

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
April 10th, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 10th, 2023 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Rick Beilke called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Members present were Anthony Kunz, Sid Feickert, Jeff Neuharth, and Mark Opp.

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to approve the agenda of the April meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to approve the minutes of the March 7th commissioners, March 7th drainage and January 3rd drainage meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Agtegra, Hwy Supplies, \$24,825.91; American Income Life Insurance, 4-H Insurance, \$315.00; Avera Occupational Medicine, Hwy Random Test, \$285.75; Eureka Comm. Health Service, 2nd Qtr Nursing, \$7,125.00; Gene's Oil, Hwy Supplies, \$5,002.95; George Hulscher, 4/10 Mtg Miles, \$35.70; Alvin Kallas, 4/10 Mtg Miles, \$12.75; Richard Kolb, 4/10 Mtg Miles, \$3.57; MARC, Courthouse Supplies, \$217.46; NW Blade, Publishing, \$573.86; Premium Quality Lighting, Lightbulbs, \$779.97; SDAE4-HP, Prof. 4-H Gathering, \$15.00; Ten-45, Jury & Hwy Supplies, \$81.24; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$945.44; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$359.25; Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Vehicle Repair-Hwy, \$395.50; Amazon, Supplies, \$610.23; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$791.75; Art's Body Shop, Pickup Decal, \$200.00; AT&T, Cellphones/Hotspot, \$443.18; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$473.40; Avera LTC Pharmacy, Inmate Medication, \$885.14; Blackstrap Inc, Road Salt, \$2,186.78; Samantha Boshard, VSO Miles, \$142.80; Butler Machinery, Hwy Supplies, \$10,547.89; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$54.66; CHS, Propane, \$6,939.55; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$1,030.93; Dickey Rural, Server Maint./Backup/Service, \$340.89; Eureka City, Utilities, \$78.30; Eureka MFG INC, Hwy Supplies, \$569.91; FEM, Utilities, \$479.55; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$16,554.21; Sharon Guthmiller, Deductible Reimb., \$700.00; Doug Hatlewick, LEPC Mtg Miles, \$43.35; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$70.00; Hunter Heinrich, Deductible Reimb., \$99.76; House of Glass, Window Repair, \$48,230.83; Lindley Howard, Eureka Equalization Mtg, \$26.52; George Hulscher, Zoning Miles, \$35.70; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Miles, \$12.75; Ken's, Hwy Supplies, \$12.69; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$122.00; Richard Kolb, Zoning Miles, \$3.57; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$166.91; Leola City, Utilities, \$198.50; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$369.07; Mac's, Hwy Supplies, \$70.45; McPherson Co Herald, Publishing, \$483.40; MDU, Utilities, \$924.43; Meyers Auto Inc, Hwy Parts, \$50.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, M&P/ROD Equipment Rent, \$364.40; Minnehaha County Auditor, Mental Health, \$195.60; Mobile Binders, Commissioner Min Books, \$683.08; Newman Traffic Signs, Special Traffic Signs, \$369.94; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$72.00; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$464.36; Jackie Rau, Shooting Sports Reimb, \$31.92; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Mental Health, \$107.00; David Roggenkamp, Ink, \$26.57; Ron's Service Center, Oil Change, \$46.69; Runnings, Hwy/Courthouse Supplies, \$582.27; SDACC, Commissioner Workshop, \$110.00; Kris Jacobson-Clerp Admin, 1st Qtr, \$342.00; Share Corp., Hwy Supplies, \$460.29; Sioux Falls Two-Way Radio, Programming/New Vehicle, \$2,806.42; Taliaferro Law Firm, Court Appointed Attorney, \$459.12; Taliaferro Law Firm, Court Appointed Attorney, \$503.35; The Lodge at Deadwood, Conference Hotel-Hwy, \$248.00; Tools Plus Industries, Safety Vests, \$121.88; VISA, Hwy Supplies, \$234.92; Visa,

Supplies, \$902.49; Volk Upholstery, Seat Repair, \$175.00; Jim Wolf, Supply Reimb, \$15.96; Guardian, COBRA, \$19.07; SDACC, M&P February Fees, \$56.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$47,078.08; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$75.68; February 2023 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$226,765.09, CorTrust Bank, Deliq. Tax/Safety Deposit Box, \$377.73.

Kunz moved and Opp seconded to approve the forgoing claims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$6,637.10; 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; Coroner, \$1,000.00; Extension, \$4,055.56; Planning & Zoning, \$180.00; Road & Bridge, \$40,054.05; Snow Removal, \$14,312.96; Emergency Management, \$166.67; Eureka Joint Law, \$4,178.78; Leola Joint Law, \$4,865.73.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$10,134.89

Insurance: American Family, \$422.20; Avera, \$3,813.51; Guardian Vision, \$152.48; MetLife, \$169.13; South Dakota Retirement System, \$7,721.75; Colonial Life Vision, \$57.18.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Conditional Use Permit

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to apply the standard conditional use permit fee of \$2000 to 23-CUP-01 with the condition that a road haul permit is required for the construction period. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Road Maintenance concerns

Gordon Petrich met with the board and hwy superintendent Glenn Spitzer. Several topics including snow removal policies, snow removal routes, hwy department staffing, hwy department part-time pay, and snow removal over fences.

Drainage Board

At 10:35AM Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The Drainage Commission met concurrently with the Board of Commissioners and their minutes are listed in a separate section.

At 10:45AM Public comments from Dana Lewis on behalf of Summit Carbon Solutions and Bruce Mack were heard by the board.

Highway Department

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to advertise for two highway department full-time positions. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Spitzer informed the board that there is a grant available covering 35% of a new truck with de-commission of an old truck, the grant has a June 2023 deadline. A road groom was purchased for \$18,500 delivered. Rural Access Infrastructure projects that are within unorganized townships don't

require an application. More discussion will be held at a future meeting. Snow removal, road maintenance and snow melt were also discussed.

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to approve the 1st quarter transfer of \$63,351.06 from unorganized to county road and bridge. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department

There are several light fixtures in the courthouse that need to be replaced. Quotes will be requested.

Director of Equalization

The city of Eureka has requested that the county redo the discretionary formula resolution 22-16 and include SDCL 10-6-137(7) which would allow discretionary for new or remodeled residential houses within an area defined per SDCL 10-6-141. Auditor Lindley Howard will notify the city of Eureka that the county is not opposed to including 10-6-137(7) but would prefer the city pass the resolution and accompanying ordinance. Zoning permit fees were discussed.

Hopper bottom bin assessment policies from other counties were discussed. Neuharth moved to assess hopper bottom bins that are over 2000 bushels and sitting on concrete. The motion died due to lack of a second. Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to assess hopper bottom bins that are 2000 bushels or more. Upon roll call vote Neuharth, Opp and Beilke voted 'Aye', Kunz and Feickert voted 'Nay'. Motion carried.

Courthouse Maintenance

The comp time policy on weather days was discussed. When the courthouse is closed for weather courthouse employees will be paid for a normal day. Employees who report to work or work from home will not earn comp hours unless they work over their regularly scheduled hours.

Clerk of Courts

Ronda Geffre has requested that Jim Wolf build a shelf for the clerk of courts office. Wolf will build the shelf on courthouse time and be reimbursed for the necessary supplies.

Auditor's Office

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to reject abatement 23-3, Brenda Rannow parcel #7077, does not meet the legal reasons for abatement. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Abatement 23-4 was discussed. Action will be taken after the county board of equalization meets. The 5-year tax trends that were presented to the city of Eureka and city of Leola during their local equalization meeting was presented to the board.

State's Attorney

Kunz moved and Opp seconded to have the chairman sign a corrective deed for The North Half (NI/2) of Lot Twenty-one (21), Block Two (2) of the Town of Greenway, South Dakota; and The North 99.30 feet of the South 491.28 feet of Outlot One (1) of the Town of Greenway, South Dakota. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

This Corrective Deed is to correct errors in the legal descriptions of a deed dated November 7, 1995, filed on November 14, 1995 at 1:50 P.M. and recorded in Book 76, Deeds, page 521 with McPherson County as the grantor and Lester L. Dais as the grantee; and a deed dated February 7, 1995, filed on

April 19, 1995 at 3:00 P.M. and recorded in book 76, Deeds, page 315 with McPherson County as the grantor and Lester L. Dais as the grantee.

Executive Session

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to enter executive session at 2:45PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 2:50PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

Meeting Authorizations

Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to authorize the following meetings: Brooke Graves to attend a Sales Ratio workshop in Pierre; Lindley Howard to attend the welfare conference in Pierre; Vicki Geffre, Lindley Howard and Tiffany Weiszhaar to attend the new officials conference and the Spring SDACO conference in Pierre. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to grant Good Friday April 7th as a holiday. Upon roll call vote Beilke, Feickert, Kunz, Opp, Neuharth voted 'Aye'. Motion carried.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: VSO Hours March 2023, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of March 2023 for the amount of \$2,415.50, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of March 2023 for the amount of \$230.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of March 31st, 2023 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$374,059.16; total amount of actual cash, \$922.00; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$6,956.10; 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, \$2,685,240.35.

At 2:50PM Kunz moved and Opp seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The county board of equalization will meet on April 11th, 2023 beginning at 10AM. The next regularly scheduled meetings will be held on May 2nd beginning at 9AM and June 6th beginning at 9AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

Chairman of Board of Commissioners