00; Emergency Management, \$166.67; Eureka Joint Law, \$3,533.34; Leola Joint Law, \$4,023.12.

McPherson County’s Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$7,959.75

Insurance: American Family, \$548.71; Avera, \$13,440.26; Guardian Vision, \$171.54; MetLife, \$178.71;

South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,728.34; Colonial Life Vision, \$66.71.

**INCREASED SALARIES**

Neuharth moved at Beilke seconded to increase the following salaries: Brooke Graves, \$3,602.33/month, \$43,227.96/year for 40 hours per week (2,080 hours per year) retroactively as of January 1st, 2022. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-3**

**“MCPHERSON COUNTY RESOLUTION 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 two, 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:

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

Dated at Leola on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022

Anthony Kunz  
Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Lindley Howard  
McPherson County Auditor

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 22-3, Feickert seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon all voted 'Aye'. Motion carried, and resolution number 22-3 was declared duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-4**  
**“RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MCPHERSON COUNTY VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES ”**

WHEREAS, SDCL 12-14-1 and SDCL 12-14-2 provides that the Board of Commissioners, through a Resolution, can make changes in voting precincts already established and shall clearly set forth and define the boundaries that are established or altered, and

WHEREAS, due to the Commissioner redistricting, as required by SDCL 7-8-10, changes to the voting precincts in McPherson County are necessary,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the McPherson County Board of Commissioners in session on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022 that the Voting Precinct boundaries and polling locations shall be as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maps showing and defining the territorial boundaries in each Commissioner District as herein effected shall be attached to this Resolution as Exhibits “A”, “B” and “C” and are incorporated as a part thereof. Maps shall also be posted in the Auditor’s office until such time that the boundaries are ordered changed by the Board of McPherson County Commissioners.

Precinct 1 – North Leola: Polling Place McPherson County Courthouse

**Townships:** Harrison (excluding Long Lake Town), Wacker, Weber, Wachter, Hoffman, Koto, Carl, 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).

**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.

Precinct #2 – South Leola: Polling Place McPherson County Courthouse

**Townships:** Lincoln, Washington, Howard, Dewey, Arena, Highland, 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, Long Lake 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.

Precinct #3 – West Eureka: Polling Place Eureka Fire Hall

**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.

Precinct #4 – East Eureka: Polling Place Eureka Fire Hall

**Townships:** Glucksthal outside of Eureka city limits sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 and section 36 outside of Eureka city limits (east of hwy 47), Spring Creek sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36 (east of hwy 47), 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), Detmold, Rosenthal, Stickel, Hillsvie, Petersburg, Odessa, Kassel, Cleveland, Bergdorf, Long Lake, Moscow, Blaine.

**Cities:** Hillsvie 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, 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.

Dated at Leola on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022

Anthony Kunz

Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 22-4, Feickert seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon all voted 'AYE'. Motion carried, and resolution number 22-4 was declared duly adopted.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Demkota Permit

Demkota representatives Dan DeHaan and Adam Bode joined the meeting. Updates were given by Demkota, liquid manure loads into McPherson County have been reduced and Demkota hopes these loads will continue to decrease throughout this next year.

Feickert moved to amend Resolution 22-2 reducing the 5-Mile Manure (from out of county) permit fee from \$200/load to \$50/load. Motion died to due to lack of a second.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to amend Resolution 22-2 reducing the 5-Mile Manure (from out of county) permit fee from \$200/load to \$100/load effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 with the rate to be revisited on August 2022.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to extend the 5-mile manure variance permit that was granted to DemKota Beef Plant at the September 2021 meeting until September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 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.

#### Public Hearing

At 10:15 a public hearing was held on Resolution 22-3. No concerns were raised.

#### Abatements

Beilke moved and Metzger seconded to approve the following abatements:

22-01: Eureka Beautification, wrong value, County portion abated \$21.30

22-2 through 22-12: all tax-exempt entities, county total \$591.20, secondary road, \$3.75

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Neuharth 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.

#### Director of Equalization

A discrepancy was discovered between the annual salary and corresponding monthly salary approved by the board on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The board intended for the annual wage of the Deputy Assessor position to be \$40,800/year in 2021, which would equal 3,400/month not 3,200/month.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to revise the final step in the Deputy Assessor salary schedule passed on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to the following, after receiving CAA certificate \$3,400/month for 40 hours per week; the position will also receive any yearly raises. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to pay Brooke Graves retroactively to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 the \$200/month difference between the pay scale that was passed on April 7<sup>th</sup> and the corrected Deputy Assessor pay scale above. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The value of several Leola City properties with owners that refused to allow re-assessment were discussed.

#### Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to go into executive session at 11:05AM to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 11:10AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

#### Highway Department

Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded to call for hot mix asphalt, AE150S reseal oil, and MC70 prime oil bids to be opened at 10AM on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Estimates for permanent 200-amp electricity and heating at the Leola Shop were discussed. The Rural Access Infrastructure inventory has been completed.

#### Courthouse Maintenance

Concerns surrounding maintenance of the boiler, water softener, and boiler chemical pump were raised by a serviceman from G&R Controls. If the routine maintenance issues are not addressed the courthouse heating system could be damaged.

#### Executive Session

Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded to go into executive session at 11:50AM to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Metzger moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 12:05PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

#### Summit Carbon Solutions

At 1pm Jimmy Powell and Jake Ketzner from Summit Carbon Solutions gave a presentation outlining the company's planned carbon pipeline project. The proposed project hopes to construct a pipeline that connects participating ethanol plants, captures the ethanol plant's carbon dioxide emissions, compresses the carbon dioxide into a liquid which is transported through the pipeline network to North Dakota where it is stored underground permanently. The map, on file in the Auditor's Office, shows 58.02 miles of anticipated pipeline through McPherson County. After the presentation a question-and-answer period took place with the 51 citizens in attendance. A wide range of topics were discussed during this period.

#### County COVID-19 Protocol

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to extend the 80 additional hours of sick time granted under the FFCRA for any county employee who is unable to work due to a COVID-19 diagnosis or doctor ordered quarantine, through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022; Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, any employee who is unable to work due to any illness will use sick, vacation or personal time; employees should follow the CDC's COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation guidelines. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to approve the following meeting authorizations: Sam Boshard to attend VSO mini school March 9-11; John Abshire and Austin Rognian to attend the March Sheriff's Training; Michael Schwingler and Ronnie Ehresman to attend the weed and pest conference. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to sign the revised SDPAA agreement. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of January 2022 for the amount of \$4,915.25; Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of January 2022 for the amount of \$180.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 as follows: total amount

of deposits in Leola Bank, \$437,218.23; total amount of actual cash, \$790.00; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$59,431.16; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$130.83; CD's, \$1,164,465.56; Super savings, \$1,466,318.91; total, \$3,128,354.69.

At 3:10PM Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meetings will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 beginning at 10AM and April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 beginning at 10AM.

Anthony Kunz

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor