

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman 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 meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to approve the minutes of the March 1<sup>st</sup> Commissioners, March 1<sup>st</sup> Drainage, and March 8<sup>th</sup> Special meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 10:45AM no public concerns or questions were brought to the board.

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$6,368.65; Elections, \$14.00; Auditor, \$7,211.23; Treasurer, \$7,961.23; State's Attorney, \$6,886.48; Government Building, \$2,032.20; Director of Equalization, \$7,836.33; Register of Deeds, \$7,111.23; Veteran Service Officer, \$2,519.14; Sheriff, \$9,308.81; Coroner, \$150.00; Extension, \$3,291.01; Weed, \$478.44; Planning & Zoning, \$240.00; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$46,362.80; Snow Removal, \$259.02; Emergency Management, \$346.67; Eureka Joint Law, \$3979.79; Leola Joint Law, \$4,023.12.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$8,347.21

Insurance: American Family, \$508.74, Avera Health, \$12,574.25; Guardian Vision, \$162.01; MetLife, \$163.17; South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,627.59; Colonial Life Vision, \$66.71.

**ADDED/INCREASED SALARIES:**

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to increase the following meeting pay: Weed Board members who attend a district meeting or conference are paid \$100/day for conference days listed on the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Hwy Supplies, \$22.30; John Abshire, Reimbursement, \$113.08; Dave Ackerman, Prisoner Care, \$13.30; Agtegra-Leola Shop, Hwy Supplies, \$28,223.27; Amazon, Supplies, \$367.23; American Business Forms, Checks, \$488.90; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$972.99; Art's Body Shop, Wipers, \$70.00; ATT, Cellphone Service, \$483.16; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$179.02; Big State Industrial Supply, Hwy Supplies, \$249.40; Samantha Boshard, VSO Reimb., \$396.00; Jerry Bossert, CDL Reimb., \$48.00; Butler, Hwy Supplies, \$30,643.23; Carlsen Funeral Home, Indigent Cremation, \$1200.00; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$68.18; CHS, Propane/Supplies, \$11,239.38; Thomas J Cogley, Court Appointed Attorney, \$2,221.70; Cole Papers, Courthouse Supplies, \$294.55; Connecting Point, DOE Transfer to Auditor, \$480.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip., Hwy Supplies, \$839.16; Custom Cage, New Vehicle Parts, \$1,245.00; Dakota Electronics, Hwy Supplies-Antenna, \$75.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Hwy Supplies, \$353.42; Ross K Den Herder, Mental Health, \$145.50; Diesel Machinery Inc, Hwy Supplies, \$2,905.66; Dollar General, VSO Supplies, \$11.00; Dakota Supply Group, Hwy Supplies, \$197.78; Ron Ehresman, Weed Board Mtg Miles, \$17.64; Muckey Construction, Hwy Supplies-Couplers,

\$29.00; Equipment Blades, Hwy Supplies, \$161.00; Eureka City, Utilities, \$70.30; Eureka Comm. Health Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr, \$7,125.00; Eureka MFG, Hwy Supplies, \$540.45; FEM, Utilities/Shop Hookup, \$25,375.13; Gall's Incorporated, Supplies-Vest, \$62.05; Dean Geffre, CDL Reimbursement, \$48.00; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$9,450.35; G&R Controls INC, Review of Boiler, \$864.45; Brooke Graves, Assessing Miles, \$10.92; Gailen Hauck, Weed Board Mtg Miles, \$12.60; Heartland Waste, Hwy Utilities, \$70.00; George Hulscher, Zoning Mtg Miles, \$29.40; Johnny & Renee Schwingler, Boiler Install, \$19,671.34; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc, Hwy Supplies-Pearock, \$9,038.64; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Mtg Miles, \$10.50; Ken's Food Fair, Hwy Supplies, \$21.15; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$586.28; Richard Kolb, Zoning Meeting Miles, \$2.94; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$241.03; Leola City, Utilities, \$181.62; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$182.75; Maxwell Electric, Block Heater Repair, \$508.26; McPherson Co. Herald, Publishing, \$1,216.41; MDU, Utilities, \$903.84; Menard's, Supplies, \$4,375.83; Microfilm Imaging, ROD/M&P Equip Rent, \$728.80; Newman Traffic Signs, Hwy Supplies, \$647.75; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$757.38; Performance Oil, Hwy Supplies-Hose, \$54.00; CRS, Inmate Insurance, \$31.17; Pheasantland Industries; Business Cards, \$172.50; Plastix Plus, New Vehicle Parts, \$1,480.32; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$1,719.23; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$375.41; Rick Rau, Reimbursement, \$72.80; RDO, Hwy Supplies, \$599.40; DRN Readitech, Server Maint/Backup/Services, \$277.14; Redwood Toxicology, Testing Kits, \$139.50; David Roggenkamp, Coroner Miles, \$22.68; Ron's Service Center, Repair/Oil Change/Balance, \$246.68; Runnings Farm & Fleet, Supplies, \$132.12; SD Assoc. of County Officials, Spring Conf. Registration, \$555.00; SD Sheriffs' Association, Patches, \$40.00; SD State's Attorneys Assoc., 2022 Membership, \$662.00; SDACC, 2022 Welfare Workshop, \$30.00; Share Corporation, Hwy Supplies, \$284.08; Sign Solutions USA, Hwy Supplies, \$423.37; Glenn Spitzer, Conf. Meals, \$94.00; Ten-45 Grocery & Café, Supplies, \$155.89; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$914.35; Visa, Supplies, \$788.76; Walberg Precision LLC, Trophy Plaques, \$15.00; Web Water Bottling Company, Courthouse Water, \$225.00; Trevor Zantow, Weed Board Mtg Miles, \$7.56; Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$971.80; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$806.97; Yankton County Treasurer, Mental Health, \$125.00; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$225.12; SDACC M&P, February Fees, \$128.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$49,088.97; February Amount Remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$173,016.17; CorTrust Bank, Deliq. Tax/Box Rent, \$258.01.

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **RESOLUTION 22-7**

#### **"PLAT APPROVAL"**

"Be it resolved by the County Commission of McPherson County, South Dakota that the plat showing "Fischer Addition in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 2, Township 127 North, Range 72 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof."

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 22-7, Beilke seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution Number 22-7 was declared duly adopted.

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

##### Road Concern

Chris and Arden Sieh brought concerns with the shape and gravel ridge of 362<sup>nd</sup> Ave south of Leola City to the board's attention. Spitzer will plan to pull the shoulders this summer. Approach concerns northwest of Leola were also discussed.

##### Right of Way Permits

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

Dan Mettler to bore 3" water line between Section 32 and Section 33 of T127-R71

FEM to plow 2" power cable along Section 11 of T126-R66

FEM to bore 2" power cable between Section 12 and Section 13 of T126-R66.

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### Highway Department

The City of Eureka requested a quote from the hwy department for grinding 3 blocks of road. Spitzer quoted the job at \$7,355.54 depending on how hard the asphalt is to grind. Small structures inventory and funding requirements were discussed as well as Wachter Township's plans to disband. A brief schedule of road blading, pulling shoulders and other road maintenance was presented to the board. Cost of new culverts vs. lining with a fiberglass liner was discussed. Spitzer may consider installing a liner depending on the culvert and the situation. Brown County may ask McPherson County for assistance building a road to the new Elm Lake Spillway. Brown County would maintain the completed road.

##### Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to forgo a McPherson County Drainage Commission meeting for the month of April due to no new permits. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### County Health Nurse

Taylor Durmeier updated the board on the services that she provides to residents of McPherson County including: WIC, baby-care, foot-care, and immunizations including COVID-19 vaccinations. Taylor is also doing the Growth and Development classes and preschool screenings at Leola and Eureka schools.

##### Extension Office

Jackie Rau informed the board that a new laptop is needed in the extension office. She will order through DRN Readitech and the old laptop will be passed down to the weed board if it is compatible with their software program.

##### Carbon Pipeline – Party Status

Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to have State's Attorney Austin Hoffman apply for party status on behalf of McPherson County for HP22-001 before the Public Utilities Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### Zoning

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to place a moratorium on industrial battery energy storage. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Brooke Graves and Jeff Neuharth updated the commission on the zoning board's progress. Permits for road crossings, haul road agreements and engineering requirements were discussed. The next zoning board meeting is on April 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9AM.

#### Director of Equalization

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the amended pay scale for the deputy appraiser as follows; Starting wage 2853.88/month for 35hours per week, After taking on zoning duties and increasing to 40 hours per week 3336.67/month for 40hours per week, After passing all the CAA Tests 3466.67/month for 40 hours per week, After receiving CAA certification and 1 year after entry into the certification (this level increases with any annual raise) 3640/month for 40 hours per week. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Applicants for the open Deputy Assessor position were examined and interviews will be scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Summit Carbon Solutions Permitting Department

Jay Volk representing Summit Carbon Solutions and Joey Borracci from TurnKey Logistics representing Summit Carbon Solutions met with the board to briefly introduce the project and talk about the county permitting that would be required should the PUC approve HP22-001.

#### Executive Session

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to enter executive session at 1:20PM to discuss legal matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 1:40PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Carbon Pipeline

Thirty-nine citizens joined the meeting, and the commissioner heard several comments and concerns. Discussion was held on resolutions that would express concerns with the proposed carbon pipeline. No action taken.

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to have the state's attorney draft a letter to the PUC to be considered at a future meeting; the letter may contain the commission's opposition to any/all the following: Summit Carbon's threat of using eminent domain, the tactics employed by land agents, the pipeline's proposed route, and concerns with affected landowner's ability to secure liability insurance. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Dave Ackerman discussed the regional jail meeting held in Brown County on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Contribution amounts for participating counties is currently unknown. Eureka sheriff office space was briefly discussed.

#### Courthouse Maintenance

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to advertise for the Courthouse Maintenance position for 20 or 40 hours per week depending on the applicant's preferences and their ability to perform the duties on

the job description. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Interested applicants should apply at the Auditor's Office by May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.

Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded the following meeting authorizations: Vicki Geffre, Tiffany Weiszhaar, and Lindley Howard to attend SDACO Spring Conference in Pierre May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>; Brooke Graves to attend SDAAO District meetings throughout the year 2022; Brooke Graves and Sharon Guthmiller to attend Abstract Training meeting in Ft Pierre on April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Equalization Office will be closed on April 26<sup>th</sup>; Austin Hoffman to attend the State's Attorney Conference May 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in Deadwood. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Neuharth moved and Belike seconded to approve Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> as a holiday day. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve McPherson County's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Four-Factor Analysis and Language Access Plan (LAP). All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: Veteran's Service Officer March 2022 hours, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of March 2022 for the amount of \$3,305.95, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of March 2022 for the amount of \$210.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$441,191.02; total amount of actual cash, \$1,042.90; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$20,279.89; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$0.00; Miscellaneous cash, \$0.00; CD's, \$1,164,465.56; Super savings, \$1,467,042.03; total, \$3,094,021.40.

At 3:30PM Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The commission will meet as the board of equalization on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 beginning at 10AM. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9AM and Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9AM.

ATTEST:

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