

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
September 5th, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 in the Commissions chambers. Chairman Rick Beilke called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were Sid Feickert, Anthony Kunz, Jeff Neuharth, and Mark Opp.

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

Kunz moved and Opp seconded to approve the minutes of the August 1st commissioners and August 15th special meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Access Elevator, Annual Maintenance, \$977.00; Agtegra, Hwy/Soil Dist Supplies, \$9,998.20; Aman Electric, Outlet & Light Replacement, \$645.63; Amazon, Supplies, \$1,058.68; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$1,144.89; ATT, Cellphone/Hotspot, \$442.71; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$87.19; Avera LTC, Inmate Meds, \$469.87; Avera Occupational Medicine, Hwy Random Test, \$20.00; Avera St. Luke's, Inmate Med Clearance, \$205.38; Beadle-Ford, Key Fobs/Warranty Work, \$1,696.22; Best Western of Huron, State Fair Hotel, \$760.00; Black Hills Ammunition, Ammo, \$749.00; Boulder Colony, Hwy Supplies, \$4,800.00; Butler Machinery, Hwy Supplies, \$7,230.27; Cedar Shores Resort, DOE Training Hotel, \$783.12; Century Business Products, Printer, Contract, \$19.11; Certified Languages, Court Translator, \$49.50; CHS, Propane, \$5,265.77; Connecting Point, Annual Support Contracts, \$6,700.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$2,627.92; Dependable Sanitation, Utilities, \$252.00; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maint/Backup, \$292.14; Sheila Erdmann, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$55.30; Eureka City, Utilities, \$76.90; Eureka Fire Dept, Fire Tax, \$9,358.87; Cassandra Feickert, Achievement Days Items, \$65.00; FEM, Utilities, \$401.66; Sandra Flittie, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$82.84; Michael Frey, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$97.12; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$22,352.34; Mike Hassebroek, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$88.96; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$70.00; Hosmer Fire Dept, Fire Tax, \$1,191.27; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware, Courthouse Supplies, \$80.53; Wanda Jundt, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$75.70; Kevin Kehrwald, Achievement Days Reimb, \$99.98; Ken's Food Fair, Supplies, \$25.98; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$419.27; Lakeside Lumber, Supplies, \$31.73; Leola City, Utilities, \$393.72; Leola Fire Dept, Fire Tax, \$10,501.15; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$105.67; Long Lake Fire Dept, Fire Tax, \$2,202.93; McPherson Co Herald, Publishing, \$1,269.88; MDU, Utilities, \$822.55; Menard's, Supplies, \$21.98; Microfilm Imaging Systems, M&P/ROD Equipment Rent, \$364.40; Midstates Group, Receipt Books, \$782.00; Newman Signs, Hwy Supplies, \$374.65; Erik Nixon, Reissue CK #54266; \$102.04; Northeastern Mental Health, 2023 Allocatioin, \$3,500.00; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$1,211.43; Klay Odland, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$296.88; Olson Technologies, Supplies, \$1,234.30; Pennington County Jail, Inmate Transport, \$119.78; Performance Oil, DEF, \$97.50; Sherry Perrion, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$65.50; Pheasantland Industries, Business Cards, \$125.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$6,307.46; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$200.00; Jackie Rau, State Fair Meals, \$244.00; Ron's Service Center, Oil Changes, \$146.82; Shari Rossow, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$102.22; Safety Benefits, Hwy Conf, \$75.00; SD Dept of Public Safety, Boiler Inspection, \$160.00; SD Public Health Lab, Tests, \$40.00; SD Sheriff's Assoc., Conference, \$121.05; SDSU Extension, Conference, \$150.00; Share, Hwy Supplies, \$396.68; Sioux Falls Two Way Radio, Sheriff Supplies, \$150.00; Sioux

Nation of Aberdeen, Livestock Fans, \$1,754.00; Taliaferro Law Firm PC, Court Appointed Attorney, \$518.70; Tools Plus Industries, Supplies, \$309.85; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$925.10; VanDiest Supply Company, Weed Control, \$11,063.00; VanDiest Supply Company, West Nile Supplies, \$2,118.40; Visa, Hwy Supplies, \$284.93; Visa, Supplies/Subs, \$620.80; Max Waltman, 4-H Achievement Days Ringman, \$40.00; Web Water Bottling, Courthouse Water, \$291.75, Julie Wiest, 4-H Achievement Days Judge, \$109.36; Guardian, Cobra Ins, \$19.07; SDACC, Conference Registration, \$950.00; SDACC, M&P July Fees, \$321.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$58,097.78; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$150.10; June 2023 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$37,903.07.

Kunz moved and Feickert 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, \$13,186.79; Register of Deeds, \$8,750.79; Veteran Service Officers, \$2,157.60; Sheriff, \$10,374.25; Extension, \$4,055.56; Weed, \$626.94; Planning & Zoning, \$300.00; Road & Bridge, \$60,728.44; Emergency Management, \$166.67; Eureka Joint Law, \$4,178.78; Leola Joint Law, \$4,952.40.

McPherson County’s Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$10,680.17

Insurance: American Family, \$420.40; Avera, \$3,813.51; Guardian Vision, \$133.42; MetLife, \$166.54; South Dakota Retirement System, \$8,209.66; Colonial Life Vision, \$57.18.

RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION 23-9
“PLAT APPROVAL”**

“BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of McPherson County, South Dakota, that the plat showing: “Fischer’s Second Addition in the NW1/4 of Section 18, and Access Easement in the SW1/4 of Section 18 Township 126 North, Range 71 West of the 5th 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 5th day of September 2023.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

McPherson County Commission Chair

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 23-9, Kunz seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution Number 23-9 was declared duly adopted.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Provisional Budget Hearing

At 9:00AM a hearing was held on the 2024 provisional budget. No changes were made. The final budget adoption will take place on September 19th, 2023, at 9AM. The provisional budget is on file for public inspection at the Auditor's Office.

Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters at 9:10AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to exit executive session at 9:35AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

Highway Department

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to transfer \$209,309 cash from General fund to County Road and Bridge. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to surplus truck #504 and offer the truck to the City of Leola for \$10,000. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Part-time help in the Eureka area was discussed. Glenn Spitzer discussed the CDL requirements and plans to send 2 drivers to training in October. Grinding on County 23 is set to begin this week and all the lines have been painted on the resealed roads from 2022.

Mark Morlock discussed with the board his concerns with spraying in the county road ditches that resulted in damage. Other landowners have also expressed concerns and have complained about damaged areas. The board discussed current weed spraying protocols and expressed concern with spraying in ditches that were cut or already sprayed by the landowner. The weed board will discuss current practices at their next meeting.

Right of Way Permits

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the following permits to occupy right of way: ValleyTel to bore 1" cable under County Road 8 in 106th Street, Section 4, T127N-R68W; ValleyTel to bore 1" cable under 362nd Ave between Sections 29 and 30, T126N-R67W. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Board

At 10:30AM Opp 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.

Treasurer's Office

Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to advertise for the deputy treasurer position. All voted in favor. Motion carried. For an application call, email or stop into the Treasurer's office. Applications will be accepted through October 6th at 5pm.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to set the minimum bids for tax deed properties up for auction on October 3rd at 9:10AM at the following:

Parcel #8783 \$100 (LOT 7 BLOCK 4 GREENWAY VILLAGE);

Parcel #8742 \$100 (LOT 5 BLOCK 4 GREENWAY VILLAGE);

Parcel #8740 \$100 (LOT 3 BLOCK 4 GREENWAY VILLAGE);

Parcel #7774 \$300 (LOT 10 BLOCK 3 COLLEGE ADDITION EUREKA CITY);

Parcel #7135 \$300 ((LOT 2B); LOT 3 BLOCK 3 HOHM PARK 1ST ADD. LEOLA CITY);

Parcel #6975 \$300 (EAST 10' OF LOT 7 AND LOT 8, BLOCK 1 HARDENBROOK ADD. LEOLA CITY);
Parcel #7225 \$300 (LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 1 GRIMES ADDITION LEOLA CITY);
Parcel #6691 \$200 (LOT 18 BLOCK 10 ORIGINAL PLAT WETONKA TOWN);
Parcel #6693 \$200 (BLOCK 11 ORIGINAL PLAT WETONKA TOWN);
Parcel #6686 \$200 (LOTS 1 THROUGH 18 BLOCK 9 ORIGINAL PLAT WETONKA TOWN).
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Wheel Tax

Discussion was held on implementing a wheel tax ordinance as prescribed in SDCL Chapter 32-5A. A sample ordinance was presented. The commission will consider enacting a wheel tax ordinance in the spring of 2024 for January 1st, 2025, start date.

Community Health Nurse

Taylor Durmeier updated the board on the services that she provides as county health nurse to residents of McPherson County including: WIC, baby-care, the safe sleep program, carseat program and immunizations. Flu shot clinic are also being arranged in both the Leola and Eureka communities this fall. Durmeier also serves on the Northeast Mental Health Board and is also doing the Growth and Development classes and preschool screenings at Leola and Eureka schools. Durmeier also briefly discussed the restructuring of community health/WIC for state (non-hospital) nurses. This restructure does not affect McPherson County.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to sign the SD Dept. of Health community nursing contract with a \$28,500 contribution for 2024. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Establishing fees as required by Ordinance 23-1 An Ordinance Establishing Permitting Requirements for Hazardous Material Pipelines to the McPherson County Planning and Zoning Ordinance #10-2

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to set the Hazardous Material Pipeline Permit application fee at \$15,000 base fee plus for any pipeline qualifying for any federal tax credit and/or subsidy, one percent (1%) annually of the tax credit and/or subsidy amount. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to set the County Road and Right of Way renewal fee at \$250 per drivable surface crossed plus any additional costs incurred by the county, that shall be paid annually by the Pipeline Owner on the anniversary of the In-Service date of the Hazardous Material Pipeline. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Kunz moved and Opp seconded to set the Screening Fence Inspection fee to be paid by the Pipeline Owner at \$1000 per substation or related above-ground pipeline structure or facility plus any additional costs incurred by the county. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Kunz moved and Opp seconded to establish the Annual Facility Inspection Fee at \$250 per substation or related above-ground pipeline structure or facility, plus any additional costs incurred by the county, that shall be paid annually by the Pipeline Owner on the anniversary of the In-Service date of the Hazardous Material Pipeline. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The commission reviewed the current McPherson County Utility Permit Fee schedule (Ordinance 16-1) and Variance permit fees (resolution 23-2), no changes were made. A resolution will be drafted to include the above fees and will be presented at the September 19th commission meeting.

Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to approve the following meetings: Tiffany Weiszhaar, Vicki Geffre, Lindley Howard, and Mark Opp to attend the SDACO/SDACC Fall Convention in Sioux Falls; Dawn Jenner to attend the Safety Conference in Pierre in November; Glenn Spitzer to attend the Local Roads Conference in October. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

The Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) 2024 was received by the commission. McPherson County does not wish to participate in 2024.

Direct Deposit for employees was discussed. A decision was tabled until a future meeting.

VSO Office Hours are currently: Eureka Office 10am-2pm daily except the 3rd Wednesday of each month; Leola Office 3rd Wednesday of each month. Also available by phone any day 605-282-9227.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: VSO Hours August 2023, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of August 2023 for the amount of \$3569.75, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of August 2023 for the amount of \$375.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of August 31st, 2023 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$113,963.77; total amount of actual cash, \$1,204.59; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$5,384.22; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$1,835.41; CD's, \$1,167,781.66; Super savings, \$1,284,410.10; total, \$2,574,579.75.

At 12:10PM Kunz moved and Feikert seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meetings will be held on September 19th at 9AM and October 3rd at 9am.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

Chairman of Board of Commissioners