

**MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND**  
**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS**  
**May 8, 2024**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of **April 10, 2024**, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated May 2, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Bryant, who noted the Open Meetings Law, which is posted on the North wall of the meeting room. Members John Bryant, Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were Sheriff K.C. Bang, County Attorney Whitney Schroeder, Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, County Clerk Kathy Hoberg and Road Workers Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. Arensdorf moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Nason abstained as he was absent from the last meeting. Voting Nay: None. Nason made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	26,678.83
Accredited Security	Law Equipment	914.00
Ameritas	Retirement	1618.84
Applied Connective	IT Consultant	812.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	10234.88
Brouillette, Troshynski	Court App Atty	51.00
John Bryant	Mileage	123.95
Richard Cook	Mileage	115.24
Custer Public Power	Lights/Electricity	581.24
DAS ST Accounting	Computer Expenses	172.00
Eakes Office Plus	Office Supplies	66.40
Election Systems & Software	Election Supplies	1841.04
Great Plains Communication	Telephone/Internet	540.03
Great Plains Communication	Emergency Mngmt	57.96
Gworks	Assessor Website	5000.00
Katherine Hoberg	Mileage/Supplies	160.80
Ideal Linen	Supplies	132.84
IRS	SS/Medicare	1,990.58
Kerri Kramer	Mileage	132.79
Loup Basin RC&D	Postage	31.67
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,152.78
NE Assn of County Treasurers	Workshop	150.00
NACO	Budget Workshop	250.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	206.80
Whitney Schroeder	Mileage	104.52
Stapleton Enterprise	Printing/Publishing	619.66
Thomas County Library	Bookmobile	1,140.40
Trugreen	Grounds Supplies	314.00
US Bank	Office/Janitor Supplies	1,136.44
Viaero	Sheriff Phone	232.24
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	3,000.00
<b>ROAD</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	11,032.00
Ameritas	Retirement	677.16
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	2549.22
Croell Inc.	Gravel	18,026.07
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	106.47
IRS	County Share SS/Med	841.59
JM Parts and Equipment	Equipment Repairs	268.41

McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	2,076.35
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel/Supplies	4,517.13
Powerplan	Equipment Repairs	336.20
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Troyer Enterprises	Equipment Repairs	95.31

**FAIR**

Ideal Linen	Supplies	38.61
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**SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM**

Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	3,660.00
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The board discussed roads with Ed Black and Kasey Dailey. The road department has been repairing holes and damage to roads. The Blue Dodge pickup has timing issues and will not start. The pickup has 320,000 miles on it and will not be repaired. Nason made a motion to declare the 1996 Dodge 2500 pickup as surplus property to be sold. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Arensdorf moved to accept the May Road Plan as presented by Bryant. Nason seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

A Safety Committee meeting was held. Members present were John Bryant, Brett Nason, Jeff Arensdorf, Whitney Schroeder, Tom Werblow, Ed Black, Kasey Dailey, K.C. Bang, and Kathy Hoberg. Tom Werblow presented information and gave flyers about *Electrical Safety at Work and Home*.

The commissioners are still looking for a volunteer to fill a position on the Fair Board.

Arensdorf made a motion to approve and sign **RESOLUTION #2024-8** authorizing the McPherson County Treasurer to transfer \$11,073.29 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund to the General Fund. This will reimburse the General Fund for expenses paid to assist with the purchase of three generators which were purchased with the American Rescue Plan Act Funds and the General Fund. Nason seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Arensdorf, Nason and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

Auditor Don Wilson was present for an audit discussion with the board. Nason made a motion to authorize Chairman John Bryant to sign the Management Representation Letter. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed the Fund Balance Reports from the Treasurer.

Treasurer Kerri Kramer discussed grant writing with the commissioners. Nason moved to approve sending Kramer to a grant writing class offered by *Grant Writing USA*, to be held in Omaha on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> with a fee of \$465.00. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

The board reviewed a list of repairs needed in the courthouse and on the grounds, which was presented by Kerri Kramer. A final list of needed repairs will be compiled, and Kramer will apply for a grant to cover the cost of the projects.

The Assessor presented the board with the 2024 Reports and Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator. McPherson County's Level of Value for 2024 is 100% for Residential and Commercial, and 73% for Agriculture. The Quality of Assessment meets generally accepted mass appraisal techniques and there were no recommendations made by the administrator.

The board was advised by the auditor that the fee charged for RV parking in Miller Park is subject to Lodging and Sales Tax. The required procedures will be implemented.

The commissioners discussed the 2024 rates for Health and Dental Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. Health insurance rates will increase 13.9%. McPherson County pays the Health Insurance premium for up to employee/spouse or employee/children coverage. Nason made a motion to increase the deductible amount for McPherson County to \$1100.00 with a co-pay. This will cause a decrease in premium rates for the county. The county will cost-share the deductibles with the employees. Dental Insurance premiums and deductibles are paid fully by the employee. Arensdorf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Nason, Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

The next regular Board of Commissioner's meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on **Monday, June 10, 2024**. This meeting will be held in the McPherson County Courthouse and will be open to the public.