

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
February 21st, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Friday, February 21st, 2025 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Mark Opp called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. Members present were Mark Opp, Jeff Neuharth (via Zoom), Sid Feickert, Neal Woehlhaff and Mike Mardian.

Woehlhaff moved and Mardian seconded to approve the February 21st special meeting agenda. Upon roll call vote: Neuharth, Feickert, Mardian, Woehlhaff and Opp voted 'Aye'. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Feickert moved and Neuharth moved to acknowledge and accept State's Attorney Austin Hoffman's recusal, in writing, in any matter involving Summit Carbon Solutions. Upon roll call vote: Neuharth, Feickert, Mardian, Woehlhaff and Opp voted 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Brian Jorde, Domina Law Firm joined the meeting via zoom and discussed with the commission the representation McPherson County should consider retaining before responding to HP24-001 Applicant's Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents (First Set) to McPherson County Commissioners. Jorde stated there is no conflict of interest with him representing both the county commission and area landowners. General discussion was held on requesting an extension and objecting to questions on the Interrogatory.

Mardian moved and Neuharth seconded to retain Brain Jorde, Domina Law Firm, for \$200/hour to represent McPherson County for the limited purpose of responding to HP24-001 Applicant's Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents (First Set) to McPherson County Commission. Upon roll call vote: Neuharth, Feickert, Mardian, Woehlhaff and Opp voted 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Jorde will request an extension for responding and will contact the commission when action is needed.

Discussion was held also retaining Nick Moser, Marlow, Woodward & Huff PLLC in case Brian Jorde has a future conflict or time constraints. No action taken at this time.

Sharon Guthmiller, Courthouse Maintenance, gave an update on the boiler system. On Wednesday the boiler condensate tank was leaking, the boiler system could not retain water, and heat in the courthouse was off for several hours. The highway department was able to patch the tank and get heat back on in the courthouse but replacement of the tank is necessary in the off season. Boiler #2, one of the condensate pumps and the chemical pump have not recovered from the incident and Guthmiller is working to diagnose the issues. Floor drains in the basement were also discussed.

At 1:55PM Mardian moved and Feickert 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