

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Rick Beilke called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were Anthony Kunz, Sid Feickert, Jeff Neuharth, and Mark Opp. Also present Austin Hoffman.

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

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup> commissioners, April 10<sup>th</sup> drainage with the following correction: the board met on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> not Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 11<sup>th</sup> board of equalization meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

AEL, Lift Repair, \$2,012.05; Agtegra, Hwy/Soil Dist Supplies, \$8,101.50; Amazon, Supplies, \$323.50; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$791.75; Area IV Senior Meals, 2023 Allocation, \$3,000.00; Art's Body Shop, Pickup Decal, \$250.00; AT&T, Cellphones/Hotspot, \$442.84; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$130.36; Avera LTC Pharmacy, Inmate Medication, \$939.09; Avera Occupational Medicine, Hwy Random Test, \$56.65; Rick Beilke, Comm Miles, \$190.80; Birmingham & Cwach, Mental Health, \$435.26; Samantha Boshard, VSO Miles, \$71.40; Butler Machinery, Hwy Supplies/Rental, \$18,808.08; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$22.58; CHS, Propane, \$1,120.20; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$444.31; CCB, Collection Commission, \$122.57; Curt's Repair, Oil Change/Brackets, 126.00; Ron Ehresman, Weed Board Miles, \$21.42; Election Systems & Software, Firmware License/Warranty, \$1,160.25; Eureka City, Utilities, \$79.70; Eureka MFG INC, Hwy Supplies, \$97.76; FEM, Utilities, \$399.84; Fox & Youngberg PC, Mental Health, \$172.85; Vicki Geffre, Conf Meals, \$66.00; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$7,807.08; Gailen Hauck, Weed Board Miles, \$15.30; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$35.00; Curtis Hoff, Weed Board Miles, \$28.56; Lindley Howard, Meals/Reimb, \$149.36; Howard Johnson Oacoma, DOE Hotel, \$588.00; George Hulscher, Zoning Miles, \$35.70; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware, Shelf Supplies, \$45.00; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Miles, \$12.75; Mark Katterhagen, Mental Health, \$18.00; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$1,057.28; Richard Kolb, Zoning Miles, \$3.57; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$6.49; Val Larson, Mental Health, \$18.00; Leola City, Utilities, \$208.76; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$105.67; Mac's, Hwy Supplies, \$21.38; McPherson Co Herald, Publishing, \$370.48; MDU, Utilities, \$636.71; Dan Mettler, Zoning Meeting Miles, \$25.50; Microfilm Imaging Systems, M&P/ROD Equipment Rent, \$364.40; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$369.80; Pennington County Jail, Inmate Care, \$119.78; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$216.50; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$1,172.95; Ramkota Hotel, Conf Hotel, \$818.00; Jackie Rau, Miles Reimb, \$208.08; 00; Road Groom Manufacturing, Road Groom/Blades, \$20,299.00; Michael Schwingler, Clothing Reimb, \$92.38; SDACO, Conf Registration, \$600.00; SD Assoc of Weed & Pest, 2023 Dues, \$200.00; SDAAO, Assessor School, \$750.00; SDAAO, Conf Registration, \$470.00; SD Newspaper Services, Help Wanted Ad, \$300.00; SDPAA, Equip Addition, \$557.16; Share Corp., Hwy Supplies, \$312.29; Glenn Spitzer, Fuel Reimb, \$40.02; US Post Office, Stamps, \$378.00; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$930.83; VISA, Hwy Supplies, \$418.38; Visa, Hwy Supplies, \$1,486.50; Visa, Supplies, \$338.26; Tiffany Weiszhaar, Conf Meals, \$66.00; Jim Wolf, Supplies/Labor for Shelf, \$99.23; Yankton County Treasurer, Mental Health, \$50.00; Trevor Zantow, Weed Board Miles,

\$9.18; Guardian, COBRA, \$19.07; SD Dept of Labor & Regulation, Unemployment Expense, \$966.07; SDACC, M&P March Fees, \$92.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$89,012.61; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$68.61; March 2023 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$281,880.52; CorTrust Bank, Deliq. Tax, \$3,911.92.

Kunz moved and Neuharth 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, \$13,004.79; Register of Deeds, \$8,750.79; Veteran Service Officers, \$2,157.60; Sheriff, \$9,905.48; Extension, \$4,055.56; Weed Control, 190.04; Planning & Zoning, \$240.00; Road & Bridge, \$51,649.74; Snow Removal, \$8,113.47; Emergency Management, \$286.67; 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: \$10,520.98

Insurance: American Family, \$422.20; Avera, \$3,813.51; Guardian Vision, \$133.42; MetLife, \$169.13; South Dakota Retirement System, \$7,949.56; Colonial Life Vision, \$57.18.

**INCREASED SALARIES**

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to increase Hunter Heinrich's salary to \$3822/month, \$45,864/year for 2080 hours, has received his CAA certificate and been in the certification program for 1 year. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Tax Deed Timeline

Advertising for properties that may be taken for tax deed will start this week. The owners have an additional 60 days to pay their back taxes before the county would file tax deed. Properties taken for tax deed would be sold at auction around January 2024.

State's Attorney

The profit loss statements from Eureka Housing Development Commission were received. Hoffman will look up statues to see if Payments In Lieu of Taxes are due. A deputy states attorney has been appointed for conflict cases. Mileage reimbursement for any court days would be paid to the deputy.

Courthouse Maintenance

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to pay Jim Wolf's voucher for the clerk of courts shelf as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A boiler and stair lift update was given to the board.

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to accept Sam Aman's quote to replace 9 lights in the courthouse for \$2,891.67. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Abatement 23-4

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to approve abatement 23-4, Merry-Go-Round parcel #7720, portion of building tax exempt for a portion of the year, PAY 2023 county portion abated \$64.00. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Surplus Property

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to surplus and sell at auction 2 weed sprayers, miscellaneous parts, wooded and metal desks from the courthouse and other miscellaneous courthouse items. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to surplus and dispose of the unusable Aficpo 3045 and the Toshiba EStudio 456 printer/copiers. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Highway Department

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to sign the SDDOT road striping agreement for approximately 32.5 miles of road to be striped and McPherson County's share of the cost will be \$7,065.64. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) 2023 allocation to be used for road/bridge maintenance, repair and reconstruction was discussed. SD Game Fish and Parks has asked the Hwy department to bid some section line repair/improvements at 4 locations. Signing on gravel roads should start in 2025, Spitzer has met with the DOT area engineers. Re-oiling county road 7 this year or next year and fixing the continuous breakup on county road 23 were discussed. With the increase oil prices waiting another year on county road 7 will allow the department to reseal the normal 30 miles and fix the numerous spots of road breakup. Campbell County has contacted Spitzer about McPherson County resealing approximately 8 miles. The highway department has pulled shoulders on several roads around the county.

#### Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to enter executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 10:25AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to exit executive session at 10:40AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

#### Drainage Board

At 10:40AM Neuharth moved and Feickert 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.

#### Grow SD

A representative from Grow SD presented the 2022 McPherson County Investment Report and spoke briefly about the services and assistance that is provided to McPherson County residents through GROW SD. Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to pay the budgeted \$3,000 allocation for 2023 and consider the \$5000 request during the 2024 budget process. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### Meeting Authorizations

Kunz moved and Opp seconded to authorize the following meeting Glenn Spitzer to attend the summer Meeting in Pierre June 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 11AM 13 citizens joined the meeting and public concerns were heard from Mark Lapka, Mike Klipfel, Nancy Klipfel and Cynthia Schock.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: VSO Hours April 2023, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of April 2023 for the amount of \$3,870.50, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of April 2023 for the amount of \$270.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$63,332.71; total amount of actual cash, \$1,227.54; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$260,252.41; 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, \$3,346,461.70; total, \$4,836,819.71.

At 12:10PM Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meetings will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

Chairman of Board of Commissioners