

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Rick Beilke called the meeting to order at 9:20AM. Members present were Anthony Kunz, Sid Feickert, Jeff Neuharth, and Mark Opp. Also present Austin Hoffman.

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

Opp moved and Kunz seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> commissioners and May 2<sup>nd</sup> drainage commission meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

AEL, Lift Repair, \$1,157.00; Agtegra, Hwy/Soil Dist Supplies/Weed Supplies, \$17,749.94; Amazon, Supplies, \$1,330.00; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$1,077.99; Art's Body Shop, Windshield, \$865.00; Aspire, 2023 Allocation, \$2,160.00; AT&T, Cellphones/Hotspot, \$442.84; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$11.94; Avera LTC Pharmacy, Inmate Medication, \$684.00; Avera Occupational Medicine, Hwy Random Test, \$95.25; Samantha Boshard, VSO Miles, \$71.40; Butler Machinery, Hwy Supplies/Rental, \$5,029.38; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$29.49; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$1,950.16; The Crossroads Hotel, Weed Conference, \$557.94; CRS, Inmate Insurance, \$67.10; Dakota Electronics, Hwy Supplies, \$441.00; Dependable Sanitation, Utilities, \$252.00; Dept of Legislative Audit, Audit, \$17,094.00; Dollar General, VSO Supplies, \$37.40; Eureka City, Utilities, \$76.90; Eureka Comm Health Servies, Tests, \$85.50; Eureka MFG INC, Hwy Supplies, \$1,730.38; Eureka Senior Center, 2023 Allocation, \$3,080.00; FEM, Utilities, \$368.37; Flint Hills Resources LP, Asphalt, \$9,391.65; Vicki Geffre, Conf Meals, \$52.00; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$16,235.26; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$5.00; Austin Hoffman, Miles/Copies, \$389.82; George Hulscher, Zoning Miles, \$35.70; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware, Plumbing Supplies, \$145.42; Jensen Rock & Sand, Rock, \$19,391.70; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Miles, \$12.75; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$607.15; Richard Kolb, Zoning Miles, \$3.57; Lakeside Lumber, Hwy Supplies, \$7.38; Leola City, Utilities, \$253.21; Leola Senior Center, 2023 Allocation, \$920.00; Lewis & Clark Behavioral, Mental Health, \$184.00; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$531.16; Live Inc, 2023 Allocation, \$720.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, Hwy Supplies, \$34.30; McPherson Co Herald, Publishing, \$495.77; MDU, Utilities, \$530.20; Menard's, Supplies, \$1,163.90; Microfilm Imaging Systems, M&P/ROD Equipment Rent, \$364.40; North Central 911, Jan-Apr, \$8,324.79; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$798.64; Performance Oil, DEF, \$107.25; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$3,462.76; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$402.10; USPS Stamp Fullfillment Service, DOE Envelopes, \$2,269.00; Ramkota Hotel, Conf Hotel, \$580.00; Ron's Service Center, Oil Change/Hose, \$156.30; Runnings, Hwy Supplies-Pump, \$68.99; Safe Harbor, Jan-Apr, \$83.50; Michael Schwingler, App Reimb, \$31.34; SD Public Health Lab, Tests, \$80.00; SD Sheriff's Association, Decals, \$508.14; Share Corp., Hwy Supplies, \$241.75; Kiry & Kris Kiesz, Window, \$748.00; US Post Office, Box Renewal, \$684.00; US Post Office, Ext Stamps, \$174.00; US Post Office, Treasurer Stamps, \$1,555.00; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$965.47; Van Diest, Weed Chemical, \$5,918.50; VISA, Hwy Supplies, \$13.58; Visa, Supplies, \$388.59; Warne Chemical, Sprayer, \$3,875.00; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$341.25; Tiffany Weiszhaar, Conf Meals, \$52.00; Jim Wolf, Plumbing Supplies, \$24.99; Yankton County Treasurer, Mental Health, \$145.70; Guardian, COBRA, \$19.07;

Agtegra, Courthouse Supplies, \$19.41; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maint/Backup, \$145.89; SDACC, M&P April Fees, \$108.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$69,738.43; March 2023 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$1,979,400.80; CorTrust Bank, Deliq. Tax, \$2,541.31.

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, \$13,200.79; Register of Deeds, \$8,750.79; Veteran Service Officers, \$2,157.60; Sheriff, \$9,905.48; Extension, \$4,055.56; Planning & Zoning, \$240.00; Road & Bridge, \$56,843.91; 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: \$10,288.90

Insurance: American Family, \$422.20; Avera, \$3,813.51; Guardian Vision, \$126.17; MetLife, \$168.35;

South Dakota Retirement System, \$7,702.36; Colonial Life Vision, \$57.18.

**INCREASED SALARIES**

Opp moved and Neuharth seconded to increase AJ Whited’s salary to \$4178.78/month, \$50145.36/year for 2080 hours, beginning on 6/1/2023 graduated from LET. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 23-4**

**“SELECTING DESIGNEES TO REQUEST FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES”**

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the list of individuals set forth below, are hereby authorized to request rangeland fire assistance, on behalf of the County of McPherson as specified in SDCL 41-20A-11. The authority to request assistance as provided shall continue in full force until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and effect until terminated or modified by resolution of the County of McPherson Board of Commissioners.”

County Fire Assistance Authorization List: Effective Date: June 6, 2023. Name of Individual, Position: David Ackerman, Sheriff/Emergency Manager, Rick Beilke, County Commission Chairman; Lindley Howard, County Auditor.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

McPherson County Commission Chair

Opp moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 23-4, Kunz seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution Number 23-4 was declared duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION 23-5**  
**“PLAT APPROVAL”**

“BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of McPherson County, South Dakota, that the plat showing: “Fauth Addition in the NW1/4 of Section 29, Township 127 North, Range 67 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota” having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3 and any amendments thereof. “

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard  
McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke  
McPherson County Commission Chair

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 23-5, Kunz seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution Number 23-5 was declared duly adopted.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Right of Way Permits

Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to approve the following permits to occupy right of way:

- WEB to bore 2” potable water line under 108<sup>th</sup> Street, Section 15, T127N-R66W
- WEB to bore 2” potable water line under 101<sup>st</sup> Street, Section 1, T128N-R66W
- WEB to bore 2” potable water line under 364<sup>th</sup>Ave., Section 34, T128N-R67W
- WEB to bore 2” potable water line under 365<sup>th</sup>Ave., Section 34, T128N-R67W

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department

Resurfacing county 7 is underway. The road will need to be closed once the hwy department starts finishing for prime oil. County road 23 north of 8 is set to be ground in August. Hot mix patching is also being completed. A road complaint in Wacker township was discussed.

Surplus Property

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to surplus and sell the following property at auction on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM at the Long Lake Highway shop:

- White Field Boss 2-70 Tractor (running)
- 2005 Ford Crown Victoria 4 Door Sedan(running)
- **Tractors (non-running):** JD Model A, McCormick Farmall H, Farmall Super M with Loader
- **Vehicles (non-running with titles provided at the buyer’s expense):** 1987 Dodge W150 Pickup, 1976 Chevy CK109 Pickup, 1963 GMC 1502 Pickup, 1995 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup, 1965 Dodge 500 Truck Conventional Cab, 1988 Dodge D150 Pickup, 1982 Oldsmobile 98Reg 4 Door Sedan, 1968 Chevy CE209 Pickup, 1948 Chevy RW Truck Conventional Cab.
- **Farm Equipment:** Farm Hand F27 Loader, Farmhand F11 Loader, 7-foot Draw Bar IH Mower, Side delivery Rake, New Holland square baler, Cozy Cab Tractor cab, Single Axle trailer, Buzz saw belt driver, misc. steel.
- Kawasaki 4x4 4-wheeler (non-running)

All voted in favor. Motion carried. Call Glenn Spitzer with any questions about the auction items.

### Sheriff's Department

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to authorize Sheriff Ackerman to hire a part time certified officer for up to 20 hours/month at a rate of \$25/hour. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to surplus the 2005 Crown Victoria police car to be sold at public auction on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM at the Long Lake Highway Shop. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Director of Equalization

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to bypass the GIS license and agreement and provide the SD Department of Revenue with the county's GIS parcel layer at no cost. Upon roll call vote, Kunz, Beilke, Opp and Neuharth 'aye', Feickert 'nay'. Motion carried.

Opp moved and Neuharth seconded that any farm equipment integrated into a grain bin should be assessed. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Parcel #5940 owned by a disbanded railroad company was discussed. The director will put the parcel into the railroad company's name, if the taxes go unpaid the property will be treated the same as any other in the tax deed process.

Brooke Graves gave an update on the Office of Hearing Examiners appeal of Parcel #7149's 2023 assessed value.

### State's Attorney

The profit loss statements from Eureka Housing Development Commission were received. Hoffman will look up statutes to see if Payments In Lieu of Taxes are due.

### Drainage Board

At 10:40AM 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 no public concerns or comments were heard.

### Extension Office

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to allow the purchase of 4 livestock fans to be used for achievement days at a cost of \$1,200. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Courthouse Maintenance

Jim Wolf updated the commission on 4 air conditioners in the courthouse that are not working. Wolf has called Les's Standard.

### Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to enter executive session to discuss legal matters at 10:58AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to exit executive session at 11:10AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

### McPherson County Republicans

The McPherson County Republican Executive Board joined the meeting. Mike Klipfel gave a book presentation. Jodi Waltman asked the commission to call a special meeting for election integrity. The McPherson County Republicans were encouraged to host a meeting and invite the commission. Discussion was held on forming a Coalition of County Commissioners for property rights. Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to join a Coalition of County Commissioners for property rights and to appoint a commission member once a coalition has been formed. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### 2024 Provisional Budget

2024 budget revenue estimates and tax request amounts for the general fund and secondary roads were discussed. Expenditure requests from each department have been received. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

#### Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to add Prairie Retzer, Garret Bailey and Mason Waltman to the Long Lake Fire Roster on file in the Auditors Office. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: VSO Hours May 2023, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of May 2023 for the amount of \$4,868.50, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of May 2023 for the amount of \$410.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$242,628.26; total amount of actual cash, \$1,797.50; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$33,116.41; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$722.82; CD's, \$1,167,781.66; Super savings, \$2,324,141.87; total, \$3,770,188.52.

At 12:15PM Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meetings will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> with a surplus auction being held at the Long Lake Highway shop at 8:30AM and Agenda items to follow in the Commission Chambers at the Courthouse in Leola. The next zoning board meeting is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

Chairman of Board of Commissioners