

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
June 8th, 2022

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, June 8th, 2022 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Kunz called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members' present were Rick Beilke, Sid Feickert, and Jeff Neuharth. Absent: Delmar Metzger.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the agenda of the June meeting. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to approve the minutes of the May 5th Commissioners meeting. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

ADDED/INCREASED SALARIES:

Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to increase Allie Hilgemann, deputy sheriff, to 4066.46/month, 48,797.52/year for 2080hrs, step pay completed year 4, effective July 1st. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to increase Kyra Moser deputy register of deeds, 2803.88/month, 33,646.56/year for 1820hrs, 6 month increase, effective June 1st. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to add James Wolf, courthouse maintenance, \$3,380/month, \$40,560/year for 2080hrs/year, started part time May 10th, full time as of May 23rd. All present 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, \$1,443.00; Director of Equalization, \$8,786.11; Register of Deeds, \$7,091.23; Veteran Service Officer, \$1,769.14; Sheriff, \$9,308.81; Extension, \$3,345.01; Weed, \$552.75; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$53,087.37; Emergency Management, \$166.67; Eureka Joint Law, \$3979.79; Leola Joint Law, \$4,023.12.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$8,434.95

Insurance: American Family, \$471.11, Avera Health, \$13,077.73; Guardian Vision, \$171.54; MetLife, \$168.35; South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,720.61; Colonial Life Vision, \$57.18.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Fuel, \$19.56; Agtegra-Leola Shop, Hwy/Soil Dist/Courthouse Supplies, \$17,193.03; Amazon, Supplies, \$466.39; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$1,351.76; Area IV Senior Meals, 2022 Allocation, \$3000.00; ATT, Cellphone Service, \$482.92; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$794.75; Avera Occupational Medicine, Hwy Random Test, \$82.25; Beadle Ford-Chrysler-Dodge, Reprogram/Repair, \$93.35; Samantha Boshard, VSO Reimb., \$29.40; Boulder Redi-Mix LLC, Hwy Supplies, \$1,800.00; Butler, Hwy Supplies, \$1,139.20; Century Business Products, Printer Contract,

\$7.58; CHS, Trenched Line, \$200.00; Corinsurance, Ambulance Insurance, \$4,797.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip., Hwy Supplies, \$303.14; Crawford MS & F, Hwy Supplies, \$2,045.39; Sharel Delzer, Election Wages/Miles, \$240.84; Dependable Sanitation Inc, Utilities, \$252.00; DS Solutions Inc, Test Deck, \$175.00; Election Systems & Software, Ballots, \$770.15; Eureka City, Utilities, \$69.70; Eureka MFG, Hwy Supplies, \$30.00; Eureka Senior Center, 2022 Allocation, \$2,840.00; FEM, Utilities, \$337.34; Flinthills Resources, Hwy Supplies, \$8,333.45; Kathy Gab, Election Wages/Miles, \$240.84; Vicki Geffre, Election Miles/Meal Reimb, \$73.68; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$18,748.52; G&R Controls, Boiler Shut Down, \$2,653.62; Grassland Colony, Bond Refund, \$1,000.00; Susan Hoffman, Election Wages/Miles, \$218.34; House of Glass, Door Closer, \$253.20; Lindley Howard, Election Meals/Supplies-Meal Reimb, \$207.68; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc, Hwy Supplies-Pea Rock, \$3,916.95; Joelle Johnson, Election Wages/Miles, \$247.74; Rebecca Johnston, Election Training, \$30.00; Bonnie Kary, Election Wages/Miles, \$240.84; Danny Kempf Estate, Disk/Motor/Tools-Hwy, \$800.00; Ken's Food Fair, Hwy Supplies, \$71.84; Perry Kessler, Election Wages/Miles, \$232.62; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$754.81; Leola Legion Bar, Election Meals, \$121.00; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$60.17; Leola City, Utilities, \$185.18; Leola Senior Center, 2022 Allocation, \$1,160.00; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$109.34; Leann Lux, Election Wages/Miles, \$310.38; McLeod's Printing & Office Supplies, Warning Tickets, \$312.13; McPherson Co. Herald, Publishing, \$550.97; MDU, Utilities, \$532.58; Menard's, Aud/Courthouse Supplies, \$151.19; Microfilm Imaging, ROD/M&P Equip Rent/Contracts, \$3,124.40; Newman Traffic Signs, Hwy Supplies, \$98.05; North Central Regional E911, E911 Jan-Apr, \$8,229.60; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$614.13; Performance Oil, DEF, \$124.30, CRS, Inmate Insurance, \$33.00; Janene Playle, Election Wages/Miles, \$240.84; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$605.70; Premium Quality Lighting, Lightbulbs, \$658.37; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$80.95; Prime Time, Election Meals, \$66.89; Quill, Supplies, \$485.49; RDO, Hwy Supplies-Mower, \$5,575.51; DRN Readitech, Server Maint/Backup/Services, \$452.14; Ron's Service Center, Oil Change/Repairs, \$2537.83; Runnings Farm & Fleet, Supplies, \$39.99; Deb Schaefer, Election Wages/Miles, \$227.58; SDACC, Hwy Conf Registration, \$170.00; SDVSO Association, Membership/Conf, \$100.00; Janice Serr, Election Wages/Miles, \$240.00, Share, Hwy Supplies, \$345.54, Glenn Spitzer, Conf Hotel, \$342.00; The Lodge at Deadwood, St Attny Conference, \$318.00; Thee Glass Doktor, Tinted Glass-Hwy, \$256.63; US Post Office, Juror Postage, \$83.52; US Post Office, Treas Postage, \$3,300.00; US Post Office, Aud/Elec Postage, \$2,940.00; US Post Office, ROD Postage, \$668.80, US Post Office, PO Box Renewal, \$684.00; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$859.97; Van Diest Supply Company, Weed Supplies, \$1,923.50; Visa, Supplies, \$2,198.47; Michele Waltman, Resolution Board/Miles, \$72.54; Web Water Bottling Company, Courthouse Water, \$120.00; Deb Weiszhaar, Election Wages/Miles, \$218.34; Judy Weiszhaar, Election Wages/Miles, \$225.06; Tiffany Weiszhaar, Election Miles/Meals Reimb, \$74.52; West McPherson EMS, Ambulance Miles, \$7,526.25; Yankton County Treasurer, Mental Health, \$50.00; Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$971.80; 16 Juror Fees/Miles, \$882.56; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$2.61; SDACC M&P, April Fees, \$128.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$47,288.70; April Amount Remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$2,150,963.07; SDACO, Deputy Workshop, \$255.00; CorTrust Bank, Deliq. Tax, \$18,694.81.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 22-8 "PLAT APPROVAL"

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of McPherson County South Dakota, that the Plat, "Mehlhoff Tract 1 in the NE1/4 SW1/4 Section 17, T126N, R72W of the 5th P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota.", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-2, and any amendments thereof."

Dated this 8th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:
Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Feickert moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 22-8, Neuharth seconded the foregoing motion. Beilke, Feickert, Kunz and Neuharth voted in favor. Absent Metzger. Motion carried and Resolution Number 22-8 was declared duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION 22-9
"PLAT APPROVAL"**

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of McPherson County South Dakota, that the Plat, "Plot of lot 1 of Sieh Addition, in the NW1/4 of Section 17, Township 127 North, Range 67 West of the 5th P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota.", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-3, and any amendments thereof."

Dated this 8th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:
Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 22-9, Beilke seconded the foregoing motion. Beilke, Feickert, Kunz and Neuharth voted in favor. Absent Metzger. Motion carried and Resolution Number 22-9 was declared duly adopted.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Auditor's Office - American Rescue Plan Act

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to allow Lindley Howard, McPherson County Auditor to elect the final rule allowing the counties to use up to \$10 million of the ARPA Recovery Funds as "loss revenue" for the provision of the general government services without needing to use the Treasury revenue loss formula. McPherson County has elected to use salaries and county paid benefits from any/all county funds except those funded by federal funds or otherwise paid for by funds other than the county, as an expense of the American Rescue Plan, in the amount up to \$10 million. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Courthouse Maintenance

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to purchase the quoted 48" weed roller from F/S Manufacturing. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Wolf gave an update on the boiler and informed the board that a new floor buffer may be necessary

in the future. A quote from House of Glass for 10 replacement windows on the 3rd floor was considered. The judges window cost will be split out and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Courthouse Hours

The board considered a request for a shortened lunch period with the courthouse closing everyday at 4:30pm. A 4-day work week with extended hours Monday through Thursday and the courthouse being closed every Friday was also considered. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Spring Creek Colony – by product discussion

Spring Creek Colony is considering using a byproduct from a sunflower plant in Fargo as fertilizer, approximately 3 tankers per week. Reports were submitted to labs by the county and the material is non-hazardous. At this time no county permits are required, the commission will reassess at the August meeting.

Director of Equalization

Brooke Graves gave an update on the Eureka City reassessment. A zoning update was also given. The next zoning meeting is June 14th beginning at 9am.

Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to enter executive session at 10:15AM to discuss personnel matters. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 10:25AM. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. The commission met concurrently with the Board of Commissioners and their minutes are listed in a separate section.

Highway Department

Glenn Spitzer updated the board on the hwy department's hot mix and reseal schedule. The cool conditions and rain have put projects behind schedule. Shoulders were also pulled on several roads. Plastic vs steel culverts were discussed. Spitzer may try a plastic culvert or box culverts in the future depending on the job. The amount of funding for culvert projects through the Rural Access Infrastructure fund is unknown but the county will use any state funds available. Discussion was held on installing a 3-cable guardrail system by the Leola Dam. Spitzer will talk to engineers about the design and SD School and Public Lands about contributing to the cost.

Right of Way Permit

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the following permit to occupy right of way – Valley Telecommunications to bore 1" BF04 Fiber cable between Section 13 and Section 24 of T126-R70. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Carbon Pipeline

A draft resolution will be prepared for the board to consider at a future commissioner's meeting. With the Public Utilities Commission's decision this morning action to join the "Landowner's motion to

dismiss and in the alternative motion for Summit's motion to extend deadlines and for scheduling order and motion to extend deadlines" is no longer necessary. The county may consider signing with Domina Law Group PC LLO in the future.

Primary Election Canvass

The June 7th Primary Election results were canvassed. Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to declare the election results as correct. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Sheriff/Emergency Management

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to increase the joint law contribution request from 45,000/year to 50,400/year from Leola and Eureka cities beginning on January 1st, 2023. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Sheriff Ackerman will present the new contract and contribution amount to each city council.

2023 Budget

2023 budget revenue estimates and tax request amounts for the general fund and secondary roads were discussed. Expenditure requests from each department have been received. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to authorize the following meetings: Trisha Erdmann, April Mehlhoff and Kyra Moser to attend SDACO Deputy Training in Pierre, June 21st – 22nd; Lindley Howard to participate in an election workgroup in Pierre June 23rd – 24th. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to authorize the following meetings: Glenn Spitzer to attend SDACHS Summer meeting June 8-9; Glenn Spitzer and Dawn Jenner to attend the SDACHS office personnel workshop June 30th in Pierre. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: Veteran's Service Officer May 2022 hours, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of May 2022 for the amount of \$6,133.50, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of May 2022 for the amount of \$310.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of May 31st, 2022 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$465,987.18; total amount of actual cash, \$929.60; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$23,964.64; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$719.02; Miscellaneous cash, \$0.00; CD's, \$1,165,002.48; Super savings, \$2,337,699.90; total, \$3,994,302.82.

At 12:25PM Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday July 5th beginning at 9AM. The next zoning meeting will be held on August 4th at 9AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz

Chairman of Board of Commissioners