

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
October 3rd, 2023

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3rd, 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. Also present State's Attorney Austin Hoffman.

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

Opp moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the minutes of the September 5th and September 19th commissioner's meetings and September 5th drainage commission meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Agtegra, Hwy/Soil Dist Supplies, \$7,889.02; Amazon, Supplies, \$1,145.75; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$955.19; Art's Body Shop, Rock Chip Repair, \$75.00; ATT, Cellphone/Hotspot, \$442.71; Avera Occupational Medicine, Hwy Random Test, \$610.95; Best Wester Hotel-SF, Conf. Hotel, \$809.98; Butler Machinery, Hwy Supplies, \$2,247.61; Century Business Products, Printer, Contract, \$18.75; CHS, Propane Tank, \$4,900.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$466.13; CRS, Inmate Ins., \$35.65; Curt's Repair, Oil Change/Supplies, \$128.00; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maint/Backup, \$145.89; Eureka City, Utilities, \$87.40; Eureka Mfg, Supplies, \$1.12; FEM, Utilities, \$366.88; Vicki Geffre, Conf Meals/Fuel, \$100.00; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$10,426.55; Graham Tire, Weed Supplies, \$37.97; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$40.00; Johnny & Renee Schwingler, Concrete Blade, \$241.95; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$576.31; Lakeside Lumber, Supplies, \$604.56; Leola City, Utilities, \$332.26; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$273.57; Loiseau Construction INC, Hwy Supplies, \$150,183.36; Mac's, Weed Supplies, \$24.99; McPherson Co Herald, Publishing, \$494.04; MDU, Utilities, \$712.21; Menard's, Supplies, \$51.95; Microfilm Imaging Systems, M&P/ROD Equipment Rent, \$364.40; MARC, Courthouse Supplies, \$181.46; Newman Signs, Hwy Supplies, \$290.47; North Central 911, May-Aug Remittances, \$8,526.43; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$648.51; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$153.20; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$430.97; Quill, Ext Supplies, \$357.31; Regency Midwest Ventures, DOE School Hotel, \$1,210.00; Rick Rau, Clothing Reimb, \$191.11; Jackie Rau, Ext Reimb/Meals, \$114.54; Safe Harbor, June-Aug Remittance, \$146.50; SD Dept of Public Safety, 2nd half Teletype, \$2,340.00; SDACC, Welfare Registration, \$20.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, Insurance, \$71,411.61; Share, Hwy Supplies, \$132.88; Glenn Spitzer, Mower Reimb, \$6,400.00; Taliaferro Law Firm PC, Court Appointed Attorney, \$532.20; TrueNorth Steel, Hwy Supplies, \$8,576.70; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$303.58; Visa, Hwy Supplies, \$612.70; Visa, Hwy Supplies, \$125.00; Visa, Supplies/Subs, \$418.88; Guardian, Cobra Ins, \$19.07; SDACC, M&P August Fees, \$150.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$84,530.84; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$200.30; August 2023 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$42,575.37; CorTrust, Deliq Tax, \$100.00; August Payroll Reimbursements: Trisha Erdmann, Miles, \$161.16; Sharon Guthmiller, Meals, \$54.00; Brooke Graves, Meals, \$54.00; Hunter Heinrich, Meals, \$54.00; Jackie Rau, Ext Reimb, \$194.26. September Payroll Reimbursements: Lindley Howard, Meals, \$60.00; Tiffany Weiszhaar, Meals, \$60.00; Samantha Boshard, Miles/Meals, \$107.70; Joshua Flemmer, Clothing Reimb,, \$200.00; Glenn Spitzer, Reimb, \$164.60;

Brandon Leeper-Duquette, Clothing Reimb, \$200.00; Curtis Hoff, Miles, \$28.56; Ronnie Ehresman, Miles, \$21.42; Trevor Zantow, Miles, \$9.18; Richard Kolb, Miles, \$7.14; Dan Mettler, Miles, \$25.50; Alvin Kallas, Miles, \$12.75; George Hulscher, Miles, \$71.40.

Feickert 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, \$13,172.79; Register of Deeds, \$8,750.79; Veteran Service Officers, \$2,157.60; Sheriff, \$10,374.25; Extension, \$4,055.56; Weed, \$1,123.29; Planning & Zoning, \$420.00; Road & Bridge, \$51,479.83; Emergency Management, \$226.67; 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: \$10,023.34

Insurance: American Family, \$420.40; Avera, \$3,813.51; Guardian Vision, \$133.42; MetLife, \$176.90;

South Dakota Retirement System, \$7,759.11; Colonial Life Vision, \$57.18.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-12

“PLAT APPROVAL”

“BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of McPherson County South Dakota, that the Plat, “Plat of Lot 1 of Weiszhaar Third Addition, in the NW1/4 of Section 26, Township 126 North, Range 68 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 3rd day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

McPherson County Commission Chair

Kunz moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 23-12, Neuharth seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution Number 23-12 was declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-13

“PLAT APPROVAL”

“BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of McPherson County South Dakota, that the Plat, “Plat of Lots A and B of Opp Addition, in the NE1/4 of Section 1, Township 127 North, Range 72 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 5th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke
McPherson County Commission Chair

Kunz moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 23-13, Neuharth seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried and Resolution Number 23-13 was declared duly adopted.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Tax Deed Sale

At 9:10AM in the 1st floor rotunda of the McPherson County Courthouse a public auction of property acquired by tax deed took place. The following properties were sold.

Parcel #8783 (LOT 7 BLOCK 4 GREENWAY VILLAGE); \$250 – Eric & Kelly Odenbach

Parcel #8742 (LOT 5 BLOCK 4 GREENWAY VILLAGE); \$100 – Eric & Kelly Odenbach

Parcel #8740 (LOT 3 BLOCK 4 GREENWAY VILLAGE); \$100 – Eric & Kelly Odenbach

Parcel #7774 (LOT 10 BLOCK 3 COLLEGE ADDITION EUREKA CITY); \$450 – Mark & Elisa Opp

Parcel #7135 ((LOT 2B); LOT 3 BLOCK 3 HOHM PARK 1ST ADD. LEOLA CITY); \$2600 – Eric & Alisha Nixon

Parcel #6975 (EAST 10' OF LOT 7 AND LOT 8, BLOCK 1 HARDENBROOK ADD. LEOLA CITY); \$450 – Mike & Marsha Lapka

Parcel #7225 (LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 1 GRIMES ADDITION LEOLA CITY); \$1000 Sidney & Patricia Schaible

Parcel #6691 (LOT 18 BLOCK 10 ORIGINAL PLAT WETONKA TOWN); \$1200 – Rick & Tina Beilke

Parcel #6693 (BLOCK 11 ORIGINAL PLAT WETONKA TOWN); \$2500 – Rick & Tina Beilke

Parcel #6686 (LOTS 1 THROUGH 18 BLOCK 9 ORIGINAL PLAT WETONKA TOWN); \$3100 – Rick & Tina Beilke

Weed Spray Voucher

A weed spray voucher for private spray equipment use was discussed. The weed board chairman will be contacted and action on the claim will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

The weed overspray claim was briefly discussed. The commission recommends that the weed board consider switching chemicals in 2024.

Right of Way Permits

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the following permits to occupy right of way: Web Water to bore 2” potable waterline under 121st Street, in Section 20, T125N-R70W. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department

Kunz moved and Opp seconded to send Henry Spitzer to CDL theories training for 4 days in Sioux Falls. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Spitzer will complete an inspection of truck #502 for the City of Eureka for a repair cost estimate. The County 23 grind project is completed and residents in the area seem to be happy with the project results.

Summit Carbon Solutions – Project Update

Alex Lang and Jimmy Powell met with the board on behalf of Summit Carbon Solutions (SCS). SCS is committed to working on a new route that conforms to county ordinances and is agreeable to affected landowners. SCS plans to present route options to the zoning board and county commissioners as soon as possible. Discussions with local emergency managers in surrounding counties have also begun.

McPherson County Landowners

Approximately 20 landowners joined the meeting. Mark Lapka spoke with the board and reiterated the landowner's ongoing concerns with Summit Carbon Solutions. County Ordinance 23-1 permitting, variances and waivers were discussed. Concerns were raised about Summit Carbon Solutions following through with first responder equipment and training. Landowners asked the commission to consider preparing a comprehensive plan, and enacting a moratorium until the comprehensive plan can be adopted.

JD Wangsness District 23 Representative

Representative Wangsness discussed with the board the county funding and services summer study proposed legislation ideas for 2024 session. He asked the commission their priorities in McPherson County.

Drainage Board

At 10:35AM Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to forgo meeting as the McPherson County Drainage Commission due to no new permits. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Highway Department

Equipment was discussed. Two Schulte mowers were purchased at auction and Glenn Spitzer is currently looking for a V-plow. Due to issues with delivery on three large culverts several projects have been postponed this fall. Mowing is continuing and three motorgraders are out running. Landowners are also reminded that crops cannot be planted in the right-of-way. Several fields in the county have crops in the right-of-way creating safety concerns. The commission asks landowners to keep this in mind during harvest and planting in 2024.

Executive Session

Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters at 11:20AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session at 11:35AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

Director of Equalization

Property reassessments were discussed. Buildings and improvements found without a valid building permit will be fined according to Resolution 23-2. Brooke Graves discussed legal reasons for approving ag land adjustments. Ag land property values are based on the soil survey and the productivity model. Management decisions are not a valid reason for an ag land adjustment.

Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the following meetings: Weed board two designees to attend the district meeting November 1st in Brookings; Lindley Howard and Trisha Erdmann to attend Election School in Pierre. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to close the Auditor's Office on October 18th and 19th for election school in Pierre. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to edit the direct deposit agreement form removing the line that states 'I also authorize McPherson county to make withdrawals from the account in the event that a credit entry is made in error'. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: VSO Hours September 2023, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of September 2023 for the amount of \$1939.25, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of September 2023 for the amount of \$190.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of September 30th, 2023 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$315,652.69; total amount of actual cash, \$1,184.60; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$24,320.22; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$1,471.05; CD's, \$1,167,781.66; Super savings, \$999,099.87; total, \$2,502,510.09.

At 12:30PM Kunz moved and Feikert seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 7th at 10AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke
Chairman of Board of Commissioners