

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
February 14th, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Friday, February 14th, 2025 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Mark Opp called the meeting to order at 3:00PM. Members present were Mark Opp, Jeff Neuharth (telephonically), Sid Feickert, Neal Woehlhaff and Mike Mardian.

Feickert moved and Mardian seconded to approve the February 14th special meeting agenda, with the addition of the State's Attorney's Office in Eureka. Upon roll call vote: Neuharth, Feickert, Mardian, Woehlhaff and Opp voted 'Aye'. Motion carried.

McPherson County Commission received HP24-001 Applicant's Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents (First Set) to McPherson County Commissioners on February 12th, 2025 with 15 days to respond. The county requires special counsel to respond to the request and to represent the county's interest before the Public Utilities Commission. State's Attorney Hoffman recommended the commission consider a motion to sign an engagement letter with Attorney Ryan Vogel, Richardson Law Firm to represent McPherson County. No coverage is available through the SD Public Assurance Alliance at this time.

Feickert recommended the county meet with the landowners attorney Brian Jorde, Domina Law Firm to determine if he is willing to represent McPherson County in front of the Public Utilities Commission prior to any motion to hire other special counsel. Feickert expects Jorde to be available next week.

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to table motion to sign an engagement letter with Attorney Ryan Vogel, Richardson Law Firm to represent McPherson County until the Commission can meet with Brian Jorde, Domina Law Firm. Upon roll call vote: Neuharth, Feickert, Mardian, Woehlhaff and Opp voted 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Eureka Community Development Corporation that was housing the State's Attorney's Office needs the office emptied to perform some updates. Hoffman will move all office items by the end of next week. The final rent payment from the County to ECDC for January will be paid at the next commission meeting.

At 3:20PM Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote: Neuharth, Feickert, Mardian, Woehlhaff and Opp voted 'Aye'. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Mark Opp
Chairman of Board of Commissioners