

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
March 7th, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Rick Beilke called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Members present were Jeff Neuharth, and Mark Opp via Zoom. Anthony Kunz joined at 11am. Absent Sid Feickert.

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to approve the agenda of the March meeting. Upon roll call vote, Neuharth, Opp and Bielke voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert, Kunz. Motion carried. No conflicts were declared.

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to approve the minutes of the February 7th with the following correction Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to not require a building permit for any shipping container, shipping containers will be assessed. All members voted in favor.

Upon roll call vote, Neuharth, Opp and Beilke voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert, Kunz. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Access Elevator & Lifts, Lift Repair Parts, \$825.37; Agtegra, Hwy Supplies/Oil Change, \$774.74; Amazon, Supplies, \$496.48; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$791.75; AT&T, Cellphones/Hotspot, \$443.18; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$793.68; Avera LTC Pharmacy, Inmate Medication, \$852.33; Blackstrap Inc, Road Salt, \$4,564.60; BlueTarp Financial (Mac's), Hwy Supplies, \$84.07; Samantha Boshard, VSO Miles, \$107.10; Butler Machinery, Hwy Supplies, \$770.46; Cartney Bearing, Hwy Supplies, \$171.99; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$18.75; CHS, Propane, \$6,103.84; C&R Supply, Pump & Meter, \$650.43; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$805.45; Curt's Repair, Repair/Oil Change/Supplies, \$582.38; Joshual Lee Halsey, New Vehicle Work, \$170.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Hwy Supplies, \$29.64; DMI, Hwy Supplies, \$10.18; Dohrer Law Office, Court Appointed Attorney, \$312.30; Ron Ehresman, State Weed Meals, \$100.00; Eureka City, Utilities, \$78.30; Eureka Medical Clinic, Pre-Employment Screening, \$150.00; Eureka MFG INC, Hwy Supplies, \$2,822.93; FEM, Utilities, \$515.29; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$4,853.68; Grow SD, 2023 Allocation, \$3,000.00; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$70.00; Hunter Heinrich, Postage Reimbursement, \$17.68; George Hulscher, Zoning Miles, \$35.70; Johnny & Renee Schwingler, Hwy Supplies, \$38.50; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Miles, \$12.75; Ken's, Hwy Supplies, \$15.57; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$451.68; Richard Kolb, Zoning Miles, \$3.57; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$318.36; Leola City, Utilities, \$220.21; Lien Funeral Home, Transportation, \$494.00; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$797.40; McPherson Co Herald, Publishing, \$215.59; MDU, Utilities, \$893.80; Menards, Hwy Supplies, \$922.27; Dan Mettler, Zoning Miles, \$25.50; Microfilm Imaging Systems, M&P/ROD Equipment Rent/Software, \$1,564.40; Mid-States Organized Crime, Membership, \$100.00; NASASP, Membership, \$39.00; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$241.30; CRS, Inmate Insurance, \$30.80; Plastic Works, Hwy Supplies, \$2,168.00; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$1,735.46; Pressure Washer Central, Hwy Supplies, \$96.50; Quill Corp, Supplies, \$176.90; Dickey Rural, Server Maint./Backup/Service, \$194.64; RockTuff, Hwy Supplies, \$250.35; Ron's Service Center, Oil Change/Repair, \$2,054.48; Rugged Depot, 2023 Pickup, \$178.86; Runnings, Hwy Supplies, \$129.98; Sanford Medical, Autopsy, \$2,768.00; Michael Schwingler, State Weed Meals/Miles, \$269.83; SD Assoc of County Officials, New Officials Workshop, \$330.00; SD Dept of Public Safety, 1st Half Teletype, \$2,340.00; SD Federal Property Agency, Misc Hwy Supplies, \$272.50; SDACC, Spring Welfare Conf,

\$50.00; SDAE4-HP, Spring Conf, \$65.00; Share Corp., Hwy Supplies, \$336.70; Craig Steinley, DOE Training, \$325.00; Transource Truck & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$271.57; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$997.37; VISA, Supplies, \$711.74; Web Water Bottling Company, Courthouse Water, \$158.25; AJ Whited, Reimbursement, \$45.25; Yankton County Treasurer, Mental Health, \$117.40; US Post Office, VSO Box Rent, \$68.00; Guardian, COBRA, \$19.07; SDACC, M&P January Fees, \$222.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$87,389.16; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$31.49; January 2023 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$213,567.09, CorTrust Bank, Deliq. Tax, \$1,272.96.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the forgoing claims. Upon roll call vote Beilke, Kunz, Opp, Neuharth voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert. Motion carried.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$6,637.10; Elections, \$20.00; Auditor, \$8,750.79; Treasurer, \$8,750.79; State's Attorney, \$6,032.24; Government Building, \$4,331.87; Director of Equalization, \$12,990.79; Register of Deeds, \$8,750.79; Veteran Service Officers, \$2,157.60; Sheriff, \$9,905.48; Extension, \$4,069.56; Weed Control, \$903.72; Planning & Zoning, \$240.00; Road & Bridge, \$50,463.38; Snow Removal, \$1,363.97; 911, \$14.00; Emergency Management, \$166.67; Eureka Joint Law, \$3,710.01; Leola Joint Law, \$4,865.73.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$9,933.96

Insurance: American Family, \$420.40; Avera, \$3,813.51; Guardian Vision, \$123.89; MetLife, \$184.67; South Dakota Retirement System, \$7,719.34; Colonial Life Vision, \$66.71.

INCREASED SALARIES:

Opp moved and Neuharth seconded to increase the coroner pay to \$250/call. Upon roll call vote, Beilke, Opp and Neuharth voted AYE; Kunz abstained from voting. Absent Feickert. Motion carried.

Kunz moved and Opp seconded to increase Justin Bentz's salary to \$50,145.36/year for 2080 hours, \$4,178.78/month beginning March 1st, 2023, graduated from LET. Upon roll call vote Beilke, Kunz, Opp, Neuharth voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert. Motion carried.

BIDS:

At 10AM the following bids for 2023 supply of bituminous plant mix (black top), asphalt road oil and asphalt emulsions were opened and read aloud:

The following bids were received for Bituminous Plant Mix (Black Top) for 2023:

- Lien Transportation Company – \$92.75 per ton
- Jensen Rock & Sand (Aberdeen) - \$92.75 per ton
- Jensen Rock & Sand (Mobridge) - \$92.75 per ton

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to approve all bids received for bituminous plant mix. Upon roll call vote, Neuharth, Opp and Beilke voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert, Kunz. Motion carried.

The following bids were received for asphalt road oil and asphalt emulsions for 2023:

| | <u>Jebro</u> | <u>Flint Hills</u> |
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| MC-70 Asphalt per ton | \$1,281.67 | \$1,176.00 |

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| AE 150S per ton | \$804.85 | \$686.00 |
| CSS1H 50/50 per ton | \$467.35 | \$381.00 |

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to approve all bids received for asphalt road oil and asphalt emulsions. Upon roll call vote, Neuharth, Opp and Beilke voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert, Kunz. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. Upon roll call vote, Neuharth, Opp and Beilke voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert, Kunz. Motion carried. The Drainage Commission met concurrently with the Board of Commissioners and their minutes are listed in a separate section.

At 10:45AM No public concerns or comments were heard by the board.

Department of Legislative Audit

Jason Hill from the Department of Legislative Audit presented the closing conference for the FY20-21 audit. No significant deficiencies were found and no written comments were issued. Management recommendations for improvement were presented.

Director of Equalization

A zoning update was given. A potential CAFO conditional use permit may be heard in the future. With the current moratorium, the zoning board intends to have any conditional use permit applicant abide by all future CAFO zoning regulations before any permit would be granted. The next zoning meeting will be held on March 14th beginning at 10AM.

Brief discussion was held on the assessment of hopper bottom bins. Brooke Graves will consult with the States Attorney. A clear assessment policy is needed.

James Pfeifle – record #5935

James Pfeifle joined the meeting and expressed his concerns with the valuation of parcel #5935, railroad row in SW1/4 STR 12-126-73 and tax bill 2023-1-5644. Ag land assessed value is based on the soil survey and production model set by the State of South Dakota. Ag land adjustments that are made at the local level must conform to 10-6-131 and is good for one year. Any local ag land adjustments must be applied for each year. If an adjustment was previously applied to parcel #5935, the adjustment has since expired and was removed. All parcels in railroad row are assessed based on the soil survey and the production model.

Highway Department

Wachter township has disbanded. The township had a bill with the highway department prior to disbanding. All township funds received for the remainder of 2023 will be applied to the outstanding bill. Small structures planned for 2023 may need to be reprioritized. Glenn Spitzer will review and provide more information at the next meeting.

Snow removal and snow removal equipment was discussed.

Courthouse Maintenance

Jim Wolf discussed needed parts and repairs for the chair lift in the courthouse. The lift is currently non-operational. Wolf will coordinate the ordering of parts and necessary repairs.

Sheriff's Department

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to authorize an additional credit card for the sheriff's department and to set the credit limit for the new card at \$1,500. Upon roll call vote Kunz, Opp, Neuharth, Beilke voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert. Motion carried.

The Crown Victoria has been stripped of equipment and decals. The commission will discuss transfer of surplus in the future. Office space in Eureka was briefly discussed. No action taken.

Abatement 23-2

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve abatement 23-2, Jean Feickert parcel #7050, classification error, PAY 2023 county total \$0.00. Upon roll call vote Beilke, Kunz, Opp, Neuharth voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office

The 2022 Annual Report was presented to the board. The annual report is available for inspection in the Auditor's Office or on the county's website.

Kunz moved and Opp seconded to transfer \$200,000 cash (of the budgeted \$409,309) from General fund to County Road and Bridge. Upon roll call vote Kunz, Opp, Neuharth, Beilke voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the 2022 property inventory. Upon roll call vote Beilke, Kunz, Opp, Neuharth voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert. Motion carried.

Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to authorize the following meetings: Hunter Heinrich to attend the USPAP course in Pierre July 12-13. Upon roll call vote Beilke, Kunz, Opp, Neuharth voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to add Tanner Geffre, Brandon Geffre and Logan Weig to the Leola Fire Department roster for workmans comp coverage and to remove Kent Weiszhaar; Add Katie Weiszhaar to the Leola EMT roster. Upon roll call vote Kunz, Opp, Neuharth, Beilke voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert. Motion carried.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: VSO Hours February 2023, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of February 2023 for the amount of \$2751.00, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of February 2023 for the amount of \$140.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of February 28th, 2023 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$89,947.07; total amount of actual cash, \$729.00; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$11,751.11; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$0.00; CD's, \$1,165,545.35; Super savings, \$1,387,757.74; total, \$2,655,730.27.

At 12:35PM Kunz moved and Opp seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote Kunz, Opp, Neuharth, Beilke voted 'Aye'. Absent Feickert. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on April 4th, 2023 beginning at 10AM, county board of equalization April 11th, 2023 beginning at 10AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

Chairman of Board of Commissioners