

**McPherson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Proceedings**  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Rick Beilke called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were Sid Feickert, Mark Opp, Jeff Neuharth, and Anthony Kunz.

Opp moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the agenda of the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the minutes of the September 3<sup>rd</sup> commission meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:05AM no public comments/concerns were heard.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Amazon, Labels/Laptop Battery, \$67.70; Best Western of Huron, State Fair Room Ext, \$1,506.00; Century Business, Printer Contract, \$20.59; Curt's Repair, Oil Change, \$68.00; Waste Connections, Shredding, \$96.31; Election Systems & Software, Election Supplies, \$964.03; Eureka City, Utilities, \$86.75; Lindley Howard, Reimbursement, \$36.78; Jensen Rock & Sand, Hwy Supplies, \$7,518.30; McLeod's Printing & Office Supplies, Paper for Election, \$20.00; Quill, Ext Supplies, \$232.99; Ron's Service Center, Oil Change, \$50.18; SD Public Health Lab, Tests, \$80.00; Kris Jacobsen-Clerp Admin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr, \$323.00; SDPAA, Property/Liability Ins, \$74,326.65; Taliaferro Law Firm PC, CAA, \$770.00; Ten-45, Hwy Supplies, \$69.46; The Radar Shop, Radar Repair, \$460.10; Web Water, Courthouse Water, \$158.25; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$491.63; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$918.78; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$75,328.06; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$339.02; SDACC, M&P August Fees, \$74.00; August 2024 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$25,932.71.

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

**RESOLUTION 24-13**  
**"ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR MCPHERSON COUNTY"**

WHEREAS, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

WHEREAS, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that such provisional budget as amended and all it purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, shall be approved and adopted as the annual budget of the appropriation and expenditures for McPherson County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County

Commissioners of McPherson County, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024. The annual budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor McPherson County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by McPherson County for the year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

COUNTY TAX LEVIES

<u>WITHIN LIMITED LEVY</u>	<u>TAX LEVY IN DOLLARS</u>	<u>\$/1,000</u>
*General County Purposes (10-12-9)	\$1,687,700	1.960
LIMITED LEVY SUBTOTAL (10-12-21)	\$1,687,700	1.960
LIMITED AND UNLIMITED LEVY SUBTOTAL	\$1,687,700	1.960
OTHER SPECIAL LEVIES		
Secondary Road (Unorg. PT-76) (13-12-27)	\$341,218	0.447
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	\$2,028,918	2.407

\*These amounts include the 25% to be distributed to the cities

\*As of September 24th, 2024, these levies are not approved by the Department of Revenue

Board of County Commissioners of McPherson County, South Dakota

Rick Beilke  
Chairman

Sid Feickert  
Vice-Chairman

Mark Opp  
Commissioner

Jeff Neuharth  
Commissioner

Anthony Kunz  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard  
McPherson County Auditor

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution 24-13 and Opp seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon: Opp, Feickert, Kunz, Neuharth and Beilke voted 'Aye'. Motion carried, and resolution number 24-13 was declared duly adopted.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Demkota Permit

Scott Langner, on behalf of Demkota, updated the board.

Feickert moved and Kunz seconded to extend the 5-mile manure variance permit granted to DemKota Beef Plant until March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 the following conditions will continue: (1) To lessen road wear DemKota will travel the original route - hwy 10, north on C23, west on C2 and south on C21 to location for approximately 50% of the loads, the other 50% of the load will be hauled on the alternative route - enter McPherson County going west on C2, south on C21 to location, (2) approval must be obtained from Wachter and Weber Townships in McPherson County and also from Brown County and Dickey County if the approved route and/or alternate route includes any of their county roads. All voted in favor. Motion

carried. The permit fees will remain as outlined in Resolution 24-2, the fee resolution will be updated at the January 2025 meeting.

### Zoning

On October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9AM the commission will conduct the first public hearing and first reading of:

ORDINANCE #2024-1: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MCPHERSON COUNTY ORDINANCE #10-2, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS FOR MCPHERSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENT THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS 11-2, 1967 SDCL, AND AMENDMENTS THEREOF, AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

Ordinance 24-1 is available online [mcperson.sdcounties.org](http://mcperson.sdcounties.org). A hard copy can be inspected in the commission chambers during business hours, or an electronic copy can be obtained by contacting the Director of Equalization at the County Courthouse or by emailing [mcpersondoe@valleytel.net](mailto:mcpersondoe@valleytel.net).

At the public hearing, all persons will be given a full and fair and complete hearing and are encouraged to attend and make their views known. Those not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments to the County Zoning Officers, Hunter Heinrich, PO Box 50, Leola, SD 57456.

### Mutual Aid Agreement

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to approve the mutual aid agreement between McPherson County and Agtegra allowing both entities to request assistance from the other party if confronted with an emergency. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Volunteer Fireman/EMT Rosters

Opp moved and Kunz seconded to approve the presented lists of volunteers for the Eureka Fire Department, Eureka EMTs, Leola Fire Department, Leola EMTs and the Long Lake Fire Department. It is McPherson County's intent to cover these volunteers for workman's comp purposes and the rosters for all listed entities are on file in the Auditor's Office. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Surplus Property

Kunz moved and Neuharth seconded to surplus and dispose of the following items from the sheriff's office that don't work: old server back up, AED w/o batteries, S720 Monitor, old PBTs, Compaq computer w/o hard drive; the following items from the sheriff's office will be sold at the Schock public auction on 9/29/2024: 2-microrecorders, 2-holsters, Radios, Old courthouse security system, HP LaserJet 3055, HP Printer 6815; gun handle only, Wi-Fi router, old phones; the following item from the hwy department will also be sold at public auction on 9/29/2024: used oil heater – condition unknown. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters at 9:30AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Opp moved and Neuharth seconded to exit executive session at 9:45AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried. As a result of executive session Kunz moved and Feickert seconded to hire Sid Maier, hwy equipment operator, beginning in mid-October at a rate of \$28/hr. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### Highway Department

Fences in the right of way were discussed along with a timeline for removal. An agreement for fences approved to be in the right of way was discussed.

Mowing will begin soon along with miscellaneous work on culverts, gravel and work on section lines.

### Tax Deed Sale

At 10AM in the Commission Chambers of the McPherson County Courthouse a public auction took place. Parcel number #7608 (Lots 10 & 11A Block 11 Mil Land Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition Eureka City) acquired by tax deed, from owner Brandee Hanson was bid on. Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to accept the highest bid of \$1000 for Lots 10 & 11A Block 11 Mil Land Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition Eureka City, to Alexander Huffman and to have Chairman Beilke sign the quit claim deed. All voted in favor. Motion carried

### Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Kunz moved and Opp seconded to approve the following reports: VSO Hours August 2024, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of August 2024 for the amount of \$2,318.75, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of August 2024 for the amount of \$185.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$202,498.72; total amount of actual cash, \$918.40; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$11,007.08; Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts in the Treasurer's possession over three days, \$1,263.68; CD's, \$1,181,774.94; Super savings, \$1,409,374.44; total, \$2,806,837.26.

At 10:20AM Feickert moved, and Kunz seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Sid Feickert

Vice-Chairman Board of Commissioners