

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

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 10th, 2023 at the Long Lake highway shop. Chairman Rick Beilke called the meeting to order at 8:30AM. Members present were Anthony Kunz, Sid Feickert, Jeff Neuharth, and Mark Opp. Also present Austin Hoffman.

At 8:30AM the following items were sold at public auction held at the highway shop in Long Lake, SD. White 2-70 \$5,000 Colton Spitzer; 2005 Ford \$300 Micheal Locke; JD Model A, baler \$100 Rodney Hoffman; 1948 Chevy \$200 Alan Wimer; Farmall Super M, 1989 Chevy, several farm items, \$725 Glenn Spitzer; Farmhand F11 \$50 Stanton Spitzer; Saw \$30 Jeff Neuharth; Rake \$25 Cletus Imberi; 4-wheeler \$10 Leon Heyd.

The following items were discussed in the commission chambers at the courthouse in Leola following the public auction.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the agenda of the July meeting with the addition of a zoning ordinance update. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Feickert moved and Opp seconded to approve the minutes of the June 6th commissioners and June 6th drainage commission meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Aberdeen Chrysler Center, Hwy Vehicle Fix, \$2,574.67; Agtegra, Hwy/Soil Dist Supplies/Courthouse Supplies, \$12,386.79; Amazon, Supplies, \$139.55; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$871.73; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$179.76; Samantha Boshard, VSO Miles, \$107.10; Butler Machinery, Hwy Supplies, \$1,015.21; CHS, Propane, \$290.93; CHS River Plains, Weed Chemical, \$186.25; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$779.13; CRS, Inmate Insurance, \$68.60; Dakota Fluid Power, Hwy Supplies, \$139.44; Dakota Group, Court Appointed Assessment, \$2,100.00; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting, Mental Health, \$36.00; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maint/Backup, \$389.64; Eureka City, Utilities, \$86.70; Eureka Comm Health Services, 3rd Qtr Nursing, \$7,125.00; Flint Hills Resources LP, Asphalt, \$350,385.28; Vicki Geffre, Conf Miles, \$161.16; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$4,708.66; Brooke Graves, Conf Meals, \$94.00; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$10.00; Hunter Heinrich, Conf Meals, \$94.00; Holiday Inn City Centre, Conf Hotel DOE, \$450.00; George Hulscher, Zoning Miles, \$35.70; Inman Irrigation, Hwy Supplies, \$504.60; Johnny & Renne Schwingler, AC Fix, \$10,190.61; Jensen Rock & Sand, Hot Mix, \$40,768.26; Alvin Kallas, Zoning Miles, \$12.75; Ken's, Hwy Supplies, \$23.98; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$437.32; Richard Kolb, Zoning Miles, \$3.57; Leola Ambulance, Ambulance Miles, \$3,751.00; Leola City, Utilities, \$477.46; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$107.80; Long Lake Town, Utilities, \$246.00; Mac's, Hwy Supplies, \$34.99; Rodney Malsam, Clothing Allowance, \$145.52; McPherson County Conservation District, Seed, \$5,644.72; McPherson Co Herald, Publishing, \$317.27; Menard's, Supplies, \$90.15; Microfilm Imaging Systems, M&P/ROD Equipment Rent/Licenses, \$2,788.40; National Sheriff's Association, Membership, \$71.00; Bonnie Nehlich, Cloverbud Camp Reimb, \$148.78; Nelson Sales & Service, Hwy Supplies, \$1,070.77; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$338.06; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$3,853.28; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$1,204.49; Jackie Rau, Reimb,

\$82.23; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Mental Health, \$267.50; Ron's Service Center, Oil Change, \$94.17; Runnings, Hwy Supplies, \$89.91; SD Property Management, Truck/Plow/Wing, \$25,500.00; SD Public Health Lab, Tests, \$40.00; Kris Jacobson CLERP Admin, 2nd Qtr, \$342.00; Share, Hwy Supplies, 295.53; Taliaferro Law Firm, Court Appointed Attorney, \$146.25; TrueNorth Steel, Hwy Supplies, \$754.40; US Post Office, ROD Stamps, \$18.00; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$925.58; Vanguard Appraisals, Service Fee, \$2,250.00; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$141.75; West McPherson EMS, Ambulance Miles, \$6,187.50; Laura A Kaiser, Court Appointed Investigation, \$2,757.50; AT&T, Cellphones/Hot Spot, \$442.84; Avera LTC Pharmacy, Inmate Medication, \$684.75; Beadle Ford-Chrysler-Dodge, Oil Change/Repair, \$791.81; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$18.75; FEM, Utilities, \$195.04; G&R Controls, Boiler Shut-down, \$2,032.06; Marin-Biel Ins, Ambulance Insurance, \$6,060.00; MDU, Utilities, \$736.21; Visa, Hwy Supplies, \$389.22; Visa, Supplies/Sub, \$213.42; Guardian, COBRA, \$19.07; Agtegra, Courthouse Supplies, \$21.01; CorInsurance, Ambulance Ins, \$5,681.00; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maint/Backup, \$340.89; SDACC, M&P May Fees, \$164.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$86,939.84; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$15.50; May 2023 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$477,563.93; CorTrust Bank, Deposit Books, \$81.64.

Neuharth 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, \$13,172.79; Register of Deeds, \$8,750.79; Veteran Service Officers, \$2,157.60; Sheriff, \$10,374.25; Extension, \$4,055.56; Weed, \$255.42; Planning & Zoning, \$480.00; Road & Bridge, \$51,720.97; 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: \$9,968.78

Insurance: American Family, \$420.40; Avera, \$3,813.51; Guardian Vision, \$133.42; MetLife, \$168.35; South Dakota Retirement System, \$7,653.51; Colonial Life Vision, \$57.18.

INCREASED SALARIES

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to increase Allie Erdmann's salary to 4352.40/month, 52,228.80/year (2080 hours per year), beginning on 7/1/2023, year 5 step increase. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 23-6

"PLAT APPROVAL"

"BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of McPherson County South Dakota, that the Plat, "Plat of Lot 1 of Frerk addition, in the SW1/4 of Section 29, Township 128 North, Range 73 West of the 5th P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-3, and any amendments thereof."

Dated this 10th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

McPherson County Commission Chair

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 23-6, Kunz seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution Number 23-6 was declared duly adopted.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Zoning Update/Director of Equalization

The next zoning meeting is tomorrow July 11th the board is considering adding language to the current ordinance. A public hearing will be held by the zoning board on July 31st. The commission will hold a public hearing and first reading at the August 1st commission meeting. Brooke Graves gave an update on the Office of Hearing Examiners appeal of Parcel #7149's 2023 assessed value. The Equalization office will be closed August 2-3 to accommodate a training.

State's Attorney

The 4 plex apartment in Eureka were discussed and statute 11-7-73. The profit loss statements show a profit and the apartments should be billed for payments in lieu of taxes as required in 11-7-73.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to sign the admission of service and stipulation and notice of dismissal in 45CIV23-11; 45CIV23-28; 45CIV23-9; 45CIV23-38. Upon roll call vote: Kunz, Neuharth and Beilke voted 'Aye'; Feickert and Opp voted 'Nay'. Motion carried. Auditor's note – This motion was revisited in a special meeting on July 13th see special meeting minutes for action.

Sheriff's Department

The 2019 patrol vehicle and needed repairs were discussed.

Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters at 10:25AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 10:35AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to forgo meeting as the McPherson County Drainage Commission due to no new permits. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Wacker Township

Jeff Jenner, Boz Goebel and Neal Kappes joined the meeting representing the Wacker Township board. The complaints received at the last meeting were the personal feelings of the complaining supervisor and do not represent the township board's view. Wacker Township as a whole is satisfied with the county's road maintenance.

At 10:45AM no public concerns or comments were heard.

Veteran's Service Officer

Sam Boshard met with the board and requested a change in her hours. The new hours will be 10am-2pm every day in Eureka, and once a month in Leola. Individual appointments are available outside office hours anytime by calling Sam Boshard directly.

Right of Way Permits

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the following permit to occupy right of way, WEB to bore 2" potable water line under 121st Street, Section 21, T125N-R70W. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department/ Shane Glover – RDO Equipment

Future employment contract for CDL training was discussed. The hwy department is working on resealing, road grooming, and finishing hot mix. County wide speed limit resolutions were discussed. An application for the open highway position was reviewed. The position will be offered to the candidate and if accepted will start and \$20/hour.

Shane Glover from RDO Equipment introduced himself to the board.

Courthouse Maintenance

Jim Wolf updated the board on the repairs to the courthouse air conditioners. A proposal was examined for 2 new mini split air conditioner units. Wolf was instructed to purchase a window air conditioner to replace the remaining broken air conditioner on the second floor.

2024 Provisional Budget

2024 budget expenditure requests from each department were discussed. Changes based on the commission's discussion will be presented at the next meeting. A wheel tax was discussed.

Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to approve the following meetings: Hunter Heinrich and Brooke Graves DOE training August 2-3, Sam Boshard VSO School in Sioux Falls in September.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to add Nathan Hoffman, Fred Lapka and Kyler Johnson; remove Chris Erdmann from the Leola 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 June 2023, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of June 2023 for the amount of \$2,823.75, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of June 2023 for the amount of \$275.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of June 30th, 2023 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$162,227.59; total amount of actual cash, \$1,080.80; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$16,092.12; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$1,986.50; CD's, \$1,167,781.66; Super savings, \$1,884,410.10; total, \$3,233,578.77.

At 12:35PM Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meetings will be held on August 1st at 9AM. The next zoning board meeting is scheduled for July 31st, beginning at 9AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

Chairman of Board of Commissioners