

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

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 in the Commissions chambers. Chairman Rick Beilke called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Members present were Sid Feickert, Anthony Kunz, Jeff Neuharth, and Mark Opp. Also present State's Attorney Austin Hoffman.

Opp moved and Feickert seconded to approve the agenda of the December meeting with the addition of discussion on Summit Carbon Solutions request. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to approve the minutes of the November 7th commissioner's meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Agtegra, Oil Change, \$68.76; Amazon, Supplies, \$154.75; Aramark, Courthouse/Hwy Supplies, \$757.71; ATT, Cellphone/Hotspot, \$451.71; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$50.30; Avera LTC Pharmacy, Inmate Meds, \$14.83; Jerry Bossert, Clothing Reimb., \$84.95; Boulder Colony, Bond Reimb., \$1,000.00; Brown County Sheriff, Inmate Expense, \$2,269.00; Butler Machinery, Hwy Supplies, \$5,546.29; Century Business Products, Printer, Contract, \$18.75; CHS, Propane, \$5,677.52; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$4,576.66; Curt's Repair, Metal, \$221.20; Joshua Lee Halsey, Printer Install, \$240.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Cylinder Repair, \$1,855.97; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maint/Backup/Sheriff Computers, \$23,430.60; Evan Dutenhoffer, Bond Reimb., \$1,000.00; Eureka City, Utilities, \$85.80; Eureka Mfg, Supplies, \$830.53; FEM, Utilities, \$390.73; Lee Geffre, Equipment Use, \$2,700.00; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$5,285.61; Grassland Colony, Bond Reimb, \$1,000.00; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$40.00; Horizon Health Care, Prisoner Care, \$62.22; Kimball Midwest, Hwy Supplies, \$779.08; Lakeside Lumber, Supplies, \$49.16; Leola Ambulance, Miles, \$4,073.00; Leola City, Utilities, \$176.59; Linde Gas & Equipment INC, Hwy Supplies, \$105.67; Long Lake Town, Utilities, \$247.20; Greg McCulloch, Clothing Reimb., \$200.00; MDU, Utilities, \$885.92; Menard's, Hwy Supplies, \$58.49; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$269.07; Pheasantland Industries, Shirts, \$92.06; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$1,744.45; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$131.76; Ron's Service Center, Tires/Metal, \$259.28; Sanford Health, Inmate Expense, \$968.76; SD Assoc of Co Hwy, 2024 Dues, \$350.00; SD Assoc of Weed & Pest, 2024 Dues, \$75.00; SD DOT, Striping, \$57,754.54; SD Sheriff's Assoc, Annual Dues, \$572.33; SDAAO, 2024 Membership, \$150.00; SD AE4-HP, 2024 Dues, \$120.00; SDML Workers' Comp, Workers Comp, \$40,593.00; Share, Hwy Supplies, \$609.31; Henry Spitzer, Clothing Reimb, \$111.46; Streicher's, Eureka Joint Law, \$429.95; The Radar Shop, Radar Recert, \$320.00; Glenn Treftz, Bond Reimb., \$1,000.00; Tyler Technologies, Vetraspec, \$449.00; USPS, Treasurer Postage, \$873.50; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$960.25; Melanie VanderPol-Bailey, Inmate Assessment, \$1,732.50; Visa, Hwy Supplies, \$1,061.96; Visa, Hotel/Fuel, \$484.36; Visa, Supplies/Subs, \$305.27; West McPherson EMS, Miles, \$4,246.00; Yankton County, Mental Health, \$50.00; Guardian, Cobra Ins, \$254.74; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$63,608.96; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$158.30; SDACC, M&P October Fees, \$165.00; October 2023 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$1,753,732.40; CorTrust, Deliq Tax/Auto Pay Fee, \$929.49; November Payroll Reimbursements: David Roggenkamp, Printer & Miles, \$112.88; Sam Boshard, Miles, \$35.70; Dawn Jenner, Meals, \$28.00.

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, \$8,550.79; 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, \$5,595.47; Coroner, \$250.00; Extension, \$4,055.56; Weed, \$278.64; Road & Bridge, \$51,858.03; Snow Removal, \$363.90; Emergency Management, \$166.67; Eureka Joint Law, \$4,178.78; Leola Joint Law, \$4,807.66.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$9,626.72

Insurance: American Family, \$420.40; Avera, \$3,813.51; Guardian Vision, \$123.89; MetLife, \$156.18; South Dakota Retirement System, \$7,324.52; Colonial Life Vision, \$47.65.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

IMEG 2023 Bridge Inspection

Michael Gutenkauf and Chelsey Sheridan representing IMEG presented the 2023 Bridge Inspection report. All five of McPherson County's structures have an excellent sufficiency rating and all are in very good condition. During the inspection, load testing of bridge structure #45-380-148 (box culvert built in 2021, Leola Dam) showed that the structure meets all legal limits but was not built to the originally ordered specifications. Highway Superintendent Glenn Spitzer will follow up with Forterra Concrete Products Inc.

Lorne Serr – Mark Mehlhoff Insurance

Lorne Serr from Mark Mehlhoff insurance briefly discussed health insurance re-enrollment for 2024 with the board.

Drainage Board

At 10:30AM 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.

SDSU Extension Memorandum of Understanding

The 2024 SDSU MOU was presented to the board. Concerns were raised about additional portions in the Liability, personnel, and conditions for access and use of county facilities areas of the MOU. Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to table signing the SDSU 2024 MOU. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 10:45AM Public comments concerning the South Dakota Ag Alliance and state government concerns in the upcoming session were heard by Mike Klipfel.

McPherson County Republicans

Mike Klipfel, on behalf of the McPherson County Republican Executive board, spoke to the commission about election concerns. The McPherson County Republicans are asking the board to consider a hand

count for the 2024 primary. The mandated post-election audit and concerns with the State of South Dakota's Secretary of States office staffing were also discussed.

Abatements

Neuharth moved and Kunz seconded to approve the following abatements for tax exempt property:
23-15 City of Eureka, PAY 2023 County portion abated \$21.39.
23-16 Rally Point Church, PAY 2023 County portion abated \$66.57.
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office

Discussion was held on Lot 4 Lindemann Addition Eureka City (dedicated street). The county will proceed with the tax deed process and quit claim deed the property to the City of Eureka after proper notice has been given.

Executive Session

Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to enter executive session at 11:25AM to discuss personnel and legal matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Opp seconded to exit executive session at 12:50PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action taken.

Director of Equalization

Director Brooke Graves presented a landowner request to accept a late inundated farmland application for parcels #5798, 5800, 5805, 5823, 5824, 5825, 5815, 5817. Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to deny the request to accept due to the missed deadline. Upon roll call vote Neuharth, Feickert, Kunz and Beilke voted 'aye'; Opp 'nay'. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on properties within Eureka City and Long Lake Town whose owners' denied reassessment. The 2024 value of the parcels on the list will reflect a normal or above average condition rating.

Highway Department

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to call for propane, fuel, gasoline and ethanol bids to be opened on December 28th at 10AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office

2023 budget, contingency estimates, and cash on hand in the general fund and the road and bridge fund were discussed. Final budget numbers for 2023 will be presented at the December 28th meeting. Concerns about the need to reduce expenses or increase revenue for upcoming years were discussed. 2023 employee salaries were reviewed. 2023 PTO balances, 2024 PTO rollover balances and county outstanding liabilities were presented to the board. The proposed 2024 Employee benefits sheet was presented to the board.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Ackerman gave a brief report to the commission.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Christmas at the Courthouse will be held on December 15th. The public is encouraged to stop by the Courthouse to view the decorations and enjoy a refreshment.

Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to sign the 2024 NECOG Joint Cooperative Agreement. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to add Kyra Moser to the signature card for the CorTrust Register of Deeds safety deposit box. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were reviewed and approved: VSO Hours November 2023, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of November 2023 for the amount of \$2,429.50, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of November 2023 for the amount of \$170.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of November 30th, 2023 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$300,083.87; total amount of actual cash, \$1,465.81; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$25,980.68; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$1,471.05; CD's, \$1,173,205.63; Super savings, \$1,548,248.75; total, \$3,050,455.79.

The next two commission meetings will be held on Thursday, December 28th beginning at 10AM and Tuesday, January 2nd beginning at 10AM.

At 3:30PM Kunz moved and Opp seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke

Chairman of Board of Commissioners