

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
August 7th, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 7th, 2025, in the Commissioners chambers. Vice - Chairman Sid Feickert called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were Jeff Neuharth, Sid Feickert, Neal Woehlhaff and Mike Mardian. Mark Opp present via Zoom for portions of the meeting. The full meeting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@McPhersonCountySD>

Neuharth moved and Mardian seconded to approve the August 7th agenda. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Woehlhaff moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the July 1st and July 28th Commissioners minutes and the June 3rd and July 1st Drainage Commission minutes. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried.

DRAINAGE COMMISSION:

At 9:00AM Mardian moved, and Neuharth seconded to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried. The Drainage Commission met concurrently with the Board of Commissioners and their minutes are listed in a separate section.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

At 9:05AM no public comments on non-agenda items were heard.

CLAIMS APPROVED:

Agtegra, Hwy/Courthouse/Soil Dist/Weed Supplies, \$11,911.09; Amazon, Supplies, \$1,309.80; Art's Auto Body, Sheriff Repairs, \$2,480.00; ATT, Cellphone/Hotspot, \$490.73; Auto Value, Hwy Supplies, \$44.52; Avera LTC, Jail Medical, \$4,633.56; Black Hills Ammunition, Ammo, \$749.00; Lanette Butler, Achievement Days Judge, \$80.20; Butler, Hwy Supplies, \$918.18; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$70.25; CRS, Inmate Insurance, \$132.48; Curt's Repair, Oil Change/Metal, \$295.04; Dean Schaefer, Court Reporting, \$66.00; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maint/Backup, \$207.14; Dohrer Law Office, Court Appointed Attorney, \$1,597.50; Sheila Erdmann, Achievement Days Judge, \$64.12; Eureka City, Utilities, \$117.50; Eureka Fire Department, Fire Tax, \$14,747.48; Eureka Manufacturing, Hwy Supplies, \$22.52; Eureka Senior Center, 2025 Allocation, \$3,064.00; Farm & Home Publishing, Plat Books, \$540.00; FEM, Utilities, \$442.00; Flint Hills Resources, Hwy Supplies, \$434,936.97; Sandra Flittie, Achievement Days Judge, \$97.62; Michael Frey, Achievement Days Judge, \$111.02; Gene's Oil, Fuel, \$2,416.34; Mike Hassebroek, Achievement Days Judge, \$147.36; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$80.00; Hosmer Fire Department, Fire Tax, \$1,848.05; Johnny & Renee Schwingler, Hwy AC Repair, \$132.65; Jensen Rock and Sand, Hot Mix, \$31,173.83; Wanda Jundt, Achievement Days Judge, \$86.90; Kennedy Pier Loftus & Reynolds, Mental Health, \$348.00; Leola City, Utilities, \$197.31; Leola Fire Department, Fire Tax, \$16,571.68; Leola Senior Center, 2025 Allocation, \$936.00; Linde Gas & Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$153.88; Long Lake Fire Department, Fire Tax, \$3,362.15; Long Lake Town, Utilities, \$250.50; Lucken's Trucks & Parts LLC, Hood, \$2,000.00; McPherson Co Herald, Publishing, \$252.13; MDU, Utilities,

\$775.31; Menards, Courthouse Supplies, \$249.93; Microfilm, Equip Rent, \$728.80; MARC, Wash n Wax, \$193.69; Midwest Pump & Tank, Hwy Supplies, \$279.00; City of Mobridge, Configure Server, \$230.00; NW Blade, Publishing, \$313.77; Lisa Pederson, Achievement Days Judge, \$402.34; Sherry Perrion, Achievement Days Judge, \$73.50; Planning & Development, Plat Layer, \$5,000.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Hwy Supplies, \$81.67; Premier Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$65.28; Jackie Rau, Reimbursement, \$179.69; RDO Equipment, Hwy Supplies, \$201.95; Ron's Service Center, Oil Changes, \$191.97; Runnings Farm & Fleet, Hwy Supplies, \$39.99; SD Secretary of State, Notary Application, \$60.00; SDACC, Conference Registration, \$1,100.00; SDACC Clerp, 3rd Qtr, \$2,351.00; SDSU State 4-H Office, State Fair Pass, \$85.00; Share Corp, Hwy Supplies, \$750.75; Streicher's, Boots, \$222.00; Thomson Reuters-West, July Joint Law, \$749.00; Tri State Water, Courthouse Water, \$126.05; Ultra, Support Agreement, \$8,505.00; USPS, Postcard Stamps, \$122.00; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$822.86; Vestis, Courthouse Supplies, \$201.73; Visa, Hwy Supplies, \$59.72; Visa, Mail/Subs/Hotel/Fuel, \$1,811.63; Julie Wiest, Achievement Days Judge, \$131.12; Dustin Wurtz, Achievement Days Photographer, \$100.00; Yankton County Treasurer, Mental Health, \$314.50; Thomson Reuters-West, June West Law, \$749.00; Dickey Rural Telephone Coop, Server Maint/Backup/Computers, \$13,176.85; Valley Telco, Phone/Internet, \$792.37; Vanguard Appraisals, Service Fee, \$2,250.00; June 2025 Apportionment Remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$121,499.17; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$72,683.87; State Treasurer, Sales Tax/Excise, \$157.92; SDACC, June M&P Fees, \$98.00; CorTrust, Direct Deposit Fee/Deliq Tax/Checks, \$2,685.87; Laverne Binder, Refund, \$506.61; Patricia or Roger Howell, Refund, \$506.24; July Payroll Reimbursements: Austin Hoffman, Reimb/Miles, \$2,159.90; Sharon Guthmiller, Reimb, \$192.07; Tim Serr, Miles, \$46.90; Richard Kolb, Miles, \$4.69; Logan Heupel, Miles, \$69.68; George Hulscher, Miles, \$46.90; Wesley Hilgeman, Miles, \$46.90.

Mardian moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the forgoing claims. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$6,637.10; Auditor, \$9,663.60; Treasurer, \$9,571.93; State's Attorney, \$6,920.43; Government Building, \$4,758.51; Director of Equalization, \$10,140.80; Register of Deeds, \$9,571.93; Veteran Service Officers, \$2,435.73; Sheriff, \$12,192.11; Coroner, \$250.00; Extension, \$4,262.40; Weed Control, \$1,635.00; Planning & Zoning, \$569.68; Road & Bridge, \$71,357.64; Emergency & Disaster, \$120.00; Eureka Joint Law, \$5,080.40; Leola Joint Law, \$2,907.52.

McPherson County's Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$11,794.79

Insurance: American Family, \$440.79; Avera, \$2,569.14; Guardian Vision, \$104.83; MetLife, \$154.37; South Dakota Retirement System, \$8,359.22; Colonial Life Vision, \$47.65.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Courthouse Maintenance

The steps on the south side of the courthouse are falling apart. Feickert contacted a contractor, it was recommended that the county open the area to determine how the stairs were constructed and what material is failing. Possible products to use to fix the area were discussed.

Auditor's Office

Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to approve an automatic supplement for \$1,310.78 to 238-0-373 and 238-211-425. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried.

Meeting Authorizations

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the following meeting authorizations: Lindley Howard, Glenn Spitzer, Vicki Geffre, Tiffany Weiszhaar and Mark Opp to attend the fall County Convention in Pierre in September; Lindley Howard to attend the fall Welfare meeting in September in Pierre. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried.

Highway Department

Neuharth moved and Mardian seconded to increase the credit limit of the highway superintendent's credit card to \$4,000. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried. The following updates were shared with the board. The surplus 1975 Miller tilt bed trailer is on Ulmer's Auction to be sold on August 12th. Due to wet conditions of the stockpiles additional pea rock had to be purchased to finish chip sealing. Sealing was finished on July 29th. A truck was accidentally damaged during chip sealing; the claim has been turned over to insurance. The county highway will repair the damaged truck in house. It has been approved to widen the radius of the County Road 19 and Hwy 10 intersection.

HR Report/Comp Time Policy 5.5

HR Report was reviewed by the board. The commission is requesting a list of activities, meetings, etc. that will result in comp time for the upcoming month to be turned into the commission at the monthly commission meeting for review. This will be requested for the Director of Equalization, Extension and Courthouse Maintenance.

Eureka Building

Mayor Wendy Brockel and Councilman Kevin Hoff joined the meeting on behalf of Eureka City. The city is offering the building to the county for \$60,000 payable over 3 years. Yearly costs of 10,000-15,000 were discussed. There was a concern that the roof was leaking. Woehlhaff determined the leak wasn't from the roof but condensation on ductwork connected to the air conditioning system. The area was sealed and through the recent rains there has been no evidence of moisture. If the county purchases the building an agreement would be drafted for city access to the city infrastructure currently located in the building. Public comments on this item were heard from Mike Klipfel – doesn't think the building is necessary, has budget concerns, building condition concerns, shared opinion that any investment should be in Leola; Marian Kallas – the building is too big, money should be spent on courthouse renovation. Full comments can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@McPhersonCountySD>. The commission discussed the offer. Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to purchase the building for 60,000 over 3 years. Upon roll call vote: Woehlhaff, Neuharth "Aye"; Mardian, Opp and Feickert "Nay". Motion failed.

Sheriff Department

Sheriff Ackerman gave an update on four Homeland Security grants received for the following projects Leola City backup generator, hazard response plan update, Audio/Video equipment and cameras for the Eureka building. Discussion took place on whether the county should give back the grant dollars received for the cameras.

Executive Session

Mardian moved and Neuharth seconded to enter executive session at 10:15AM to discuss personnel matters 1-25-2(1). Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried. Mardian moved and Neuharth seconded to exit executive session at 11:10AM. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried. No action taken.

Budget FY2026

Options for the 2026 Provisional Budget were considered. Mardian moved to include the elimination of the State's Attorney Secretary position in the 2026 provisional budget. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to publish the provisional budget option that includes \$30,000 for the Eureka building and a 3% raise. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried. A public hearing will be held on September 2nd with final adoption of the budget on September 16th.

NON-ACTION COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Vacation of a street within Leola City limits that neighbors county owned property was discussed. If the street vacation is pursued the county would consider deeding the portion of the vacated street to the adjacent landowner.

REPORTS APPROVED:

Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to approve the following reports: VSO Hours June and July 2025, States Attorney Secretary Hours June and July 2025, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of June 2025 for the amount of \$2,506.75, Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of July 2025 for the amount of \$3,722.25, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of June 2025 for the amount of \$315.00, Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of July 2025 for the amount of \$240.00, Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of May 31st, 2025 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$482,332.41; total amount of actual cash, \$1,108.28; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$55,251.19; CD's, \$1,197,920.74; Super savings, \$1,979,543.01; total, \$3,716,155.63; Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of June 30th, 2025 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$341,371.69; total amount of actual cash, \$1,242.71; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$15,103.32; CD's, \$1,197,920.74; Super savings, \$1,979,543.01; total, \$3,535,181.47; Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of July 31st, 2025 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$274,110.64; total amount of actual cash, \$1,474.00; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$8,052.36; CD's, \$1,197,920.74; Super savings, \$1,787,759.62; total, \$3,269,317.36. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried.

Mardian moved and Neuharth seconded approval of the Notice and Record of Payments to Poor Persons for the month ending in June 2025. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried.

At 11:55AM Neuharth moved, Woehlhaff seconded to adjourn the meeting. Neuharth, Mardian, Woehlhaff, Feickert "Aye"; Opp excused. Motion carried. The next regular Commission Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2nd beginning at 9:00AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Sid Feickert

Vice-Chairman of Board of Commissioners