

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**December 29th, 2022**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, December 29th, 2022 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Kunz called the meeting to order at 10AM. Members present were: Sid Feickert, Delmar Metzger, Jeff Neuharth and Rick Beilke. Also present Mark Opp.

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to approve the December 29<sup>th</sup> agenda with the addition of discussion about the pending lawsuit. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts were declared.

Metzger moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup> Commissioners meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Agtegra-Leola Shop, Hwy Supplies, \$12,385.44; Amazon, Supplies, \$272.83; Aramark, Hwy Supplies, \$445.86; Aspire, 2023 Allocation, \$2,160.00 ATT, Cellphone Service, \$442.70; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$191.88; Avera LTC Pharmacy, Inmate Meds, \$1,420.18; Bertsch Farms, Disk, \$3,000.00; Boulder Colony, Bond Reimb, \$1,000.00; Butler, Hwy Supplies, \$15,229.64; Carrels & Bain, Inmate Care, \$494.00; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$9.90; CHS, Propane, \$7,135.91; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$236.40; Custom Cage, New Patrol Vehicle, \$1,265.00; Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Storm Water Bill, \$600.00; DMC Wear Parts, Hwy Supplies, \$8,157.20; Ron Ehresman, Weed Mtg Miles, \$21.42; Election Systems & Software, Election Supplies, \$2,160.79; Trisha Erdmann, Reimbursement, \$260.79; Eureka MFG, Hwy Supplies, \$345.44; Faulk County Highway Dept, Recap Tires, \$5,000.00; Josh Flemmer, Clothing Reimb, \$200.00; Fox & Youngberg PC/Dan Fox, Mental Health, \$62.57; Dean Geffre, Clothing Reimb, \$53.08; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$7,354.41; G&R Controls, Repair, \$1,674.80; Brooke Graves, Deductible Reimb, \$22.36; Gailen Hauck, Weed Mtg Miles, \$15.30; Hunter Heinrich, Test Meals, \$34.00; Curtis Hoff, Weed Mtg Miles, \$28.56; Austin Hoffman, Miles/Copies, \$1,630.96; Lindley Howard, SOS Mtg Meals, \$40.00; George Hulscher, Zoning Miles, \$35.70; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware, Parts, \$43.96; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Miles, \$12.75; Ken's Food Fair, Hwy Supplies, \$64.65; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$372.85; Richard Kolb, Zoning Miles, \$3.57; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$33.99; Val Larson, Mental Health, \$12.00; Leola Ambulance, Ambulance Miles, \$5,462.50; Lucy Lewno, Mental Health, \$90.75; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$123.94; Live, INC, 2023 Allocation, \$720.00; Darcy Lockwood, Mental Health, \$12.00; MDU, Utilities, \$838.11; Menard's, Supplies, \$1,729.90; Dan Mettler, Zoning Mtg Miles, \$25.50; Delmar Metzger, Comm Miles, \$136.17; Microfilm, ROD/M&P Equip Rent, \$364.40; Nelson Sales & Service, Snowblower Cab, \$275.00; Jeff Neuharth, Comm Miles, \$444.54; North Central Regional E911, Aug-Dec Remittance, \$10,441.25; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$190.70; Performance Oil, Hwy Supplies, \$6,604.00; Plastix Plus LLC, New Patrol Vehicle, \$1,458.40; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies-Tires, \$7,527.56; PQL, Lightbulbs, \$767.81;

Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$611.89; Quill, Supplies, \$696.25; Ramkota, Meeting/Test Hotel, \$154.00; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Main/Backup/Fix, \$233.39; Ron's Service Center, Oil Changes, \$195.37; Safe Harbor, Remittance, \$1,500.00; SD Association of Weed & Pest, 2023 Dues, \$75.00; SD DOT, Hwy Supplies, \$1,564.75; SD DOT, Pavement Marking, \$57,091.73; SD Federal Property Agency, Tools/Supplies, \$657.00; SD Public Health Laboratory, Test, \$40.00; SD State's Attny Assoc, 2023 Dues, \$737.00; Weed & Pest Conference, Registration, \$340.00; SDAE4-HP, 2023 Dues, \$120.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, Insurance, \$415.85; Share Corporation, Hwy Supplies, \$351.32; Sioux Falls Two Way Radio, Radios and Install, \$5,840.37; Streicher's Inc, Supplies, \$301.98; Heidi Sylte, Shirts, \$225.00; Transource, Hwy Supplies, \$568.96; TrueNorth Steel, Hwy Supplies, \$63,403.20; Van Diest Supply Company, Weed Chemical, \$24,015.00; Visa, Supplies/Mail, Subs, \$892.08; Web Water Bottling Company, Courthouse Water, \$216.00; West McPherson EMS, Ambulance Miles, \$4,676.75; Jim Wolf, Miles for Parts, \$39.78; Trevor Zantow, Weed Mtg Miles, \$9.18; Eureka City, Bulk Water, \$10.00; SD Assoc of County Officials, 2023 Dues, \$716.01; SDACC, 2023 Dues, \$1,312.00; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$232.00; SDACC M&P, November Fees, \$82.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$46,787.01; November Amount Remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$250,166.96; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$926.03.

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

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$8,358.65; Auditor, \$8,991.23; Treasurer, \$11,291.23; State's Attorney, \$8,022.26; Government Building, \$4,480.00; Director of Equalization, \$13,657.90; Register of Deeds, \$9,591.23; Veteran Service Officer, \$2,569.14; Sheriff, \$11,262.36; Extension, \$4,491.01; Weed, \$66.33; Road & Bridge/Secondary Roads, \$60,402.70; Snow Removal, \$3,775.19; Emergency Management, \$166.67; Eureka Joint Law, \$3,533.34; Leola Joint Law, \$5,266.46.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$11,633.70

Insurance: American Family, \$409.29, Avera Health, \$3,813.51; Guardian Vision, \$133.42; MetLife, \$161.36; South Dakota Retirement System, \$9,094.01; Colonial Life Vision, \$66.71.

**INCREASED SALARIES:**

Neuharth moved and Bielke seconded to increase Hunter Heinrichs salary to \$3466.67/month effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, passed the CAA test. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-19**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION"**

WHEREAS, The McPherson County Board of Commissioners has provided a contingency line item in the 2022 McPherson County Annual Budget as allowed by SDCL 7-21-6.1; and

WHEREAS, said contingency amount may be used to cover appropriations in which insufficient amounts were provided, and

WHEREAS, McPherson County has such appropriations with insufficient amounts provided,

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED: The appropriations be transferred from the commissioner's contingency line item in the 2022 Annual Budget for McPherson County to the following budget categories in the following amounts:

101-141-426	Auditor Supplies	\$1,500
101-163-415	Register of Deeds Group Insurance	\$4,300
101-221-414	Fire Protection Workers Comp	\$100
101-424-427	Ambulance Mileage	\$1,500
101-441-422	Mentally Handicapped	\$2,500
101-612-426	Conservation Supplies	\$3,300
101-911-911	General Fund Operating Transfer Out	\$135,000
TOTAL CONTIGENCY TRANSFER:		\$148,100

Beilke moved for the adoption of Resolution 22-19 and Metzger seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted "AYE". Motion carried and Resolution Number 22-19 was declared duly adopted.

**BIDS:**

At 10AM the following bids that were submitted for the 2023 supply of products to McPherson County were opened and read aloud. Bid amounts shown are the total bid margin and freight cost which the vendors are adding to the cost of the products shown on the State of South Dakota website:

Unleaded Bulk delivered to Eureka and Ethanol at the pump in Leola:

Gene's Oil Company- \$.098 Leola at Pump, no bid submitted for Eureka Bulk  
Agtegra- \$.144 Leola at Pump; \$.262 Eureka Bulk

Dyed Diesel Fuel delivered in bulk:

Agtegra - \$.249 Leola area; \$.265 Eureka area; \$.265 Long Lake area  
Gene's Oil Company - \$.219 Leola Area, no bid submitted for Eureka or Long Lake area  
CHS - \$.450 Leola area; \$.450 Eureka area; \$.450 Long Lake area

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to accept Gene's Oil's bid for Ethanol at the Pump in Leola and for Dyed Diesel Bulk Leola Area; Agtegra for Eureka Bulk Unleaded Gasoline and for dyed Diesel Fuel Eureka area and Long Lake area. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Propane – Leola Courthouse

CHS - .28 (January to May), .28 (October to December)

Agtegra - .35 (January to May), .35 (October to December)

#### Propane Highway Shops

CHS - .28 Leola Area, .28 Eureka Area, .28 Long Lake Area

Agtegra - .35 Leola Area, .35 Eureka Area, .35 Long Lake Area

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to accept CHS Farmers Alliance's bid for propane at the Leola, Eureka, Long Lake highway shops and the Leola Courthouse. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

##### 2022 Budget, Fund Transfer, End of Year Balances and General Fund Assignment

Beilke moved and Metzger seconded to approve the following cash transfer \$151.99 from the General Fund (101) to E911 (207), 197,000 from General Fund (101) to Highway Road and Bridge (201), 10,000 from General Fund (101) to Eureka Joint Law (237), 10,000 from General Fund (101) to Leola Joint Law (238), \$462,296.52 from American Rescue Plan (290) to General Fund Restricted for American Rescue Plan 101-0-274.98, \$462,296.52 from General Fund Restricted for American Rescue Plan 101-0-274.98 to General Fund Unassigned, \$5,840.37 from Restricted for first responder 226-0-274.99 to EM Restricted 226-0-274.10. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to unassign the following amounts budgeted for in 2023: \$50,000 in general fund assigned for Law Enforcement Vehicle; 462,300 for future salaries and to assign \$100,000 for Road and Bridge Purposes in general fund assigned. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Total assigned amounts in the general fund as of December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 are as follows: \$149,000 Courthouse Repairs, \$400,000 Road & Bridge, \$462,300 Future Salaries and \$182,200 Director of Equalization Updates.

##### Zoning Update/Director of Equalization

Discussion was held on building permits and fines for those that either fail to get a building permit or fail to include the full scope of the project on the building permit. As a reminder anyone building or adding over 3,000 of value to any structure needs to apply for a building permit with the Director of Equalization.

Discussion was held on the current zoning moratoriums on wind energy, confined animal feeding operations, pipeline, and solar energy projects. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to place a moratorium on issuing any conditional use permits until the re-written zoning ordinance has been adopted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### Executive Session

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to enter executive session at 10:35AM to discuss a legal and personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to exit executive session at 10:40AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

State's Attorney

Beilke moved and Feickert seconded to accept Heather Mehlhaff's resignation effective December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter transfer of 87,363.01 from unorganized to county road and bridge. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

John Deere tractors have been procured for 2023. Discussion was held on issues with motorgrader #0910, warranty extensions that are available and the price of new and used motorgraders in the area. A snow removal update was given including areas that have been extra challenging. Discussion was held on possibly replacing the motor in the 2015 Dodge that was passed down from the sheriff's department. The vehicles in possession of the county that are located at the Long Lake shop were also discussed.

Right of Way Permits

Metzger moved and Feickert seconded to approve the following right of way permits: Web Water to bore potable water lines in Section 17 of T126N-R68W, Section 18 T126N-R68W and Section 13 T126N-R68W. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Abatement 22-13

Metzger moved and Beilke seconded to approve Abatement 22-14, City of Eureka record #7693, PAY 2022 County Total \$6.40. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2023 Employee Raises

Neuharth moved and Beilke seconded to add 5% to all employees' base pay for 2023 and to add an addition \$100/month to the chairman's salary. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 12:40pm Feickert moved and Metzger seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next meetings will be January 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10AM and February 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10AM in the Commission Chambers.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard  
McPherson County Auditor

Anthony Kunz  
Chairman of Board of Commissioners