

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**December 28th, 2023**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, December 28th, 2023 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Rick Beilke called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Members present were Sid Feickert, Anthony Kunz, Jeff Neuharth, and Mark Opp.

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to approve the December 28<sup>th</sup> agenda with the addition of discussion on wind tower moratorium. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts were declared.

At 10:10AM no public concerns or comments were brought before the board.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Dave Ackerman, Reimbursements, \$1,452.66; Agtegra, Fuel, \$4,404.30; Amazon, Supplies, \$2,128.62; ATT, Cellphone/Hotspot/IPads, \$979.58; Blackburn & Stevens Prof LLC, Mental Health, \$225.36; Century Business Products, Printer, Contract, \$18.75; Joshua Lee Halsey, Printer Install, \$80.00; Graham Tire, Tires, \$1,726.56; High Point Networks LLC, New Computer Set up, \$337.50; Horizon Health Care, Prisoner Care, \$94.58; Mark Katterhagen, Mental Health, \$15.00; L-Tron, Printer Paper, \$215.00; Val Larson, Mental Health, \$15.00; Lucy Lewno, Mental Health, \$91.50; MDU, Utilities, \$663.45; North Central Regional 911, Remittance, \$2,021.08; Quill, Ext Supplies/Membership, \$687.69; Richardson, Wyly Wise, Mental Health, \$96.30; Ron's Service Center, Tires, \$160.00; Safe Harbor, Marriage & Divorce Fees, \$120.00; Sanford Health, Inmate Expense, \$200.30; SD States Attorney Assoc, 2024 Dues, \$737.33; SDACC, SDACC & NACO Dues 2024, \$1,312.00; USPS, Juror Postage, \$70.62; Visa, Supplies/Subs, \$283.97; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$166.50; USPS, Ext Postage, \$264.00; USPS, DOE Postage, \$132.00; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$55,393.09; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$14.17; SDACC, M&P November Fees, \$68.00; November 2023 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$368,427.83; December Payroll Reimbursements: Lindley Howard, Open House Supplies, \$131.98; Vicki Geffre, Open House Supplies, \$11.94; Samantha Boshard, VSO Miles, \$35.70; Jerry Bossert, Clothing Reimb, \$110.36; Dean Geffre, Clothing Reimb, \$115.24; Ronnie Ehresman, Miles, \$59.16; Alvin Kallas, Miles, \$12.75; George Hulscher, Miles, \$35.70; Gailen Hauck, Miles, \$15.30, Karl Moser, Miles, \$35.70.

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to approve the forgoing claims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$6,637.10; Auditor, \$9,950.79; Treasurer, \$10,350.79; State's Attorney, \$6,632.24; Government Building, \$4,331.87; Director of Equalization, \$14,986.79; Register of Deeds, \$10,550.79; Veteran Service Officers, \$2,157.60; Sheriff, \$9,195.47; Extension, \$4,675.56; Weed, \$292.88; Planning & Zoning, \$312.75; Road & Bridge, \$63,493.29; Emergency Management, \$406.67; Eureka Joint Law, \$4,178.78; Leola Joint Law, \$4,778.78.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$11,425.22

Insurance: American Family, \$420.40; Avera, \$3,375.96; Guardian Vision, \$123.89; MetLife, \$166.54;

South Dakota Retirement System, \$8,739.10; Colonial Life Vision, \$47.65.

**RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-16**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION"**

WHEREAS, The McPherson County Board of Commissioners has provided a contingency line item in the 2023 McPherson County Annual Budget as allowed by SDCL 7-21-6.1; and

WHEREAS, said contingency amount may be used to cover appropriations in which insufficient amounts were provided, and

WHEREAS, McPherson County has such appropriations with insufficient amounts provided,

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED: The appropriations be transferred from the commissioner's contingency line item in the 2023 Annual Budget for McPherson County to the following budget categories in the following amounts:

101-111-429	Commissioner Miscellaneous	\$40,000
101-120-426	Election Supplies	\$450
101-141-426	Auditor Supplies	\$250
101-142-426	Treasurer Supplies	\$2,500
101-161-425	Government Building Repairs	\$38,000
101-163-415	Register of Deeds Group Insurance	\$2,000
101-169-416	Unemployment Expense	\$1,000
101-213-426.01	Coroner Autopsy	\$1,400
101-441-422	Mentally Handicapped	\$300
101-612-426	Conservation Supplies	\$200
101-911-911	General Fund Operating Transfer Out	\$63,900
TOTAL CONTINGENCY TRANSFER:		\$150,000

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

McPherson County Commission Chair

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution 23-16 and Kunz seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted "AYE". Motion carried and Resolution Number 23-16 was declared duly adopted.

**BIDS:**

At 10AM Feickert moved and Opp seconded to postpone opening propane and fuel bids until January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

2023 Budget, Fund Transfer, End of Year Balances and General Fund Assigned Cash

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the following cash transfers \$117.25 from the General Fund (101) to E911 (207), 80,000 from General Fund (101) to Highway Road and Bridge (201), 32,800 from General Fund (101) to Eureka Joint Law (237), 32,800 from General Fund (101) to Leola Joint Law (238). All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to unassign the following amounts: 100,000 for Courthouse Repairs; 250,000 for future salaries; \$50,000 for road and bridge purposes; 100,000 for DOE office updates. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Total assigned amounts in the general fund as of December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 are as follows: \$49,000 Courthouse Repairs, \$350,000 Road & Bridge, \$212,300 Future Salaries and \$82,200 Director of Equalization Updates.

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve an automatic budget supplement of \$20,740 into 226-0-334 and \$20,740 into 226-222-426.01 which accounts for money received from the SHSP Local Law Enforcement Grant. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Zoning Update

Discussion was held on a proposed wind farm project. The next zoning board meeting will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

National Center for Public Lands Counties

The National Association of Counties request of a \$1,006.34 contribution from McPherson County to form the National Center for Public Lands Counties that was denied in November 2023 was discussed. No action taken.

Right of Way Permits

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the following right of way permit: ValleyTel to bury fiber optic cable in the right of way of 355<sup>th</sup> and 123<sup>rd</sup> street in Sections 30, 29, 28 of T125N-R68W. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department

The Highway Department budget for 2024 was discussed along with areas of expense that could be decreased. Spitzer asked the board to consider increasing the hwy departments raise for 2024.

#### Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to enter executive session at 11:30AM to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to exit executive session at 12:45PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Final Raise options will be presented

#### 2024 Employee Raises

The commission considered 2 prepared raise option based on the discussion held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The commission asked for a 3<sup>rd</sup> option to be prepared for the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting which will include the changes suggested and the requested additional raise for some members the hwy department.

At 1:00pm Opp moved and Neuharth seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next meetings will be January 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 10AM and February 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10AM in the Commission Chambers.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

Chairman of Board of Commissioners