

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Kunz called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members' present were Rick Beilke, Sid Feickert, Delmar Metzger and Jeff Neuharth. Also present Mark Opp.

Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded to approve the agenda of the September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the minutes of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup> commissioners meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$3,368.65; Election, \$20.00; Auditor, \$7,191.23; Treasurer, \$7,191.23; State's Attorney, \$6,136.48; Government Building, \$3,380.00; Director of Equalization, \$10,527.90; Register of Deeds, \$7,141.23; Veteran Service Officer, \$1,769.14; Sheriff, \$9,308.81; Extension, \$3,291.01; Weed, \$1,064.30; Planning & Zoning, \$180.00; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$52,981.19; 911, \$14.00; Emergency Management, \$286.67; Eureka Joint Law, \$3,533.34; Leola Joint Law, \$4,066.46.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$8,789.95

Insurance: American Family, \$471.11, Avera Health, \$12,897.92; Guardian Vision, \$162.01; MetLife, \$171.72; South Dakota Retirement System, \$7,006.03; Colonial Life Vision, \$66.71.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Agtegra-Leola Shop, Hwy/Soil Dist/Courthouse Supplies, \$17,873.46; Amazon, Supplies, \$1,378.62; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$1,028.98; Brend Artz, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$69.40; ATT, Cellphone Service, \$483.45; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$45.98; Avera Occupational Medicine, Pre Employment Screening, \$89.25; Axon Enterprises INC, Sheriff-Cable, \$10.45; Best Western of Huron, State Fair Hotel, \$972.00; Black Hills Ammunition, Sheriff Supplies, \$677.00; Samantha Boshard, VSO Reimb., \$287.56; Butler, Hwy Supplies/Rental, \$7,941.99; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$13.18; CHS Inc, Propane, \$48.63; Cole Papers, Buffer, \$998.89; Crawford Trucks & Equip., Hwy Supplies, \$104.04; Curt's Repair, Oil Change/Repair, \$1,007.95; Waste Connection, Shredding, \$104.93; Ross K Den Herder, Mental Health, \$202.00; Dependable Sanitation, Utilities, \$252.00; Eureka City, Utilities, \$77.30; Eureka Comm. Health Services, Tests, \$103.75; Farm & Home Publishing, Plat Books, \$750.00; FEM, Utilities, \$380.14; Sandra Flittie, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$65.20; Michael Frey, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$87.04; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$9,624.17; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$70.00; Lindley Howard, Fuel-Training, \$79.47; George Hulscher, Zoning Miles, \$29.40; IMEG, Survey of Pit, \$740.88; James Odenbach, Building Permit Reimb, \$25.00; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc, Hwy Supplies-Hot Mix, \$37,567.18; Wanda Jundt, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$69.40; Emily Kallas, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$129.24; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Miles, \$10.50; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$437.11; Richard Kolb, Zoning Miles, \$2.94; Val Larson, Mental Health, \$12.00; Leola City, Utilities, \$561.36; Lewis & Clark Behavioral, Mental Health, \$552.00; Lucy Lewno, Mental Health, \$132.25; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$699.29; Darcy Lockwood, Mental Health, \$12.00; Long Lake Town, Utilities, \$243.00;

Lycox Enterprises, Hwy-Packer/Roller, \$16,250.00; McLeod's Pring & Office Supply, Tax Notice Envelopes, \$539.80; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$372.68; MDU, Utilities, \$896.90; Menard's, Supplies, \$80.19; Microfilm Imaging Systems, M&P/ROD Equip Rent, \$728.80; Midwest Pump & Tank, Hwy Supplies, \$1,488.35; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$401.03; Performance Oil, Hand Sprayer, \$12.99; Sherry Perrion, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$61.00; Pheasantland Industries, DOE Magnets, \$100.98; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$290.39; Quill, Supplies, \$411.77; Ramkota Hote-Pierre, VSO School Hotel, \$144.00; Jackie Rau, Supplies/Miles \$323.60; RDO Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$28.05; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maint/Backup/Service, \$233.39; Ron's Service Center, Oil Change/Headlight, \$157.66; SD Dept of Public Safety, Teletype Services, \$2,340.00; SD Sheriffs' Association, Fall Conference, \$115.00; Share Corporation, Hwy Supplies, \$391.17; Streicher's INC, Eureka JL Supplies, \$1,372.46; Sturgis Responder Supply, Eureka JL Supplies, \$199.95; Kirby & Kris Kiesz, Hwy Supplies, \$127.50; Jayson Tollefson, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$79.48; TrueNorth Steel, Culverts, \$29,477.42; Tyler Technologies, VSO Vetraspec Program, \$449.00; U.S. Post Office, Stamps, \$224.00; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$845.45; Visa, Hwy Hotel, \$273.00; Visa, Subscriptions, \$173.73; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$242.25; Western States Sheriffs' Association, Membership Fees, \$100.00; Julie Wiest, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$97.12; Yankton County Treasurer, Mental Health, \$194.40; Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$971.80; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$12.10; SDACC M&P, July Fees, \$128.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$58,731.76; July Amount Remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$23,930.11; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maintenance/Backup, \$189.64; SDACC, Conference Registration, \$1,290.00; TJ Mahlke, Reissue from ck #53360, \$3,985.66; CorTrust Bank, Deliq. Tax, \$447.00.

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

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

##### Provisional Budget Hearing

At 9:00AM a hearing was held on the 2023 provisional budget. No changes were made. The final budget adoption will take place on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9AM.

##### Emergency Management

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to have chairman Anthony Kunz sign the non-participation emergency management State and Local agreement (SLA) between the state of South Dakota and McPherson County. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### Auditor's Office

Metzger moved and Feickert seconded to sign the SD Dept. of Health community nursing contract with a \$28,500 contribution for 2023. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to accept the new state rates for mileage beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (increase from .42/mile to .51/mile). All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to electronically sign the SD Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Agreement. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The commissioner room layout and desk were discussed.

##### Web Water Easement

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to have chairman Anthony Kunz sign the Web Water easement for a new water line to be installed across county owned property#1198 in Section 18 of T126-R68. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Highway Department

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to sell salvage culverts for the current scrap metal price. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to sell any miscellaneous hwy or courthouse surplus property at the Schock public auction this month in Leola. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The request to widen at the intersection of 354<sup>th</sup> ave and SD Hwy 10 was granted and the county hwy department will start work on the project soon. SD Game Fish and Park requested gravel on a section line 2 miles north-east of Eureka. GFP will pay for the gravel and the hwy department will do the requested work.

Spitzer updated the board on bridge work near Wetonka and the road repair that occurred as storm water receded on effected roads in the Hosmer area. Road damage from a manure 5-mile variance permit was briefly discussed. Pavement marking on 50 miles of road as well as mowing the ditches will begin this month.

#### Jim Seurer, CEO - Glacial Lakes Energy

Jim Seurer spoke with the board and 28 citizens about Glacial Lakes Energy's future without lowering its carbon score and different options Glacial Lake's board has considered. Topics discussed were Glacial Lake's and other area plants current CI scores, how and who calculates carbon scores, the Inflation reduction Act, climate change and its effects on the ethanol industry, low carbon fuel score premiums and Glacial Lake's relationship with Summit Carbon. Citizens raised several questions.

#### Conditional Use Permit Fee Structure

Brief discussion was held on how the county should structure the conditional use permit fee in the zoning ordinance rewrite. Ideas were heard from several citizens in attendance. Neuharth gave an update on the ordinance rewrite, the zoning board hopes to have the ordinance completed by the end of the year. The next zoning meeting is October 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am.

#### Drainage Board

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

#### Director of Equalization

The SD Department of Revenue has asked for the county's GIS Shapefile to be included in DOR's statewide database as part of their property tax modernization project. The commission requests the state pay for the requested information.

Brooke Graves gave an update on City of Eureka reassessment and let the board know that a building permit within the 1-mile jurisdiction of Eureka City was issued in error. The county will refund the applicant.

#### Public Concerns/Comments

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

#### Courthouse Maintenance

Jim Wolf discussed courthouse equipment needs. The boiler pipe wrap has been completed. The serviceman suggested the lateral boiler pipes throughout the courthouse be re-wrapped. Wolf will coordinate the repairs.

#### Jodi Waltman – Election Integrity

Jodi Waltman spoke with the board about her elections concerns including, South Dakota's residency laws, her belief that the cast vote records (CVRs) do exist in South Dakota, recent freedom of information act requests, and the destruction of the 2020 general election materials. Waltman shared several articles and videos with the commission.

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to have the McPherson County auditor retain the 2020 general election paper ballots. Upon roll call vote: Neuharth, Feickert, Beilke and Kunz voted 'aye', Metzger voted 'nay'. Motion carried.

#### Sheriff Department

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to sign the Leola Joint Law contract for services and pricing beginning January 2023. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ackerman is planning to participate in the Hwy safety grant. This will allow the county to be reimbursed for the mandatory patrol overtime and allow the county to participate in equipment grants. Handbook changes will be presented at the next meeting.

#### Meeting Authorizations

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to authorize Michael Schwingler to attend the fall weed tour in Pierre, September 14-15. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Miscellaneous Items and Reports

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: Veteran's Service Officer August 2022 hours, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of August 2022 for the amount of \$2,605.75, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of August 2022 for the amount of \$250.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$160,675.14; total amount of actual cash, \$829.00; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$7,509.12; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$0.00; Miscellaneous cash, \$0.00; CD's, \$1,165,002.48; Super savings, \$1,788,954.27; total, \$3,122,970.01.

At 12:15PM Beilke moved and Metzger seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9AM and Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz

Chairman of Board of Commissioners