

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
September 16th, 2025

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 16th, 2025, in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Mark Opp called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were Mark Opp, Jeff Neuharth, Sid Feickert, Neal Woehlhaff and Mike Mardian. The full meeting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@McPhersonCountySD>

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to approve the September 16th agenda, with the change of moving public comments to 9am before the 2026 budget approval. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Mardian moved and Woehlhaff seconded to approve the September 2nd Commission minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

DRAINAGE COMMISSION:

At 10:00AM Mardian moved, and Neuharth seconded to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The Drainage Commission met concurrently with the Board of Commissioners and their minutes are listed in a separate section.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

At 9:00AM public comments/concerns were heard from: Brett Schaible, Mayor City of Leola, data center and first responders; Mike Lapka, Eureka building cost and legal description; Wayne Breitag, shared county population/census stats; Nancy Klipfel, taxes and law enforcement coverage; Ron Geffre, Eureka building cost and road maintenance. Full public comments can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@McPhersonCountySD>

CLAIMS APPROVED:

ADGraphix LLC, Sheriff Decals, \$910.00; Agtegra, Supplies, \$12,774.70; Amazon, Supplies, \$2,119.23; Art's Body Shop, Sheriff Repairs, \$12,607.20; Century Business Products, Printer Contract, \$25.00; Trisha Erdmann, Basket Reimb, \$50.00; Galls, Shirts, \$65.85; Heartland Waste, Utilities, \$40.00; Johnny & Renee Schwingler, Urinal Repair, \$148.93; Leola City, Utilities, \$203.22; McLeod's Printing, Tax Papers, \$870.80; Microfilm, Equip Rent, \$364.40; Jackie Rau, Reimb, \$268.85; Ron's Service Center, Tires & Leak, \$100.00; Ten-45 Grocery, Supplies, \$19.12; Tri-State Water, Courthouse Water, \$116.50; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$51,351.07; State Treasurer, Sales/Excise Tax, \$329.62; SDACC, M&P August Fees, \$60.00; August 2025 Apportionment remitted to Cities/Schools/Townships/Fire Districts, \$35,098.29; Valley, Phone/Internet, \$804.60.

Woehlhaff moved and Feickert seconded to approve the forgoing claims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Aman Electric bill tabled on September 2nd was approved by the City of Eureka, Neuharth moved and Mardian seconded to acknowledge that any bills for the Eureka City building require prior approval from the City of Eureka and if prior approval is not obtained the county will be responsible for the bill. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 25-25 "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 its 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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of McPherson County, South Dakota, this 16th day of September, 2025. 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, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

COUNTY TAX LEVIES

<u>WITHIN LIMITED LEVY</u>	<u>TAX LEVY IN DOLLARS</u>	<u>\$/1,000</u>
*General County Purposes (10-12-9)	\$1,751,336	1.795
LIMITED LEVY SUBTOTAL (10-12-21)	\$1,751,336	1.795
LIMITED AND UNLIMITED LEVY SUBTOTAL	\$1,751,336	1.795
OTHER SPECIAL LEVIES		
Secondary Road (Unorg. PT-76) (13-12-27)	\$354,249	0.406
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	\$2,105,585	2.201

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

*As of September 16th, 2025, these levies are not approved by the Department of Revenue

Board of County Commissioners of McPherson County, South Dakota

Mark Opp
Chairman

Sid Feickert
Vice-Chairman

Mike Mardian
Commissioner

Jeff Neuharth
Commissioner

Neal Woehlhaff
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution 25-25 and Mardian seconded the foregoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon: Opp, Feickert, Woehlhaff, Neuharth and Mardian voted 'Aye'. Motion carried, and resolution number 25-25 was declared duly adopted.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Eureka Building

Discussion was held on the presented draft of a Contract for Deed for the Eureka city building for \$60,000 payable over 3 years. Details discussed included the old deeds/old legal description; water shutoff; roof; A/C system; easements. Discussion was held on what details to include in the contract for deed and language to include. The commissioners gave comments and asked questions from members of the audience, Councilman Hoff appearing on behalf of the City of Eureka, and Sheriff Dave Ackerman. Full discussion can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@McPhersonCountySD>

Mardian moved and Feickert seconded to table a final decision on the contract for deed. Upon roll call vote: Mardian, Feickert "Aye"; Neuharth, Woehlhaff and Opp "Nay". Motion failed.

Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to send the contract for deed to the City of Eureka for approval with the inclusion that the City of Eureka will test and repair the curb stop water shutoff if necessary; the City of Eureka will also correct the legal description. Upon roll call vote: Neuharth, Woehlhaff and Opp "Aye"; Mardian, Feickert "Nay". Motion carried.

The contract for deed will be sent to the City of Eureka, if any changes are requested by the City of Eureka the contract for deed would come back to the Commission before final approval.

Sheriff Department

Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to have the chairman sign the Axon camera agreement for \$11,794.96 for 5 years. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Surplus Property

Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to declare the used highway road sign poles surplus and offer them for sale to the public via private sale for \$5/pole; and to declare the following items surplus to be sold at the Schock public auction on September 28th in Leola: Weed eater, misc. outdoor equipment, misc. office equipment and several office chairs. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department

Spitzer presented a road striping quote for approximately 27 miles from Sir Lines a Lot; Centerline only - \$19,040; Centerline and edge lines - \$53,750. Due to traffic counts neither option is required, the board discussed preferences and public opinion. Mardian moved and Neuharth seconded to accept the quote for centerline and edge lines. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Dawn Jenner will be retiring in December 2025. Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to accept to advertise for a highway department secretary. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Emergency Management

Neuharth moved and Mardian seconded to approve an automatic supplement for \$12,150 to 226-0-331 and 226-222-422 for the PDM grant. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Neuharth moved and Feickert

seconded to table discussion on the Emergency manager position salary and hours until the October meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried

Courthouse Maintenance

A quote was received from Midwest Decorative Stone to repair both the steps and sides of the steps for \$32,538. Additional quotes will be requested before a final decision. Sharon Guthmiller gave an update on the boiler system. Boiler #2 requires some repair before heating season. It was also recommended that JR Plumbing clean the steam valves in the off season. The highway department will work on replacing/repair the courthouse parking lot guardrails.

Meeting Authorizations

Neuharth moved and Mardian seconded to approve the following meeting: Austin Hoffman to attend the fall State's Attorney conference in September. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS APPROVED:

Neuharth moved, and Woehlhaff seconded to approve the following reports: Register of Deed's Modernization and Preservation fees collected during month of August 2025 for the amount of \$150; HR Report Courthouse Maintenance; Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$1,745.75; Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer as of September 2nd, 2025 as follows: total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$168,370.50; total amount of actual cash, \$1,058.90; total amount of checks and drafts in treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$21,142.75; CD's, \$1,197,920.74; Super savings, \$1,237,759.62; total, \$2,626,401.51; All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 10:45AM Neuharth moved, Feickert seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The next regular Commission Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7th beginning at 9:00AM.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard

McPherson County Auditor

Mark Opp

Chairman of Board of Commissioners