

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

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Kunz called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members' present were Rick Beilke, Delmar Metzger, Sid Feickert, and Jeff Neuharth. Feickert moved and Metzger seconded to approve the agenda of the May meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the minutes of the April 5<sup>th</sup> Commissioners, April 12<sup>th</sup> Equalization, and April 12<sup>th</sup> Special meeting. 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; Director of Equalization, \$7,191.23; Register of Deeds, \$7,091.23; Veteran Service Officer, \$1,769.14; Sheriff, \$9,308.81; Extension, \$3,291.01; Weed, \$478.44; Planning & Zoning, \$240.00; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$43,892.17; Snow Removal, \$486.30; Emergency Management, \$256.67; Eureka Joint Law, \$3979.79; Leola Joint Law, \$4,023.12.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$7,515.22

Insurance: American Family, \$471.11, Avera Health, \$13,077.73; Guardian Vision, \$171.54; MetLife, \$168.35; South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,243.12; Colonial Life Vision, \$57.18.

**ADDED SALARIES:**

Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded to add the following salary Hunter Heinrich, deputy assessor starting May 16<sup>th</sup> at \$2,853.88 per month for 35hours/week. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

A&B Business Solutions, Toner, \$185.83; Agtegra-Leola Shop, Hwy/Soil Dist Supplies, \$13,262.86; Amazon, Supplies, \$1,642.85; American Income Life Insurance, 4-H Insurance, \$272.00; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$813.88; Art's Body Shop, Wipers, \$6,522.25; ATT, Cellphone Service, \$482.92; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$61.11; Avera Occupational Medicine, Hwy Random Test, \$82.25; Rick Beilke, Commissioner Miles, \$163.80; Benco Equipment, Tire Machine, \$2,700.00; Best Western Hotel-SF, VSO Conference Hotel, \$288.00; Samantha Boshard, VSO Reimb., \$88.20; Lloyd Breitag, Repair Jobs, \$325.00; Butler, Hwy Supplies, \$1,040.59; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$18.71; CHS, Propane/Supplies, \$2,124.07; Thomas J Cogley, Court Appointed Attorney, \$1,011.80; Crawford Trucks & Equip., Hwy Supplies, \$828.46; Curt's Repair, Sheriff/Hwy Supplies, \$762.00; DMC Wear Parts LLC, \$1,731.00; Diesel Machinery Inc, Hwy Supplies, \$62.72; Election Systems & Software, Training, \$350.00; Trisha Erdmann, Reimbursement, \$13.72; Eureka City, Utilities, \$70.90; Eureka Comm. Health Service, Test, \$42.75; Eureka MFG, Hwy Supplies, \$892.76; FEM, Utilities, \$423.48; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$13,201.07; Heartland Waste, Hwy Utilities, \$35.00; Wesley Hilgemann, LEPC Miles, \$29.40; Lindley Howard, Miles/Reimbursement, \$210.64; George Hulscher, Zoning Mtg Miles, \$29.40; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc, Hwy Supplies-Thulner Rock, \$5,773.68; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Mtg Miles, \$10.50; Ken's Alignment, Hwy Pickup Repairs, \$2,753.21; Ken's Food Fair, Hwy Supplies, \$6.46; Kimball Midwest, Hwy

Supplies, \$557.66; Richard Kolb, Zoning Meeting Miles, \$2.94; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$102.27; Leola City, Utilities, \$178.36; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$252.40; McLeod's Printing & Office Supplies, Election Supplies, \$86.57; McPherson Co. Herald, Publishing, \$416.77; MDU, Utilities, \$670.41; Microfilm Imaging, ROD/M&P Equip Rent, \$364.40; Midstates Group, Receipt Books, \$455.00; NASASP, Annual Dues, \$39.00; National 4-H Council, 4-H Supplies, \$82.00; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$530.13; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$1,429.60; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$756.99; Quill, Supplies, \$322.68; Ramkota Hotel-Pierre, Conference Hotel, \$659.94; Jackie Rau, Reimbursement-Weed Board, \$10.63; RDO, Hwy Supplies, \$137.72; DRN Readitech, Server Maint/Backup/Services, \$145.89; Ron's Service Center, Oil Change, \$61.19; Runnings Farm & Fleet, Supplies, \$36.17; Schock Auction, Shelves, \$600.00; Michael Schwingler, Clothing Reimbursement, \$141.44; SD Game Fish & Parks, Animal Damage Control, \$3,300.51; SD Police Chiefs' Association, Conf. Registration, \$85.00; SD Public Health Laboratory, Test, \$40.00; Kris Jacobsen-CLERP Admin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, \$260.00; Craig Steinley, USPAP Registration, \$175.00; Taliaferro Law Firm PC, Court Appointed Attorney, \$363.35; Transource Truck & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$149.98; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$854.70; Mitchell Vilhauer, Court Appointed Investigation, \$1,460.48; Visa, Supplies, \$891.13; Warne Chemical & Equipment Co, Gloves, \$207.11; Web Water Bottling Company, Courthouse Water, \$97.50; Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$971.80; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$140.55; SDACC M&P, March Fees, \$84.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$65,279.44; March Amount Remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$302,943.18; CorTrust Bank, Deliq. Tax, \$1,657.06.

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

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

##### Veteran's Service Officer

VSO Sam Boshard shared with the board that Community Transit, is available to take veterans to doctor appointments as far as Sioux Falls. The service is free of charge to the veteran (paid by the VA) and there is no cost to the county. The service may be available to non-veterans for a fee, contact Boshard for more information.

Boshard will be available by phone May 10<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> but the office will be closed during this time.

##### Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to enter executive session at 9:05AM to discuss legal matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 9:07AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### Highway Department

Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded to sign the SDDOT road striping agreement for approximately 50 miles of road to be striped and McPherson County's share of the cost will be \$44,750.74. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Culvert liner quotes were examined. At this time the board isn't interested. Equipment needs for 2022 were discussed. Brown County has decided to put the construction of the Elm Lake Road up for bids and will not need McPherson County's assistance. The highway department has been pulling shoulders and a few roads around the county had to be closed through the recent rain.

Load limits are still in place and will be reevaluated on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Anyone with concerns about getting cattle out to pasture should contact the highway superintendent.

#### Right of Way Permit

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the following permit to occupy right of way - FEM to bore 2" power cable between Section 23 and Section 26 of T128-R73. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Director of Equalization

Brooke Graves and Glenn Spitzer presented a request for permit information received from TurnKey Logistics. The commission advised that TurnKey Logistics should come to the next commissioners meeting.

A question was brought to the board about new tree placement. Trees that are to be planted closer than 150ft from the centerline of the road require a variance permit from the zoning board.

#### Drainage Board

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

#### Abatement 22-13

Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded to approve Abatement 22-13, Wolfgang Kitzler record #7523 purchased by Eureka City, PAY 2004-2022 County Total \$103.76. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Courthouse Maintenance

Issues with the north door of the courthouse were discussed as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> floor window replacement. Howard will contact House of Glass for quotes. The chair lift was discussed. Access Elevator advised that replacing the current lift with an upgraded model is the best solution for the issues we have been experiencing. Grant options will be explored, and the project would have to be put out for bids.

#### Public Comment

Sixteen citizens joined the meeting, the commissioner heard several comments and concerns. Technical questions the citizens believed should be answered by Summit Carbon about the pipeline were expressed to the board. No action taken.

#### State's Attorney

State's Attorney Austin Hoffman joined by phone. A draft resolution will be prepared for the board to consider at the June commissioner's meeting.

#### Extension Office

Jackie Rau has won the SDAE4-HP Achievement in Service Award and would like to attend the National 4-H Convention to accept the award. Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to authorize Rau to travel to Madison, WI on October 11-13 for the National 4-H Convention. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded to enter executive session at 11:55AM to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive

session at 12:30PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. As a result of executive session, Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to hire James Wolf for the courthouse maintenance position starting at \$3,380/month, \$40,560/year for 2080hrs, start date to be determined. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: Notice and Record of Payments to Poor Persons for the month ending in April 2022, Veteran's Service Officer April 2022 hours, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of April 2022 for the amount of \$2,353.75, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of April 2022 for the amount of \$320.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$470,363.18; total amount of actual cash, \$2,511.61; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$376,892.37; 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, \$3,668,972.35; total, \$5,683,205.07.

At 12:30PM Beilke moved and Metzger seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9AM and Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz

Chairman of Board of Commissioners