

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
November 14th, 2022

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 14th, 2022, in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Anthony Kunz called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members' present were Rick Beilke, Sid Feickert, Delmar Metzger and Jeff Neuharth.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the agenda of the November 14th, 2022 meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to approve the minutes of the October 4th commissioners meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$3,368.65; Auditor, \$7,211.23; Treasurer, \$7,211.23; State's Attorney, \$6,136.48; Government Building, \$3,380.00; Director of Equalization, \$10,527.90; Register of Deeds, \$7,161.23; Veteran Service Officer, \$1,769.14; Sheriff, \$8,543.42; Extension, \$3,291.01; Weed, \$530.64; Planning & Zoning, \$240.00; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$43,616.77; Snow Removal, \$4,168.20; Emergency Management, \$166.67; 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: \$8,304.81

Insurance: American Family, \$434.36, Avera Health, \$11,844.33; Guardian Vision, \$142.95; MetLife, \$166.54; South Dakota Retirement System, \$6,595.88; Colonial Life Vision, \$66.71.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Aberdeen Area Radiator, Radiator Fix, \$388.00; Access Elevator & Lift Inc, Lift Repair, \$1,112.00; Agtegra-Leola Shop, Hwy/Courthouse Supplies, \$14,022.76; Amazon, Supplies, \$1,568.70; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$821.04; ATT, Cellphone Service, \$482.74; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$168.97; Avera Occupational Medicine, Hwy Random Test, \$151.90; Avera St. Luke's, Mental Health, \$3,160.00; Best Western Hotel-Sioux Falls, VSO Hotel, \$75.00; Samantha Boshard, VSO Reimb., \$389.64; Ivy Bossert, Election Wages, \$15.00; Boulder Redi-Mix LLC, Cement, \$2,234.50; Kristi Brandt Court Reporter, Court Reporting, \$40.80; Butler, Hwy Supplies, \$1,969.01; CentralSquare Technologies, Maintenance Fee, \$328.19; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$6.93; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$3,011.04; Dakota Fluid Power, Hwy Supplies, \$288.35; Dependable Sanitation, Utilities, \$227.00; Jacalyn Eberhart, Election Wages, \$232.50; Sheila Erdmann, Election Wages, \$90.30; Eureka City, Utilities, \$67.60; Eureka Comm. Health Services, Test, \$42.75; FEM, Utilities, \$348.58; Polly Gab, Election Wages, \$210.00; Vicki Geffre, UMVCA Miles, \$30.60; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$14,514.59; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$35.00; Lindley Howard, Reimbursement, \$145.63; George Hulscher, Zoning Miles, \$35.70; Cletus Imberi, Clothing Reimbursement, \$58.80; Jensen Rock & Sand, Hot Mix, \$743.43; Joelle Johnson, Election Wages, \$263.76; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Miles, \$12.75; Bonnie Kary, Election Wages, \$232.50; Ken's Food Fair, Hwy Supplies, \$8.04; Perry Kessler, Election Wages, \$241.32; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$451.00; Richard Kolb, Zoning Miles, \$3.57; Leola Legion Bar, Election Meals, \$139.50; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$220.16; Evelyn Layton, Election Wages, \$257.64; Leola City, Utilities, \$210.61; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$109.34; Leann Lux,

Election Wages, \$302.58; Rodney Malsam, Clothing Reimbursement, \$200.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Hwy Supplies, \$89.04; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$1,005.63; McPherson County Treasurer, Sheriff License Fee, \$24.20; MDU, Utilities, \$670.83; Menard's, Supplies, \$567.85; Microfilm Imaging Systems, ROD/M&P Equip Rent, \$728.80; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$1,246.27; Performance Oil, DEF, \$120.45; CRS, Inmate Insurance, \$101.20; Pheasantland Industries, Hwy Shirts, \$229.79; Janene Playle, Election Wages, \$232.50; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies-Tires, \$106.69; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$2,240.13; Quill, Paper, \$174.90; Ramkota Hotel-Pierre, Sept Conference, \$792.00; Rick Rau, Clothing Reimb, \$200.00; Jackie Rau, Meals, \$160.00; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Main/Backup/Fix, \$277.14; Runnings Farm and Fleet, Hwy/Crthse Supplies, \$694.92; Ina Schock, Election Wages, \$239.00; SD Public Health Lab, Test, \$40.00; Share Corporation, Hwy Supplies, \$467.97; Sturgis Responder Supply, Sheriff Supplies, \$341.70; The Radar Shop Inc, Radar Recert, \$256.00; Transource Truck & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$1,047.20; U.S. Post Office, Juror Postage, \$216.00; U.S. Post Office, Treasurer Postage, \$539.00; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$882.27; Vanguard Appraisals Inc, Yearly Contract-4th year, \$7,360.00; Visa, Sub/Hotel, \$602.11; Visa, Speedcrete- Hwy Supplies, \$723.97; Visa, Supplies/Sub, \$734.88; Margaret Walker, Election Wages, \$232.50; Michele Waltman, Election Wages, \$85.20; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$174.75; Judy Weiszhaar, Election Wages, \$234.18; Becky Wolff, Election Wages, \$225.00; Avera Health, Dependent Insurance, \$679.42; Cedar Shore Resort, Doe Training Hotel, \$653.52; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$28.89; SDACC M&P, September Fees, \$132.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$85,282.18; September Amount Remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$110,048.43; CorTrust Bank, Deliq. Tax, \$939.85.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-18
"TO DELETE BRIDGE FROM NBI"**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners is in agreement with SDDOT that the following structure(s) should be deleted from the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) for the following reason(s):

STRUCTURE ID, LOCATION and REASON FOR DELETION:

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| 45-470-175 | 4.5N & 1E of Wetonka | Structure has been replaced with culverts that no longer meet NBIS length requirements. |
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The Commission is aware of the following stipulations once a structure is deleted from the NBI:

1. Federal and State Bridge funds will not be available for structure replacement or rehabilitation, and
2. The structure will only be added to the Inventory following replacement, using County funds.

Upon receipt of this resolution the above structure(s) will be deleted from inventory.

Dated at Leola, SD, this 14th day of November, 2022.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Beilke moved for the adoption of Resolution 22-18 and Feickert seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution 22-18 was declared duly adopted.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Ordinance 22-01

A public hearing and first reading was held for ordinance 22-01 an ordinance authorizing a joint cooperative agreement for North Central Regional 911 Center and establishing nine county positions for the committee members. Metzger moved and Beilke seconded to approve the first reading of ordinance 22-01 with no changes and to set a second reading for December 1st at 10am. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Lorne Serr – Mark Mehlhaff

Lorne Serr presented the 2023 renewal rates for the county's group health plan via conference call.

SDSU Memorandum of Understanding

Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to sign the SDSU Memorandum of understanding between SDSU Extension and McPherson County for the year 2023. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Manure Permit Fine

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to assess Boulder Colony a fine of \$500 for operating outside of manure permit #22-M-01 by hauling off the approved permitted route. Upon roll call vote: Neuharth, Bielke, Feickert and Kunz voted 'Aye', Metzger 'Nay'. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to accept the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) allocation of \$100,634.24 total to be paid in two payments in FY2022 and FY2023. Upon roll call vote: Neuharth, Beilke, Metzger and Kunz voted 'Aye', Feickert voted 'Nay". Motion carried. The LATCF allocation can be used for any general fund activity like payments in lieu of taxes would've been.

Highway Department

Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the 2nd quarter transfer \$103,677.81 from unorganized to County Road and Bridge. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Fall winds have filled road ditches in with dirt and crop residue. Landowners are reminded that they are responsible for cleaning up any wind erosion out of the road ditches. Icy roads have been an issue after last week's storm, the highway department is working to improve conditions.

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to reimburse Glenn Trefts the road bond and highway department haul road application fee for his manure permit #22-M-02. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Other items discussed were a section line complaint, the purchase of a disk, the Wachter Township dissolution process, and equipment/supplies for 2023.

The board accepted Cletus Imberi's resignation letter and thanked him for his years with the county.

Drainage Board

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

Right of Way Permits

Feickert moved and Metzger seconded to approve the following right of way permits: Valley Telco to bore fiber cable between Section 29 and Section 30 of T126-R67W and Section 30 and Section 31 of T126-R66W. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Public Concerns/Comments

At 10:45AM, Trevor Jones and Dana Lewis from Summit Carbon Solutions introduced themselves and gave a brief update.

Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to enter executive session at 10:55AM to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 11:05AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

2022 General Election Canvass

At 11:05AM the McPherson County Board of Commissioners convened as the Election Canvassing Board. The board canvassed the votes from the November 8th General Election. Metzger moved and Beilke seconded to declare the November 8th election results as correct and to sign the canvass certificate. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Voter turnout for McPherson County was 64%. The canvassing board was adjourned, and the board reconvened as the board of McPherson County commissioners.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Ackerman introduced the board to new hire deputy Aaron-James Whited. The 2022 patrol vehicle has arrived.

Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to enter executive session at 12:00PM to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 12:25PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. As a result of executive session Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to increase the longevity pay scale for full time employees who have worked for the county for 5 years or more, longevity pay is added onto December's paycheck, payment amount varies according to years worked, should the employee retire prior to the end of the year the following longevity pay will be prorated: 5-10yrs: \$600, 11-15yrs: \$1,200, 16-20yrs: \$1,800, 21-25yrs: \$2,400, 26-30yrs: \$3,000, 31-35yrs: \$3,600, 36-40yrs: \$4,200, 41-45yrs: \$4,800. All voted in favor. Motion carried. This scale replaces the scale published in the January 4th, 2022 minutes and will be used to calculate 2022's longevity pay that will be paid out in December 2022.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to grant November 25th as a holiday. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: Court Appointed Liens through October 2022. Veteran's Service Officer October 2022 hours, October 2022 Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month, \$4,871.00, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected October 2022, \$280, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of October 31st, 2022 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$298,381.69; total amount of actual cash, \$1,202.15; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three

days, \$399,913.07; 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, \$3,474,229.20; total, \$5,338,758.59.

At 12:45PM Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday December 1st beginning at 10AM and Thursday December 29th beginning at 10AM.

ATTEST:

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Chairman of Board of Commissioners