

**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**OCTOBER 4, 2011**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, in the commissioners chambers. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Others present were Delmar Metzger, Dennis Wolff, Rick Beilke, and Sid Feickert. Absent: None.

Beilke moved to approve the minutes of the September 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Drainage Commission as they were prepared and published. Wolff seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

A & B Business, Inc., Supplies, \$77.23; Dave Ackerman, Fuel, \$169.01; Gary Ackerman, Supplies, \$14.50; American Legion, Office Rent, \$80.00; Ameripride Linen, Supplies, \$196.34; Ammunition, Supplies, \$289.50; Art's Body Shop, Repair, \$345.00; AT & T Mobility, Utilities, \$204.42; Avera Queen of Peace, Drug Tests, \$315.65; Rick Beilke, Mileage, \$99.90; Best Western Ramkota, Lodging, \$568.98; Best Western Ramkota, Lodging, \$282.00; Donna Breitag, Mileage and Subsistence, \$315.05; Butler Machinery Company, Repair, \$519.66; Coast to Coast Solutions, Drug Test Kits, \$89.15. Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Supplies, \$1,830.83; CRS, Inmate Medical Insurance, \$140.60; Dakota Electronics, Radios, \$970.00; Dakota Oil, Supplies, \$880.90; Diesel Machinery, Inc., Supplies, \$1,388.92; Eureka Ready Mix, Concrete, \$3,048.00; Eureka City, Utilities, \$26.16; Eureka Community Hospital, Nursing Services Contract, \$6,750.00; Sid Feickert, Mileage, \$139.49; F.E.M. Electric Association, Utilities, \$145.96; Fischer's Plumbing; Repairs, \$141.79; Flint Hills Resources LP, Road Oil, \$38,334.89; Gene's Oil Company, Fuel, \$17,247.45; Earl Gruebele, Mileage, \$25.90; Sharon Guthmiller, Labor, \$250.00; John Hilgemann, Mileage and Subsistence, \$303.95; Susan Hoffman, Subsistence, \$142.55; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies, \$430.05; Huron Culvert & Tank Company, Culverts, \$17,630.88; Dawn Jenner, Travel and Telephone Expense Reimbursement, \$391.88; Jensen Rock & Sand, Inc., Gravel Crushing, \$23,954.00; K & A Implement, Parts, \$24.12; Don Kallenberger, Rent & Expense Reimbursement, \$445.52; Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$486.75; Richard Kolb, Mileage, \$2.59; Kroontje Law Office, Court Appointed Attorney Fees, \$904.27; Leola City, Utilities, \$109.40; Leola Grocery, Supplies, \$96.62; Mac's Electric, Repair, \$3,030.55; McLeary Lumber, Inc., Supplies, \$109.69; McLeod's Printing, Supplies, \$181.60; McPherson County Treasurer, Postage, \$156.71; McPherson County Herald, Publications, \$432.90; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Utilities, \$532.83; Menards-Aberdeen, Supplies, \$63.67; Delmar Metzger, Mileage, \$324.12; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., Equipment Rental, \$55.00; NACO, 2012 Dues, \$400.00; North Central Farmers Elevator, Supplies, \$5,926.72; Jeff Neuharth, Mileage, \$333.37; Northwest Blade, Inc., Publications, \$536.53; Darrell Pfeifle, Expense Reimbursement, \$298.39; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc., Tires, \$157.91; Praxair Distribution, Inc., Supplies, \$257.89; Harvey Schaible, Rent, Travel Expense & Utilities, \$723.76; SDACO, Directories, \$30.00; Steve Serr, Subsistence, \$55.00; Share Corporation, Supplies, \$530.60; South Dakota LTAP, Registration, \$70.00; Tri-State Water, Inc., Cooler Rent, \$20.00; Valley Telco, Utilities, \$599.83; Walworth County Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$1,125.00; Becky Wolff, Labor, \$250.00; Dennis Wolff, Mileage, \$432.90.

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$2,500.00; Auditor, \$5,569.09; Treasurer, \$4,969.09, States Attorney, \$4,717.42; Government Building, \$3,277.50; Director of Equalization, \$4,969.09; Register of Deeds, \$4,685.06; Veterans Service Officer, \$1,773.34; Sheriff, \$5,426.70; Extension, \$1,609.00; Planning & Zoning, \$60.00; Road and Bridge, \$25,994.88; Secondary Road, \$7,242.60; Homeland Security, \$853.95; Joint Law Enforcement, \$2,454.50.

McPherson County share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank, \$5,612.35.  
Insurance: American Family, \$418.37; Wellmark, \$9,140.34; Vision Care, \$144.44.  
Retirement: South Dakota Retirement System, \$4,050.87.

Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, approve the forgoing claims. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**ADDED OR INCREASED SALARIES:**

Wolff moved, and Feickert seconded, to increase the salary for Jennifer Guthmiller by \$75.00 per month, effective September 21, 2011. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Highway Department:

Glenn Spitzer discussed some joint roadwork that will be done with the State to remedy flooding problems. He also discussed gravel inventory and a propane tank that is no longer needed. There may be some interest in the purchase of this tank for use at the Long Lake Fire Hall.

Beilke moved to release the \$1,000 manure hauling bond posted by Long Lake Colony and to retain the \$1,000 bond posted by Grassland Colony to cover road damage. Feickert seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Attendance Authorizations:

Wolff moved to approve the following meeting attendances: Glenn Spitzer—Region 8 Highway Superintendents Conference in Rapid City, October 25<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>; Steve Serr—Election School in Pierre, November 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>; and Darrell Pfeifle and Harvey Schaible—Veterans Service Officers Mini-Conference in Pierre on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Metzger seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Commission:

At 10:30 A.M., Metzger moved, and Wolff seconded, to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. This commission met concurrently with the board of commissioners, and their minutes are listed under a separate section.

Surplus Sale:

At 1:00 P.M., a public auction of surplus property was held, as published. Metzger moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve the following sales of the surplus property: 1987 Ford L8000 Tandem Axle Truck to Craig and Peggy Bieber for \$8,500 and a Sweepster Hydraulic Power Unit for a Rotary Broom to Wayne Malsam for \$2,000. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The price amounts are the highest bid prices received for said items at the auction.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports:

Don Kallenberger discussed legal and indigent matters with the board.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were approved: The Third Quarter Reports of Veterans Service Officers Harvey Schaible and Darrell Pfeifle; The Third Quarter Apportionment of Special Highway Monies; The Register of Deeds' Statement of Fees Collected during the month of September, 2011, in the amount of \$1,369.25; and the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer, as of September 30, 2011 as follows: Cash in Banks, \$151,735.94; Actual Cash, \$1,026.82; Checks and Drafts in Treasurer's Possession, not exceeding three days, \$6,948.55; Miscellaneous Cash, \$156.71; C.D.'s, \$1,040,657.17; Super-Savings, \$58,052.06; Total, \$1,258,577.25.

As of September 30, 2011, the unassigned fund balance in the general fund is \$83,188.99, which represents 6.92% of the 2012 General Fund Budget.

At 2:00 P.M., Wolff moved, and Metzger seconded, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

**McPHERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**October 4, 2011**

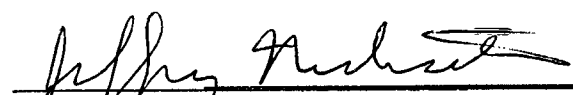
The McPherson County Drainage Commission met on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. in the commissioners chambers. Others present were Sid Feickert, Rick Beilke, Dennis Wolff and Delmar Metzger. Absent: None. Also present were Glenn Spitzer, Susan Hoffman, Donald Kallenberger, and Scott Schauer,

Susan Hoffman presented 3 permits for drainage activity submitted by Grasland Colony. These will be scheduled for public hearing at the November meeting, and the appropriate publications will be made.

At 10:35 A.M., Wolff moved, and Feickert seconded, to adjourn the drainage commission meeting and to continue meeting as the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Drainage Commission

**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, in the commissioners chambers. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Others present were Delmar Metzger, Dennis Wolff, Rick Beilke, and Sid Feickert. Absent: None.

Wolff moved to approve the minutes of the October 4<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the McPherson County Drainage Commission as they were prepared and published. Feickert seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

3D Specialties, Inc., Supplies, \$107.88; A & B Business, Inc., Supplies, \$15.65; American Legion, Office Rent, \$80.00; Ameripride Linen, Supplies, \$127.45; AMG Psychiatry-Aberdeen, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$376.00; AMG-Selby, Prisoner Care, \$75.00; AT & T Mobility, Utilities, \$201.09; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, (2 claims) \$1,836.22 and \$1,842.51; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$1,842.51; Crawford MS & F, Supplies, \$809.26; CRS, Inmate Medical Insurance, \$70.68; Diesel Machinery, Inc., Supplies, \$1,388.92; Eureka City, Water, \$7.57; Eureka Ready Mix, Concrete, \$332.50; Farm Power, Supplies, \$2,726.00; F.E.M. Electric Association, Utilities, \$156.79; Fischer's Plumbing; Repairs, \$86.17; G's Convenience, Water, \$48.00; Gene's Oil Company, Fuel and Gasoline, \$18,026.17; Hedahl's, Supplies, \$32.88; Curtis Hoff, Mileage, \$14.06; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies, \$83.80; Dawn Jenner, Supplies and Mileage, \$183.24; K & A Implement, Parts, \$495.43; Leola City, Utilities, \$93.00; Leola Grocery, Supplies, \$90.23; Mac's, Inc., Supplies, \$195.30; Mid-American Research Chemical, Supplies, \$185.02; McPherson County Treasurer, Postage, \$21.48; McPherson County Herald, Publications, \$338.09; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Utilities, \$405.95; Midstates, Inc., Supplies, \$461.06; Midwest Pump & Tank, Supplies, \$78.16; Miller Consulting, Regional Training Exercise, \$1,775.00; North Central Farmers Elevator, Supplies, \$238.29; Newman Traffic Signs, Signs, \$579.68; Northwest Blade, Inc., Publications, \$364.60; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc., Tires, \$191.58; PSI Health Care, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$1,896.00; Quill, Supplies, \$848.84; Safety Benefits, Inc. Conference Registration, \$130.00; Curtis Schumacher, Subsistence, \$26.00; SD Department of Transportation, Pavement Marking, \$8,087.94; SD Federal Property Agency, Supplies, \$715.98; SDACC, CLERP Assessment, \$1,707.49; SD Sheriff's Association, Dues, \$423.77; Steve Serr, Mileage, \$76.96; Share Corporation, Supplies, \$423.97; Sheehan Mack Sales, Supplies, \$843.73; Stanley Spitzer, Insurance Reimbursement, \$75.82; Steinley Real Estate Appraisal, Registration, \$185.00; Tools Plus Industries, Diamond Blades, \$237.18; True North Steel, Culvert, \$8,314.18; Valley Telco, Utilities, \$650.38; Visa, Lodging & Supplies, \$2,189.57; Heloise D. Westbrook, MD, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$304.00; Hekloise D. Westbrook, MD, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$317.00.

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$4,300.00; Auditor, \$4,981.09; Treasurer, \$4,969.09, States Attorney, \$4,117.42; Government Building, \$2,288.67; Director of Equalization, \$4,969.09; Register of Deeds, \$4,209.05; Veterans Service Officer, \$1,173.34; Sheriff, \$4,702.71; Extension, \$1,702.28; Weed Control, \$366.25; Road and Bridge, \$20,160.40; Secondary Road, \$16,226.66; Homeland Security, \$561.25; Joint Law Enforcement, \$2,454.50.

McPherson County share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank, \$5,694.96.  
Insurance: American Family, \$418.37; Wellmark, \$9,140.34; Vision Care, \$144.44.  
Retirement: South Dakota Retirement System, \$4,147.29.

Metzger moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve the forgoing claims, with the following exceptions. \$150.00 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$304.00 claim submitted by Heloise D. Westbrook, MD. \$200.00 is to be offered as full settlement of the AMG Psychiatry-Aberdeen claim, and \$40.00 is to be offered as full settlement of the AMG-Selby claim. \$1,000.00 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$1,842.51 claim submitted by Avera St. Luke's. \$944.00 is to be offered as full settlement of the PSI Health Care claim. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Highway Department:

Metzger moved, and Feickert seconded, to transfer \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Wolff moved, and Beilke seconded, to transfer \$79,054.97 from the fund balance reserved for secondary road in the Road and Bridge Fund to the Undesignated fund balance in the same fund. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved, and Wolff seconded, to approve a tractor lease agreement with Titan Machinery Company of Aberdeen. This agreement covers the lease of 3 tractors. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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Feickert moved to declare a Falls One-way snow plow with quick hitch for truck as surplus property and to sell this item at public auction at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at the McPherson County Courthouse. Wolff seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Glenn Spitzer discussed some equipment matters and road maintenance items with the board.

Thanksgiving Closing:

Feickert moved, and Wolff seconded, to close the courthouse, and to grant McPherson County employees a vacation day, on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, the day following Thanksgiving. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Attendance Authorizations:

Wolff moved to approve the following meeting attendances: 1 or 2 highway department employees to attend an SDPAA Safety Conference in Oacoma on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, and Susan Hoffman to attend a USPAP Course in Chamberlain on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Beilke seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Property Tax Abatement:

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve the abatement of \$191.40 worth of property taxes applied to Lot 7, Block 5, Original Plat to Leola City, during the years, 2008 through 2010. Said property is owned by Leola City, and this entity is exempt from the tax. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal:

Beilke moved, and Metzger seconded, to hold a public hearing to consider the renewal of the alcoholic beverage license held by ReEtta Sieh, DBA Ten-45 LLC. Said hearing is to be held in the commissioners room at 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 6, 2011. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Computer Software:

The board examined a request from SD Veterans Commission Chairman Mike Birnbaum to consider purchasing Vetra Spec software for the Veterans Service Officers to help assist SD veterans in receiving their earned benefits in a timely manner. Wolff moved, and Metzger seconded, to purchase this software. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Right-of-Way Permit:

Metzger moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve a right-of-way permit application submitted by Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assoc., Inc. to install Fiber Optic Cable in the right-of-way between sections 28 and 29 of Stickel Township. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Commission:

At 10:35 A.M., Metzger moved, and Wolff seconded, to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. This commission met concurrently with the board of commissioners, and their minutes are listed under a separate section.

Future Meeting Starts:

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to start the December meeting at 10:00 A.M., and to continue the 10:00 A.M. starts until action is taken to change the starting time. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 1:30 P.M., Wolff moved, and Beilke seconded, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 2: 25 P.M., Wolff moved, and Feickert seconded, to end executive session and to return to regular session. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports:

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to appoint Margaret Heider to the Regional Aging Council, to replace Carol Ellefson, who has moved out of McPherson County. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Don Kallenberger discussed legal matters with the board.

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to authorize the Auditor to hire extra help at a salary of \$10.00 per hour during the absence of the Deputy Auditor. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged receiving notice from Judge Jack Von Wald regarding the appointment of Patrick McCann as a member of the McPherson County Board of Mental Illness.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were approved: The Register of Deeds' Statement of Fees Collected during the month of October, 2011, in the amount of \$1,524.50; and the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer, as of October 31, 2011 as follows: Cash in Banks, \$60,978.79; Actual Cash, \$2,611.02; Checks and Drafts in Treasurer's Possession, not exceeding three days, \$280,564.82; Miscellaneous Cash, \$21.48; C.D.'s, \$1,040,657.17; Super-Savings, \$1,352,136.16; Total, \$2,736,969.44.

At 2:45 P.M., Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

McPHERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

November 1, 2011

The McPherson County Drainage Commission met on Tuesday, November 1, 2011. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. in the commissioners chambers. Others present were Sid Feickert, Rick Beilke, Dennis Wolff and Delmar Metzger. Absent: None. Also present were Glenn Spitzer, Susan Hoffman, Donald Kallenberger, Scott Schauer, Jerome Mack and Alvin Wollman.

Wolff moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve Grassland Colony Drainage Permit #1 to clean out silt in the ditch and seed it back to grass in the NE1/4, section 25 of Washington Township. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The board considered Grassland Drainage Permit #2, to clean out silt in waterway and seed it back to grass in section 20 of Lincoln Township. The board had some questions regarding this project. Alvin Wollman addressed the board's concerns. Wolff moved, and Metzger seconded, to table action on this application to allow time to gather more information. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve Grassland Colony Drainage Permit #3 to clean out silt in ditch and seed back to grass and clean out natural way and seed back to grass in the S1/2 of section 19 in Lincoln Township, along County Road #18. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The board considered an application submitted by Sam Schauer to put in a ditch in the middle, north side of section 11 of Koto Township. Wolff moved, and Metzger seconded, to deny this application. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Jerome Mack inquired into the status of the drainage board. Will it continue or not? Jeff Neuharth stated that they intend to continue the board at the present time. Jerome then questioned the knowledge of the board and how they can deny applications which are supported by engineering documentation and testimony, especially when there is no opposing engineering support. The board spent some time in discussion with Jerome. Jerome stated that such denials could result in legal action. Jerome then left the meeting.

The board brought up the matter of Jim Schauer cutting through a section line. They questioned Scott Schauer about this, but he said it was not his doing and that he could not discuss this action. The board affirmed that section lines should not be cut to drain water, and that they will not condone this action. Appropriate remedies will be pursued when this activity occurs. The legal aspects of this matter were discussed with States Attorney Donald Kallenberger.

At 11:50 A.M., Wolff moved, and Beilke seconded, to adjourn the drainage commission meeting and to continue meeting as the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Drainage Commission

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**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**DECEMBER 6, 2011**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, in the commissioners chambers. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Others present were Delmar Metzger, Dennis Wolff, Rick Beilke, and Sid Feickert. Absent: None.

Feickert moved to approve the minutes of the November 1<sup>st</sup> meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the McPherson County Drainage Commission as they were prepared and published. Metzger seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-10**

**"RESOLUTION APPROVING PLAT"**

"Be it resolved by the County Commission of McPherson County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "PUDWILL HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION IN E1/2 SEC. 32-T127N-R66W of 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., McPHERSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA", having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof."

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the McPherson County Board of Commissioners

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-11**

**"RESOLUTION APPROVING PLAT"**

"Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of McPherson County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Rott Sisters Addition in the SE1/4 of Sec. 18-T126N-R67W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof."

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Wolff moved for the adoption of Resolutions Numbered 11-10 and 11-11. Beilke seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted "AYE". Motion carried, and Resolutions Numbered 11-10 and 11-11 were declared duly adopted.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

A & B Business, Inc., Supplies, \$949.47; Access Elevator & Lifts, Inc., Lift Maintenance, \$750.00; American Legion, Office Rent, \$80.00; Ameripride Linen, Supplies, \$244.71; AMG Psychiatry Aberdeen, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$200.00; AMG Selby, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$40.00; Applied Concepts, Radar, \$3,025.00; Art's Body Shop, Windshield, \$250.00; AT & T Mobility, Utilities, \$196.51; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, (2 claims) \$1,396.00; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$1,500.00; Leland Berreth, Mileage, \$2.22; Butler Machinery Company, Supplies, \$198.70 California Contractors, Supplies, \$119.70; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Supplies, \$3,459.64; CRS, Inmate Medical Insurance, \$22.80; Curt's Repair, Repair, \$63.78; Dakota Electronics, Radios & Repair, \$10,262.00; Dependable Sanitation, Inc., \$253.00; Dept of School and Public Land, Gravel, \$1,746.85, Diesel Machinery, Inc., Supplies, \$252.83; Dware Inc, Software Contract, \$1,400.00; Edmunds County Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$700.00; Ron Ehresman, Travel Expense Reimbursement, \$37.94; Eureka Ambulance Service, Travel Expense Reimbursement, \$2,952.00; Eureka City, Utilities, \$75.15; Eureka Development Company, Promotional Expense Reimbursement, \$1,017.78; Eureka MFG, Supplies, \$182.70; Farm & Home Publishing, Plat Books, \$372.50; Farm Power MFG, Supplies, \$278.79; F.E.M. Electric Association, Utilities, \$171.04; Fire Safety First, Fire Extinguisher Maintenance, \$170.44; Fischer's Plumbing; Repairs, \$694.40; Jack Geffre, Subsistence, \$18.00; Gene's Oil Company, Fuel and Gasoline, \$22,987.70; Earl Gruebele, Mileage, \$25.90; Hedahl's, Supplies, \$38.99; Curtis Hoff, Mileage, \$15.17; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies, \$155.95;

Dawn Jenner, Mileage, \$25.90; K & A Implement, Parts, \$198.85; Alvin Kallas, Mileage, \$8.88; Donald Kallenberger, Rent, Mileage and Utilities, \$381.70; Kary's Service Station, Tires, \$316.20; Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$376.02; Richard Kolb, Mileage, \$2.59; Leola Ambulance Service, Travel Expense Reimbursement, \$2,726.75; Leola City, Utilities, \$71.40; Leola Grocery, Supplies, \$66.46; Les's Standard, Supplies, \$22.17; Lyric's Lanes, Meals & Rent, \$134.50; McCleary Lumber, Inc., Supplies, \$36.02; McPherson County Treasurer, Postage, \$142.60; McPherson County Herald, Publications, \$345.68; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Utilities, \$369.61; Lavina Meier, Gravel, \$1,316.35; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., Equipment Rental, \$110.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., Equipment Rental, \$55.00; Midwest Pump & Tank, Supplies, \$713.32; Morris Inc, Gravel Crushing, \$158,132.00; North Central Farmers Elevator, Supplies, \$553.56; North Star Energy LLC, Propane, \$8,325.22; Northwest Blade, Inc., Publications, \$628.40; Plastic Works, Supplies, \$1,160.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc., Tires, \$191.58; Praxair Distribution, Supplies, \$33.35; PSI Health Care, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$250.00; Quill Corp., Supplies, \$278.20; SDAAO, 2012 Dues, \$55.00; SDACC, Catastrophic Legal Expense Reimbursement Program Assessment, \$341.50; SDACC, 2012 Dues, \$819.18; SDACO, 2012 Dues, \$728.28; SDML Workers Compensation Fund, Workers Compensation Contribution, \$19,623.00; Share Corp, Supplies, \$375.91; Sheehan Mack Sales, Supplies, \$1,147.38; South Dakota State 4-H Office, 2012 Green Tags, \$80.00; Stanley Spitzer, Travel Expense Reimbursement, \$34.54; Superior Lamp, Supplies, \$26.79; Superior Lamp, Inc., Supplies, \$101.00; Tammy Erickson Court Reporting, Deposition Fees, \$90.25; Perry Thompson, Subsistence, \$18.00; Tools Plus Industries, Diamond Blades, \$296.18; Tri State Water, Inc., Water and Cooler Rental, \$240.15; True North Steel, Culvert, \$280.00; US Post Office, Postage, \$368.00; Valley Telco, Utilities, \$558.56; Visa, Lodging & Supplies, \$626.88; Trevor Zantow, Mileage, \$6.29.

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$2,500; Auditor, \$4,615.21; Treasurer, \$4,969.09, States Attorney, \$4,117.42; Government Building, \$2,473.65; Director of Equalization, \$4,969.09; Register of Deeds, \$4,969.09; Veterans Service Officer, \$1,173.34; Sheriff, \$3,942.67; Emergency & Disaster Services, \$120.00; Extension, \$1,687.00; Weed Control, \$249.05; Road & Bridge, \$36,519.57; Homeland Security, \$69.00; Joint Law Enforcement, \$2,454.50.

McPherson County share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank, \$5,514.92.  
 Insurance: American Family, \$418.37; Wellmark, \$9,140.34; Vision Care, \$144.44.  
 Retirement: South Dakota Retirement System, \$4,087.99.

**CLAIMS TABLED:**

Sanford Health, \$164.00; Heloise D. Westbrook, M.D., \$102.00.

Beilke moved, and Wolff seconded, to approve the forgoing claims, with the exception of those listed in the claims tabled section. The following amounts are to be offered as full settlement of the tabled claims: Sanford Health, \$80.00; Heloise D. Westbrook, M.D., \$50.00. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**ADDED OR INCREASED SALARIES:**

Wolff moved, and Beilke seconded, to hire Staci Eggert as a part-time Deputy Sheriff at a salary of \$13.00 per hour. Said hiring is to be effective immediately. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Year-end Meeting:

Metzger moved, and Wolff seconded, to hold the year-end meeting, to finalize 2011 business, at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, December 29, 2011. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Walworth County Jail Agreement:

Wolff moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve the Walworth County Jail Agreement, to be effective January 1, 2012 until January 1, 2014. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Property Tax Abatement:

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve a property tax abatement, in the amount of \$10.09, for taxes assessed to Lot 2, Ottenbacher's 1<sup>st</sup> Subdivision to Eureka City, owned by WEB Water Development, for the year, 2010. The reason for the abatement is that this entity is exempt from the property tax. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

NECOG Agreement:

Beilke moved, and Wolff seconded, to approve the joint cooperative agreement with the Northeast Council of Governments. Said agreement calls for a maximum contribution of \$6,574.05 from McPherson County for the year, 2012. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Surplus Property Sale:

Metzger moved, and Wolff seconded, to approve the sale of a Falls one-way snow plow to Craig Bieber for \$500.00. This was the highest bid received for said item at public auction. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Right-of-Way Permit:

Wolff moved to approve a right-of-way permit application submitted by Jerome Lapka to install a water pipe in the right-of-way between sections 5 and 8 of Willow Township. Metzger seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Sheriff Department:

Dave Ackerman discussed radar and radio purchases and applicable grant funding. He attended a meeting in Pierre which addressed funding for 911. Sparsely populated counties need an increase in the 911 surcharge to cover the increasing 911 expenses. Dave stated that different proposals are being considered and that we should watch to make sure that any changes still keep funding in the sparsely populated counties, rather than increasing funding for larger counties disproportionately.

Highway Department:

Glenn Spitzer stated that the highway department is graveling and reclaiming. They are also demolishing buildings in Eureka and Leola. A fuel tank has been set up at the Eureka shop.

Metzger moved, and Wolff seconded, to call for bids for fuel, propane and gasoline for the year, 2012. Said bids are to be opened at 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 3, 2012. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Metzger moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve a sign retroreflectivity management policy for McPherson County. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Attendance Authorizations:

Feickert moved, and Metzger seconded, to authorize Susan Hoffman and Sharon Guthmiller to attend a SD Department of Revenue Sales Ratio Program Workshop in Aberdeen, SD on December 15<sup>th</sup>. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal:

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve the renewal of the alcoholic beverage license held by ReEtta Sieh, DBA Ten-45 LLC, for the year, 2012. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Long Lake Town Request:

Don Pudwill, representing the Town of Long Lake, stated that they are requesting permission to plant trees (living snow fence) on property owned by McPherson County in Long Lake Town. The commissioners agreed to check into this matter.

Drainage Commission:

At 10:30 A.M., Wolff moved, and Feickert seconded, to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. This commission met concurrently with the board of commissioners, and their minutes are listed under a separate section.

Zoning Board:

At 11:25 A.M., Metzger moved, and Wolff seconded, to recess the commissioner meeting to allow the zoning board to meet in the commissioners chambers. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The commissioners attended the zoning board meeting, as observers.

The board of commissioners meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

Executive Session:

At 3:22 P.M., Wolff moved, and Metzger seconded, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 3:55 P.M., Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to end executive session and to return to regular session. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Computer Usage Charges:

John Hilgemann stated that there is an increasing amount of computer usage by non-county personnel. They are using the computers to research records and sometimes use the equipment for hours. Metzger moved, and Feickert seconded, to charge \$50.00 per hour for computer usage by non-county personnel. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Permit Application Fee Increase:

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to increase the fee for drainage permit applications to \$50.00, effective January 1, 2012. Also, all applications will be required to include 7 copies of colored maps and cross section sketches. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports:

Don Kallenberger discussed legal and indigent matters with the board.

The board spent some time discussing personnel policy terms with the courthouse officials, department heads and employees.

Donna Breitag stated that she will work with the State of South Dakota to get tax dollars for a trailer house. These dollars are currently going to Edmunds County.

Jaci Eberhart submitted the Health Department Report for the months of September, October and November. Said report was approved.

Susan Hoffman explained that Farm & Home Publishers LTD is requesting information from her office to prepare updated plat books. They offer to provide 1 wallmap and 3 books for this data. The board agreed that this arrangement is satisfactory.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were approved: The Register of Deeds' Statement of Fees Collected during the month of November, 2011, in the amount of \$3,663.50; and the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer, as of November 30, 2011 as follows: Cash in Banks, \$16,257.57; Actual Cash, \$1,149.68; Checks and Drafts in Treasurer's Possession, not exceeding three days, \$34,166.34; Checks and Drafts in Treasurer's Possession over 3 days, \$54.75; Miscellaneous Cash, \$142.60; C.D.'s, \$1,041,302.13; Super-Savings, \$744,763.09; Total, \$1,837,836.16.

At 4:20 P.M., Metzger moved, and Feickert seconded, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

**McPHERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**December 6, 2011**

The McPherson County Drainage Commission met on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. in the commissioners chambers. Others present were Sid Feickert, Rick Beilke, Dennis Wolff and Delmar Metzger. Absent: None. Also present were Glenn Spitzer, Susan Hoffman, Donald Kallenberger, Scott Schauer, Alvin Wollman, Tom Wipf, Marian Kallas, Leland Berreth, Alvin Kallas, Earl Gruebele, Richard Kolb and Aaron Wipf.

Grassland Colony submitted an application to clean out silt in ditch and seed back to grass in the NE ¼ of Section 12 of Leola Township. Marion Kallas and Alvin Wollman spent some time addressing this issue. Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve this application. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve Spring Creek Colony Application #1 to take out berm with culvert on west side along road on Section 9 of Wachter Township. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve Spring Creek Colony Application #2 to take out driveway and replace it on corner of field on east side of Section 14 of Wachter Township. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve Spring Creek Colony Application #3 to clean out silt and maintain waterway in Section 24 of Weber Township. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve an amendment to a Spring Creek Colony Application approved on November 23, 2010. The amendment will allow the colony to proceed further than the original application allowed. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve an amendment to another Spring Creek Colony Application approved on November 23, 2010. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Wipf and Glenn Spitzer discussed another drainage matter which is deemed to be a maintenance issue. Glenn Spitzer and Sid Feickert agreed to look into this situation.

At 11:25 A.M., Wolff moved, and Metzger seconded, to adjourn the drainage commission meeting and to continue meeting as the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Drainage Commission

**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**December 29, 2011**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners held their year-end meeting on Thursday, December 29, 2011 in the commissioners chambers. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Others present were Sid Feickert, Delmar Metzger, Rick Beilke and Dennis Wolff. Absent: None.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-12**

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATIONS”**

**WHEREAS**, The McPherson County Board of Commissioners has provided a contingency line item in the 2011 McPherson County Annual Budget, as allowed by SDCL 7-21-6.1, and

**WHEREAS**, Said contingency amount may be used to cover appropriations in which insufficient amounts were provided, and

**WHEREAS**, McPherson County has such appropriations with insufficient amounts provided.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That appropriations be transferred from the commissioners contingency line item in the 2011 Annual Budget for McPherson County to the following budget categories, and in the following amounts:

101-169-425	NESDCAP Repairs	\$2,100.00
101-211-435	Sheriffs Equipment	26,000.00
101-212-424	County Jail Prisoner Care	19,000.00
101-429-426	Other Health Supplies	600.00
101-711-411	Planning & Zoning Salaries	300.00
226-222-426.04	Emergency & Disaster Services Supplies	111,000.00
Total Contingency Transfer		159,000.00

ATTEST:

  
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 McPherson County Auditor

  
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 Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Metzger moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 11-12. Feickert seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted “AYE”. Motion carried, and Resolution Number 11-12 was declared duly adopted.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

A & B Business, Inc. Solutions, Supplies and Equipment, \$1,739.39; Aberdeen Police, Registration, \$25.00; American Legion, Office Rent, \$80.00; Ameripride Linen, Supplies, \$185.13; AT & T Mobility, Utilities, \$152.60; Avera Queen of Peace, Drug Tests, \$202.80; Beck Law Office, Court Appointed Attorney Fees, \$1,416.50; Rick Beilke, Mileage, \$33.30; Butler Machinery Company, Supplies, \$7,381.45; California Contractors Suppliers, Supplies, \$80.28; Denise Cody, Mental Illness Hearing, \$15.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Supplies, \$3,166.19; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc., Supplies, \$407.06; Department of Transportation, Supplies, \$3,205.42; Donna K. Dietrich, Mental Illness Hearing, \$148.94; Diesel Machinery, Inc., Supplies, \$218.28; Edmunds County Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$2,390.00; Eureka MFG., Inc., Supplies, \$129.32; Farm Power MFG, Supplies, \$64.09; Sid Feickert, Mileage, \$39.96; Jill Geditz, Blood Draw, \$50.00; Gene's Oil Company, Gasoline & Fuel, \$8,893.10; Grassland Hutterian, Cement, \$3,360.00; Jennifer Guthmiller, Cordless Phone, \$55.98; Hedahl's, Inc., Supplies, \$174.19; Susan Hoffman, Supplies, \$38.82; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies and Repair, \$717.13; Dawn Jenner, Mileage and Supplies, \$93.73; K & A Implement, Supplies, \$67.51; Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$272.58; Kindelspire Construction, Door Installation, \$178.50; Long Lake Town, Utilities, \$74.00; Mcleod's Printing & Office Supplies, Supplies, \$136.52; McPherson County Treasurer, Supplies, \$96.89; McPherson County Herald, Publications, \$547.99; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Courthouse Utilities, \$701.05; Delmar Metzger, Mileage, \$61.79, Jeff Neuharth, Mileage, \$65.86; North Star Energy LLC, Utilities, \$1,765.33; Darrell Pfeifle, Supplies and Subsistence, \$30.20; Pheasantland Industries, Decals, \$5.74; Praxiar Distribution Inc, Supplies, \$34.85; PSI Healthcare, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$944.00; Quill Corp., Supplies, \$76.26; David Roggenkamp, Coroner Fees, \$486.26; Ron's Service Center, Repair, \$1,374.35; Safety Service Inc, Supplies, \$510.13; Sanford Health, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$80.00; Harvey Schiable, Rent & Expense Reimbursement, \$640.63; SD Assn Weed & Pest Supervisor, Dues, \$50.00; SD States

Attorney Assn, Dues, \$574.00; Slowey Court Reporting Service, Mental Illness Hearing, \$27.50; Glenn Spitzer, Generators, \$424.00; Karen Swanda, Mental Illness Hearing, \$15.00; Titan Machinery-Aberdeen, Rental, \$3,600.00; True North Steel, Supplies, \$203.60; U.S. Post Office, Supplies, \$176.00; U.S. Post Office, Supplies, \$2,080.50; Visa, Supplies and Travel, \$698.98; West Payment Center, Law Book Supplements, \$90.63; Heloise D. Westbrook, MD, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$150.00; Dennis Wolff, Mileage, \$105.08.

**CLAIMS REJECTED OR TABLED:**

Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$2,550.37; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$386.38; PSI Health Care, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$474.00.

Wolff moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve the forgoing claims, with the exception of those listed in the "Claims Rejected or Tabled" section. The 2 claims submitted by Avera St. Luke's, in the amounts of \$2,550.37 and \$386.38, are to be rejected because the parties incurring the expense have not applied for county assistance. \$201.17 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$474.00 PSI Health Care claim. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**ADDED OR INCREASED SALARIES:**

Wolff moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve the appointment of Jennifer Guthmiller as Deputy County Auditor, effective January 1, 2012. Her salary and schedule of increases are to remain the same as they were when she was hired as the extension department secretary. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Glenn Spitzer, Donna Breitag, Susan Hoffman and John Hilgemann met with the board and requested some salary increase consideration.

Feickert moved, and Wolff seconded, to grant the following salary increases, effective January 1, 2012: \$520 per year to Dave Ackerman, Scott Warzecha, Donald Kallenberger, Glenn Spitzer, Steven Serr, Donna Breitag, John Hilgemann, Susan Hoffman, Jennifer Guthmiller; Vicki Geffre, Tiffany Weiszhaar, Dawn Jenner, Sharon Guthmiller, and Becky Wolff; \$300 per year to Julie Hoellien; \$175 per year to Darrell Pfeifle, Harvey Schaible and John Grabowska; \$0.25 per hour to Margaret Heider, Jack Geffre, Jerry Bossert, Douglas Casey, Josh Flemmer, Rick Rau, Curtis Schumacher, Lee Geffre, Sidney Maier, Perry Thompson, Stanley Spitzer, Tel Pudwill and Dean Geffre. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Extension Department:

Jeff Mueller, 4H Youth Program Advisor, introduced himself to the board and spent some time discussing the details of his new employment. He is the advisor for 4 counties, and he will share his time equally with the 4 counties. The Auditor agreed to contact the auditors from the other 3 counties to arrive at terms for reimbursing expenses which Jeff incurs.

Feickert moved to advertise for a new extension department secretary, with applications to close at 5:00 P.M., Thursday, February 2, 2012. Wolff seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department:

Glenn Spitzer discussed road maintenance and resealing for 2012. He also addressed FEMA matters.

Wolff moved, and Beilke seconded, to transfer \$108,476.39 from the Road and Bridge Fund Balance Reserved for Secondary Road to the Undesignated Fund Balance in the same fund. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Veterans Service Officer Reappointment:

Wolff moved to re-appoint Darrell Pfeifle as Veterans Service Officer for the 4 year period, through the first Monday in January, 2016. Metzger seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Fund Transfer:

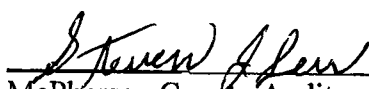
Metzger moved, and Feickert seconded, to transfer \$15,000.00 from the General Fund to the Emergency and Disaster Service Fund. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports:

The quarterly and annual reports of Veterans Service Officer Harvey Schaible were approved.

At 3:30 P.M., Metzger moved, and Feickert seconded, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**JANUARY 3, 2012**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, in the commissioners chambers. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Others present were Delmar Metzger, Dennis Wolff, Rick Beilke, and Sid Feickert. Absent: None.

**REORGANIZATION OF BOARD:**

The Chairman relinquished the Chair to the Auditor for the purpose of reorganizing the board for the year, 2012. Nominations of chairman were requested. Neuharth nominated Wolff for chairman. Metzger moved, and Beilke seconded, that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Wolff. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Nominations for vice-chairman were requested. Wolff nominated Metzger for vice-chairman. Beilke moved, and feickert seconded, that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Metzger. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Auditor relinquished the Chair to Chairman Wolff.

Feickert moved to approve the minutes of the December 6<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the McPherson County Drainage Commission as they were prepared and published. Neuharth seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**ADDED OR INCREASED SALARIES:**

Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to increase the hourly salary of Dean Geffre by \$0.50, effective January 1, 2012. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**2012 SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

The following annual salaries are in effect for McPherson County officers and employees, for the year, 2012: David Ackerman, \$41,712; Scott Warzecha, \$29,974; Donald Kallenberger, \$38,424; Glenn Spitzer, \$38,688; Steven Serr, \$37,348; Donna Breitag, \$37,348; John Hilgemann, \$37,348; Susan Hoffman, \$37,348; Jennifer Guthmiller, \$20,620; Vicki Geffre, \$23,321; Tiffany Weiszhaar, \$23,321; Dawn Jenner, \$26,424; Sharon Guthmiller, \$23,321; Becky Wolff, \$27,984; Julie Hoellien, \$11,805; Darrell Pfeifle, \$7,215; Harvey Schaible, \$7,215; John Grabowska, \$6,295; Dennis Wolff, \$6,000; Jeffrey Neuharth, \$6,000; Sidney Feickert, \$6,000; Rick Beilke, \$6,000; Delmar Metzger, \$6,000.

The following hourly salaries are in effect for 2012: Margaret Heider, \$7.80; Jack Geffre, \$15.12; Jerry Bossert, \$14.90; Douglas Casey, \$14.90; Josh Flemmer, \$14.90; Rick Rau, \$14.90; Curtis Schumacher, \$14.90; Lee Geffre, \$14.90; Sidney Maier, \$14.90; Perry Thompson, \$15.12; Stanley Spitzer, \$14.90; Tel Pudwill, \$14.90; Dean Geffre, \$13.30. Election officials salaries are \$7.25 per hour.

Members of the Zoning Board, Extension Board, Weed Board and the Local Emergency Planning Committee are paid \$30 per meeting. Highway Department employees are paid time-and-a-half for overtime hours. Full time employees who have worked for the county 11 years or more are paid a longevity pay at the end of the year, with the amount of payment varying according to the number of years employed.

**APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS:**

Neuharth moved, and Metzger seconded, to make the following appointments and designations: Sid Feickert to a 3 year term on the weed board, to join Curtis Hoff and Charles B. Hoffman, 2 years remaining, and Ronnie Ehresman and Trevor Zantow, 1 year remaining; Sid Feickert, Dennis Wolff, Lloyd Miller and Neil Geffre to the Northeast Council of Governments; Delmar Metzger to the Five County Television Translator District; Curtis Hoff to a 5 year term on the Extension Board, to join Cynthia Aman, 4 years remaining, Jeff Waltman, 3 years remaining, Mark Morlock, 2 years remaining, Launa Feickert, 1 year remaining, and Rick Beilke; Alvin Kallas to a 5 year term on the Zoning Board, to join Jeff Neuharth, 4 years remaining, Leland Berreth, 3 years remaining, Richard Kolb, 2 years remaining, and Earl Gruebele, 1 year remaining; Alvin Kallas to a 5 year term on the Housing and Redevelopment Committee, to join Jeff Neuharth, 4 years remaining, Leland Berreth, 3 years remaining, Richard Kolb, 2 years remaining, and Earl Gruebele, 1 year remaining; Dennis Wolff and Valerie Geffre to the North Central Regional E-911 Board; Dennis Wolff to a 1 year term on the Community Health Council; Rick Beilke to the Northeast South Dakota Community Action Program Board. No new appointments are to be made to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Current members are Dennis Wolff, John Hilgemann, Valerie Geffre, Kent Weiszhaar, Jeff Jenner, Robert Dockter, Lloyd Breitag, Tim Serr, David Ackerman and Dawn Jenner. Official Depositories—Great Plains Bank and CorTrust Bank; Official Newspapers—Northwest Blade, Inc. and McPherson County Herald; Foreclosure Sale Sites—Leola County Highway Shed, Eureka County Highway Shed and the first floor lobby of the Courthouse. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**BIDS:**

The following bids were submitted for the 2012 supply of products to McPherson County. Bid amounts shown are the total bid margin and freight cost which the vendors are adding to the cost of the product as shown on the State of South Dakota website.

Unleaded Gasoline:

Gene's Oil Company—at Leola, \$0.0617; at Eureka, \$0.1117.

Dyed Diesel Fuel:

Gene's Oil Company—at Leola, \$0.059; at Eureka, \$0.105; at Long Lake, \$0.105.

Propane:

North Star Energy LLC—at Leola, \$0.32; at Eureka, \$0.33; at Long Lake, \$0.33.

Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to accept the bids submitted by Gene's Oil Company for gasoline and diesel fuel and by North Star Energy LLC for propane. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Ameripride Linen, Supplies, \$58.49; AT & T Mobility, Utilities, \$151.10; Crady's Radiator Shop, Repair, \$1,290.00; Dakota Electronics, Repair, \$2,663.15; Diesel Machinery, Inc., Supplies, \$201.63; F.E.M. Electric Association, Utilities, \$175.29; Gene's Oil Company, Fuel and Gasoline, \$7,580.65; Donald Kallenberger, Rent & Mileage, \$423.14; Leola City, Utilities, \$356.60; Leola Grocery, Supplies, \$39.57; North Central Farmers Elevator, Supplies, \$1,162.52; Northeast Council of Governments, 2012 Contribution, \$6,574.05; NESDCAP, 2012 Allocation, \$2,000.00; Northwest Blade, Inc., Publications, \$673.35; Valley Telco, Utilities, \$605.28; Walworth County Treasurer, Five County TV Translator District, Annual Assessment, \$5,632.00; Walworth County Treasurer, E-911 Quarterly Remittance, \$5,083.65; Dennis Wolff, Insurance Reimbursement, \$975.34.

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$2,500.00; Auditor, \$4,289.00; Treasurer, \$5,369.09; States Attorney, \$4,817.42; Government Building, \$3,133.97; Director of Equalization, \$5,287.09; Register of Deeds, \$5,569.09; Veterans Service Officer, \$1,733.34; Sheriff, \$4,642.67; Emergency & Disaster Services, \$146.39; Extension, \$1,675.00; Planning and Zoning, \$120.00; Road & Bridge, \$26,941.15; Secondary Road, \$8,798.90; Joint Law Enforcement, \$2,454.50.

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**CLAIM TABLED:**

PSI Healthcare, Inc., Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$474.00.

Metzger moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve the forgoing claims, with the exception of the one listed in the claims tabled section. This claim is to be tabled, and \$201.17 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$474.00 claim. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**Highway Department:

Glenn Spitzer stated that the Department of Transportation will again allow a funding swap, similar to last year. McPherson County will need to submit a signed agreement to get this accomplished.

Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to cancel an accounts receivable in the highway office, charged to Eureka City, in the amount of \$10,290.83, for expenses related to the demolition and removal of buildings in Eureka City. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Commission:

At 10:30 A.M., Metzger moved, and Beilke seconded, to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. This commission met concurrently with the board of commissioners, and their minutes are listed under a separate section.

Executive Session:

At 11:55 A.M., Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to enter into executive session. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The board met with Sheriff David Ackerman and States Attorney Donald Kallenberger. The Auditor was not present for the executive session.

At 12:00 noon, Neuharth moved, and Metzger seconded, to end executive session. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel Matter:

Valerie Geffre met with the board, along with her attorney, Drew Johnson. Neil Geffre was also present. Valerie had submitted a request for a hearing to consider her employment termination. Mr. Johnson presented historical decisions related to such employment terminations with policies similar to that included in the McPherson County handbook. He also stated that we need to consider compensation and benefits afforded to Valerie during the appeal process. Don Kallenberger stated that this situation is unique and not subject to the hearing process included in the personnel policy, because Valerie was an employee appointed by an elected official. Mr. Kallenberger quoted applicable SDCL sections pertaining to this situation. The board took no action to establish a hearing.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports:

The following miscellaneous items and reports were approved: The Register of Deeds' Statement of Fees Collected during the month of December, 2011, in the amount of \$4,073.25; The annual report of Veterans Service Officer Darrell Pfeifle; and the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer, as of December 31, 2011 as follows: Cash in Banks, \$11,399.09; Actual Cash, \$683.82; Checks and Drafts in Treasurer's Possession, not exceeding three days, \$11,831.63; Checks and Drafts in Treasurer's Possession over 3 days, \$54.75; Miscellaneous Cash, \$5.15; C.D.'s, \$1,041,302.13; Super-Savings, \$244,479.11; Total, \$1,309,755.68.

At 2:55P.M., Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

 Deputy  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

**McPHERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**January 3, 2012**

The McPherson County Drainage Commission met on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. in the commissioners chambers. Others present were Sid Feickert, Rick Beilke, Dennis Wolff and Delmar Metzger. Absent: None. Also present were Glenn Spitzer, Susan Hoffman, Donald Kallenberger, Ted Wolff, Jeff Anliker, Rod Tobin, Scott Schauer, Gary Schauer, Jay Koch, Jerome Mack and James Schauer.

The board considered application 12-01 submitted by James Schauer to level out a washed-out waterway in the SW ¼ of Section 28 of Leola Township. He would like to plant it to grass so he can either hay it or drive through it. The application states that NRCS is requesting that he take this action. James Schauer also submitted application 12-02 to put grass in the middle of the north side of Section 11 of Koto Township with a 7' bottom/5-1 sides/1.5 to 2 feet deep. Engineer Jay Koch presented a map of the project and gave a presentation on this matter. Jerome Mack questioned the engineer's qualifications and requested that citizens be treated alike. He stated that an environmental impact study should be required. Attorney Rod Tobin stated that the board has the opinion of a licensed engineer and that an environmental impact study should not be needed. Jay Koch guaranteed that, if nothing else changed, he will stand behind his opinion that nothing will change beyond the 36" culverts included on the project map.

Feickert moved, and Metzger seconded, to approve Schauer application 12-02. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Wolff moved, and Beilke seconded, to table action on Schauer application 12-01 and to require a sketch form to be submitted before further consideration. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Wachter Township board members Ted Wolff and Jeff Anliker questioned the authority of the drainage board to act on permits in organized townships without township action. Some discussion was held regarding county/township rights and obligations. The drainage board agreed that drainage permits which affect township roads be referred to the township before consideration by the drainage board.

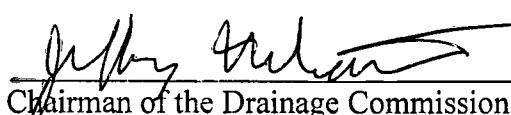
Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to amend Spring Creek Colony application #2, considered at the December 6, 2011 meeting of the drainage board. Page 1 of said application should read Section 15-128-66 instead of Section 14-128-66. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Glenn Spitzer discussed some drainage activities from past permits.

At 11:50 A.M., Beilke moved, and Metzger seconded, to adjourn the drainage commission meeting and to continue meeting as the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

 Deputy  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Drainage Commission

**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, in the commissioners chambers. Chairman Dennis Wolff called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Others present were Delmar Metzger, Rick Beilke, and Sid Feickert. Absent: Jeffrey Neuharth.

Metzger moved to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2011 meeting of the Board of Commissioners and the January 3, 2012 meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the McPherson County Drainage Commission as they were prepared and published. Beilke seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-01**

**“RESOLUTION IMPOSING SPEED LIMITS  
AND WEIGHT PER AXLE LIMITS”**

WHEREAS, the County of McPherson, South Dakota, is responsible for the maintenance of certain highways under its jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, it appears that said highways, by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or restrictions as to the weights of vehicles are imposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Pursuant to SDCL 32-14-6 and any laws amendatory, thereto, that the load limit on all McPherson County oil roads will be posted at 6 ton per axle. McPherson County oil roads will be posted at 40 MPH for trucks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That there shall be erected and maintained signs designating the provisions of this resolution as provided by state law, and that this resolution shall not be effective until or unless such signs are erected and maintained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the County of McPherson shall request the South Dakota Highway Patrol to enter the County of McPherson to insure compliance with State Laws pertaining to vehicle weight and with the weight laws established by this resolution.

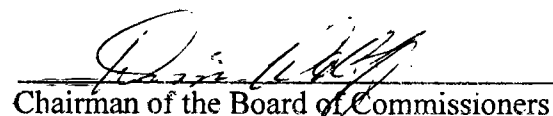
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the speed limit for trucks on all county oil roads within McPherson County, South Dakota shall be 40 MPH. McPherson County requests the South Dakota Highway Patrol to enter the County of McPherson to enforce the speed limit of 40 MPH for trucks on all McPherson County oil roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the effective dates of the provisions of this resolution shall start the same time that the State of South Dakota starts their restrictions and shall end 1 week after the State lifts their limits.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Beilke moved for the adoption of Resolution 12-01. Metzger seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted “AYE”. Motion carried, and Resolution Number 12-01 was declared duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-02**

**“RESOLUTION APPROVING PLAT”**

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of McPherson County, South Dakota, that the plat showing HOLDOUT AREAS ONE AND TWO on the Ducks Unlimited, Inc. Goebel Ranch in the SW1/4 SW1/4 of section 27 and the West ½ West ½ of section 34, T125N, R69W, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, McPherson

County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof.

ATTEST:  
  
 McPherson County Auditor

  
 Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 12-02. Metzger seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted "AYE". Motion carried, and Resolution Number 12-02 was declared duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-03**

**"RESOLUTION REDISTRICTING THE VARIOUS**

**COMMISSIONERS DISTRICTS OF McPHERSON COUNTY"**

WHEREAS, South Dakota Codified Law #7-8-10 requires that the board of county commissioners, at its regular meeting in February of each year ending in the numeral 2, shall change the boundaries of the commissioners districts if such change is necessary in order that each district shall be as regular and compact in form as is practicable, and

WHEREAS, said law requires that each district must contain as near as possible an equal number of residents as determined by the last preceding federal decennial census, and

WHEREAS, the McPherson County Board of Commissioners desires to divide and redistrict its county in a manner which will comply with South Dakota Codified Law,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that effective March 1, 2012, McPherson County be divided into five commissioners districts consisting of the following areas:

District 1: Wacker Township; Weber Township; Wachter Township; Hoffman Township; Koto Township; Carl Township; the north half of Leola Township (unincorporated area); all of Willow Township, except section 31; and all that portion of Leola City lying north of the middle line of Main Street, south to Lincoln Street to the middle of Moulton Street to Church Street.

District 2: The south half of Leola Township (unincorporated area); Lincoln Township (including Wetonka Town); Section 31 of Willow Township; all that portion of Leola City lying west of the middle of Sherman Street and south of the middle of Moulton Street, to Lincoln Street, then north to the middle of Main Street, west to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and all that portion of Leola City east of the middle line of Sherman Street and south of the middle line of Moulton Street including all premises east of Church Street.

District 3: Section 34 of Glucksthal Township; Bauer Township, except section 1 (unincorporated area); Jackson Township; Hillsvew Township (including Hillsvew Town); Cleveland Township; Blaine Township; Dewey Township; Howard Township; Washington Township; and all premises within the incorporated limits street, also including an area north of F Avenue and south of C avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets.

District 4: The south half of Bergdorf Township; Long Lake Township, Section 1 of Bauer Township; Stickel Township; Kassel Township; Moscow Township; Arena Township, Spring Township; and all premises in Sunrise Addition of Eureka City and also all premises within the incorporated limits of Eureka City which are south of J Avenue.

District 5: Spring Creek Township; Detmold Township; Petersburg Township; the north half of Bergdorf Township; Harrison Township (including Long Lake Town); Highland Township; Glucksthal Township, except Section 34 (unincorporated area); Rosenthal Township; Odessa Township; and all premises within the incorporated limits of Eureka City which are north of F Avenue and west of 5<sup>th</sup> street, but also including the area north of C Avenue which lies east of 5<sup>th</sup> street.

ATTEST:  
  
 McPherson County Auditor

  
 Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth introduced Resolution Number 12-03 and moved for its adoption. Metzger seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted "AYE". Motion carried, and Resolution Number 12-03 was declared duly adopted.

**ADDED OR INCREASED SALARIES:**

Neuharth moved to hire Lindsey Gill as the Extension Department Secretary. She is to start employment on February 21, 2012, and the starting salary is \$1,650 per month. Said hiring is under a 6 month probationary period. Beilke seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

A & B Business Solutions, Supplies, \$475.24; Aberdeen Chrysler, Supplies, \$92.82; Dave Ackerman, Prisoner Care & Subsistence, \$61.51; Ameripride Linen, Supplies, \$186.95; AT & T Mobility, Utilities, \$167.09; Avera Queen of Peace, Drug Testing, \$135.20; Bureau of Information and Telecomm., Teletype Service, \$2,250.00; Butler Machinery, Motor Grader and Supplies, \$229,687.01; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Supplies, \$1,034.70; CRS, Inmate Medical Insurance, \$70.68; Dakota Electronics, Supplies, \$2,284.75; Dakota Oil, Supplies, \$51.00; Department of Revenue, Blood Alcohol Test, \$35.00; Dependable Sanitation, Utilities, \$249.00; ES & S Election Service, Maintenance Contract, \$1,516.00; Eureka City, Utilities, \$138.17; Eureka Community Hospital, Nursing Services Contract and Blood Test, \$6,780.25; Eureka Mfg., Inc., Supplies, \$2,259.06; Farm Power Mfg., Supplies, \$145.20; F.E.M. Electric Association, Utilities, \$170.04; Fischer's Plumbing, Repair, \$574.00; Fox, Youngberg & Lewno PC, Court-Appointed Attorney, \$171.16; G & R Controls, Repair, \$40.75; Galls, Inc., Supplies, \$285.09; Gene's Oil Company, Fuel and Gasoline, \$15,161.96; Glacial Lakes & Prairie Tourism, Annual Contribution, \$300.00; Hedahl's, Inc., Supplies, \$1,013.51; Susan Hoffman, Mileage, \$27.67; Hofland Engineering, Supplies, \$1,414.79; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies, \$567.59; Dawn Jenner, Mileage & Expense Reimbursement, \$54.05; JP Lumber, Inc., Supplies, \$24.79; K & A Implement, Supplies, \$446.45; Donald Kallenberger, Rent & Expense Reimbursement, \$317.40; Kary Service, Supplies, \$578.59; Ken's Food Fair, Supplies, \$41.98; Ken's Alignment, Supplies, \$124.80; Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$436.56; Leola City, Utilities, \$48.40; Leola Grocery, Supplies, \$147.19; Les's Standard, Supplies, \$33.02; Lewis & Clark Behavioral, Mental Health Hearing, \$149.00; Mac's, Inc., Supplies, \$5.06; Mid-American Research Chemical, Supplies, \$136.59; McPherson County Treasurer, Postage, \$143.93; McPherson County Herald, Publications, \$418.87; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Utilities, \$788.69; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., Supplies, \$110.00; Mobile Binders, Supplies, \$493.24; Jeff Mueller, Mileage, \$227.27; North Central Farmers Elevator, Supplies, \$80.47; North Star Energy, LLC, Propane, \$6,026.22; Northwest Blade, Inc., Publications, \$426.20; Northeastern Mental Health Center, Annual Contribution, \$3,500.00; Northern Improvement Company, Supplies, \$607.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc., Supplies, \$2,828.15; Praxair Distribution, Inc., Supplies, \$226.27; Quill Corporation, Supplies, \$317.06; Redwood Bioteck, Supplies, \$52.50; Runnings Farm & Fleet, Supplies, \$369.99; Safety Service, Inc., Supplies, \$272.40; SD Association of Assessing Officers, Registration, \$100.00; SDACC, Catastrophic Poor Relief Program Assessment, \$2,504.00; SDACC, Catastrophic Legal Expense Reimbursement Program Assessment, \$2,384.40; SD Highway Superintendents Assn., Dues, \$195.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, Motor Grader Insurance, \$263.00; SDSU Extension, Share of Youth Advisor Salary, \$4,187.50; Steve Serr, Insurance Reimbursement, \$185.66; Share Corporation, Supplies, \$545.50; Sheehan Mack Sales, Supplies, \$571.69; Tri-State Water, Inc., Water, \$5.30; U.S. Post Office, Postage, \$900.00; Valley Telco, Utilities, \$608.49; Vilas Pharmacy, Supplies, \$17.29; Visa, Prisoner Care, \$52.13; Visa, Supplies, \$48.75; Walworth County Treasurer, Quarterly 911 Remittance, \$4,866.57; Walworth County Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$250.00; Heloise D. Westbrook MD, Medical Care-1 Indigent, \$57.49; Western Printing, Supplies, \$155.45; Yankton County Treasurer, Mental Health Hearing, \$103.75.

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$2,500.00; Auditor, \$5,018.06; Treasurer, \$5,055.65; States Attorney, \$4,185.75; Government Building, \$2,332.00; Director of Equalization, \$5,055.75; Register of Deeds, \$4,239.51; Veterans Service Officer, \$1,202.50; Sheriff, \$4,816.82; Emergency & Disaster Services, \$506.46; Weed Control, \$250.00; Road & Bridge, \$30,011.04; Secondary Road, \$8,408.35; Snow Removal, \$265.00; Joint Law Enforcement, \$2,497.83.

McPherson County share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank, \$5,645.28.  
Insurance: American Family, \$397.83; Wellmark, \$8,724.87; Vision Care, \$138.16.  
Retirement: South Dakota Retirement System, \$4,189.57.

**CLAIMS TABLED OR REJECTED:**

Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$3,029.54; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$4,842.69; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$277.79; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$9,399.76; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$3,740.80; PSI Healthcare, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$948.00; Heloise D. Westbrook, MD, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$306.00.

Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve the forgoing claims, with the exception of those listed in the "Claims Tabled or Rejected" section. The 3 claims for Avera St. Luke's, in the amounts of \$3,029.54; \$4,842.69; and \$277.79, are to be rejected because the parties which incurred the expense have not applied for county assistance. \$7,265.00 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$9,399.76 Avera St. Luke's claim;

\$3,500.00 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$3,740.80 Avera St. Luke's claim, \$425.50 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$948.00 PSI Healthcare claim; and \$147.50 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$306.00 Heloise D. Westbrook claim. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

##### March Meeting Dare:

Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to hold the March meeting at 10:00 A.M., Monday, March 5, 2012, instead of on the normal March 6<sup>th</sup> date. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### Application for County Assistance:

Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve Poor-Relief Application Number 12-01. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### 4H Youth Program:

4H Youth Program Advisor Jeff Mueller met with the board to discuss the terms of a memorandum of understanding which addresses the program activities within the cooperating 4 counties. Also discussed were cell phone usage, division of expenses and the 7 applications received for the extension department secretary position.

##### Right-of-Way Permits:

Metzger moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve the following right-of-way permits:  
F.E.M. Electric—9 permits to bore cable in the rights-of-way in numerous locations in Washington, Howard, Carl, Koto, Wachter, Weber, Harrison and Bergdorf Townships.

Valley Telecommunications Cooperative—1 permit to direct bore and direct plow for the installation of cable into the right-of-way in 75 locations within the county. This permit is approved with the stipulation that location #59, on said permit, is relocated. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### Township Drainage:

Diane Worrall, executive director of the SD Association of Towns and Townships, discussed township drainage with the board. Numerous representatives of McPherson County Townships were present for this discussion. Commissioner Jeffrey Neuharth arrived at 10:55 A.M., during this session, and was present for the last portion of this item. Diane distributed educational material to the board and to members of the public who were present. Dianne stated that townships should only get involved in drainage matters when it affects the integrity of roads. They should give right-of-way permit, not drainage permit. Townships are not a drainage board, they only regulate rights-of-way. There would not necessarily have to be a fee for these permits on the township level. Considerable discussion occurred amongst those present, and various suggestions were made as to how to handle drainage applications in organized townships in the future. No final decision was made, and this matter will be addressed again in the future.

##### Highway Department:

Glenn Spitzer discussed roadwork and building maintenance matters.

The commissioners picked a date for the annual commissioners' road tour.

Metzger moved, and Neuharth seconded, to purchase culverts, during the year, 2012, from True North Steel off the bid accepted by the Beadle County Board of Commissioners at their January 5, 2012 meeting.

Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to accept the SD Department of Transportation's offer to allow local government entities the opportunity to exchange their federal fund allocation for state funds for this federal fiscal year. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to call for bids for the 2012 supply of road oil and hot mix. Bids are to be opened at 1:30 P.M., Monday, March 5, 2012. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to declare a 2007 Caterpillar 140H Motor Grader as surplus property and to offer said unit for sale by sealed bids. Bids are to be opened at 2:00 P.M., Monday, March 5, 2012. The highest 3 bidders in this process will be offered the opportunity to increase their bid, via auction, at a later date. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to cancel an accounts receivable for Carl Township in the highway department, in the amount of \$1,937.41. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

##### Drainage Commission:

At 11:30 A.M., Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. This commission met concurrently with the board of commissioners, and their minutes are listed under a separate section.

Meeting Attendance Authorizations:

Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to authorize Susan Hoffman to attend the SDAAO annual conference in Sioux Falls, May 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>; and for Glenn Spitzer to attend Highway Superintendent's Short Course in Huron, March 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 1:37 P.M., Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The board met with States Attorney Donald Kallenberger in this session. The Auditor was not present for the executive session.

At 1:55 P.M., Neuharth moved, and Metzger seconded, to end executive session. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel Matter:

Neuharth moved, and Metzger seconded, that the board has determined that a discharged employee is not entitled to a grievance hearing and that employment reinstatement is denied. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

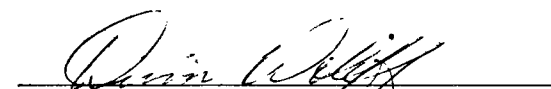
Miscellaneous Items and Reports:

Two representatives of Safe Harbor distributed materials to the board and spent some time explaining services available through their agency. The following miscellaneous items and reports were approved: The inventories for the Health Department and the Extension Office; The Register of Deeds' Statement of Fees Collected during the month of January, 2012, in the amount of \$3,917.50; and the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer, as of January 31, 2012 as follows: Cash in Banks, \$164,948.75; Actual Cash, \$2,578.40; Checks and Drafts in Treasurer's Possession, not exceeding three days, \$12,671.06; Miscellaneous Cash, \$143.93; C.D.'s, \$1,041,302.13; Super-Savings, \$286,714.20; Total, \$1,508,358.47.

At 4:10 P.M., Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

**McPHERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**February 7, 2012**

The McPherson County Drainage Commission met on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. in the commissioners chambers. Others present were Sid Feickert, Rick Beilke, Dennis Wolff and Delmar Metzger. Absent: None. Also present were Glenn Spitzer, Susan Hoffman, Donald Kallenberger, Gary Schauer, Scott Schauer, Rod Tobin, Jay Koch, and Ken Shafer.

The board reconsidered application 12-01 submitted by James Schauer to level out a washed-out waterway in the SW ¼ of Section 28 of Leola Township. He would like to plant it to grass so he can either hay it or drive through it. This application was tabled at the January Drainage Commission meeting to allow time for Jim Schauer to provide a sketch form to accompany the application. Said sketch form has now been supplied.

Wolff moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve application number 12-01. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The board now considered application number 12-03 submitted by Sam Schauer to move the ditch into the field on the south side of the SW1/4-23-127-67 and a little up the west side, shape the ditch to 10' bottom, 10-1 side slopes/2feet deep, take out the approach on the east side, and plant the ditch to grass. Scott Sahauer, Attorney Rod Tobin and Engineer Jay Koch spoke about this application, on behalf of Sam Schauer. Ken Shafer expressed opposition to the application. Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to deny this application. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

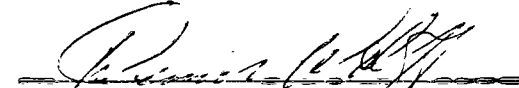
It was decided that the county will install additional culverts in the county. Permit applications will be completed for this activity, and the project will be considered at a future drainage board meeting.

At 1:05 P.M., Wolff moved, and Metzger seconded, to enter executive session to discuss legal matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 1:25 P.M., Wolff moved, and Feickert seconded, to end executive session. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 1:26 P.M., Beilke moved, and Metzger seconded, to adjourn the Drainage Commission meeting and return to meeting as the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:  
  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Drainage Commission

**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MARCH 5, 2012**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2012, in the commissioners chambers. Chairman Dennis Wolff called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Others present were Delmar Metzger, Rick Beilke, Jeffrey Neuharth and Sid Feickert. Absent: None.

Neuharth moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2012 meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the McPherson County Drainage Commission as they were prepared and published. Feickert seconded the foregoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**BIDS:**

Motor Grader:

The following bids were submitted to purchase the 2007 Caterpillar 140H Motor Grader offered for sale by McPherson County: Forsyth Machinery, \$150,600; Iron Planet, Inc., \$144,500; Track II Corporation, \$132,900; High Plains Enterprises, Inc., \$149,779; and Butler Machinery Company, \$152,550. The highest 3 bidders (Butler Machinery Company, Forsyth Machinery and High Plains Enterprises, Inc.) will be given an opportunity to raise their bids at auction on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. They may do this in person or via telephone.

Road Oil & Asphalt Emulsions:

The following bids were received for the sale of road oil to McPherson County, during the year, 2012;

	Jebro, Inc.	Flint Hills Resources
MC-70 ASPHALT	\$881.20	\$871.47
MC-3000	776.20	761.47
HFMS 2P		666.47
AE 150S	588.58	536.47
CSS1H 50/50	353.58	321.47

Prices shown are per ton.

Neuharth moved, and Metzger seconded, to accept the bid submitted by Flint Hills Resources. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Bituminous Plant Mix (Black Top):

Lien Transportation submitted a bid of \$70 per ton for furnishing plant mix at an Aberdeen site, and Aberdeen Asphalt, Inc. submitted a bid of \$67.35 per ton for furnishing plant mix at an Aberdeen site. Jensen Rock & Sand, Inc. submitted a bid to furnish plant mix at a Mobridge site. Their bid amount was \$70 per ton. Jensen Rock and Sand, Inc. also submitted a bid to furnish plant mix at a McPherson County site. Bid amounts for this site are \$70 per ton for 1,500 to 2,000 ton and \$68.50 per ton for 2,000 to 2,500 ton.

Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded to accept the bid of Aberdeen Asphalt, Inc. for Aberdeen site, and to accept the bid of Jensen Rock and Sand, Inc. for McPherson County site. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Property Tax Abatements:

Neuharth moved, and Metzger seconded, to approve the following property tax abatements:

12-01 \$281.58 worth of taxes applied to Lot 10, Block 1, College Addition to Eureka City, owned by Kenneth E. Hinton. Reason for Abatement—Improvements were included in the valuation which did not exist at the time fixed by law for making assessment.

12-02 \$1.86 worth of taxes applied to Lot 24, Outlot 2, Equity Elevator Addition to Leola City. Parcel is used as a city street and is exempt from tax.

12-03 \$60.28 worth of taxes applied to Lot 7, Block 5, Original Plat to Leola City. Said property is owned by Leola City and is exempt from the tax.

All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

A & B Business Solutions, Supplies, \$571.14; Aberdeen News Company, Publication, \$300.00; ACE Industrial Supply, Inc., First Aid Kit, \$142.80; Ameripride Linen, Supplies, \$184.85; AT & T Mobility, Utilities, \$167.09; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$1,853.58; Avera St. Luke's, Medical

Expense-1 Indigent, \$8,200.00; Barb's Pet Grooming, Pet Boarding, \$290.00; Leland Berreth, Mileage, \$2.22; California Contractors Supplies, Supplies, \$169.70; Cartney Bearing, Supplies, \$16.88; Chet's Janitorial Supplies, Supplies, \$116.00; Crawford MS & F, Supplies, \$1,874.33; CRS, Inmate Medical Insurance, \$44.08; Curt's Repair, Supplies, \$413.96; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc., Cylinder, \$261.46; Dakota Oil, Supplies, \$407.45; Dakota Psychological Services, Psychosexual Evaluation, \$2,847.50; Dakota Woodworking, Supplies, \$10.00; Diesel Machinery, Inc., Supplies, \$510.16; Edmunds County Sheriff, Prisoner Care, \$5,000.00; Ron Ehresman, Mileage & Subsistence, \$63.40; Eureka City, Utilities, \$23.68; Eureka Mfg., Inc., Supplies, \$289.56; Eureka Plumbing & Heating, Repair, \$40.85; F.E.M. Electric Association, Utilities, \$173.29; G & R Controls, Repair, \$1,304.70; Galls, Inc., Supplies, \$67.55; Gene's Oil Company, Fuel and Gasoline, \$13,338.66; Earl Gruebele, Mileage, \$25.90; Sharon Guthmiller, Insurance Reimbursement, \$1,000.00; Hedahl's, Inc., Supplies, \$504.71; Heppers, Supplies, \$36.39; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies, \$379.08; Dawn Jenner, Mileage, \$94.72; JP Lumber, Inc., Supplies, \$19.58; K & A Implement, Supplies, \$1,591.70; Alvin Kallas, Mileage, \$4.44; Donald Kallenberger, Rent & Expense Reimbursement, \$364.80; Kary Service Station, Supplies, \$80.00; Ken's Food Fair, Supplies, \$4.08; Richard Kolb, Mileage, \$2.59; Leola City, Utilities, \$53.00; Leola City, Utilities, \$96.00; Leola Grocery, Supplies, \$75.02; Lewis & Clark Behavioral, Mental Health Hearing, \$7.00; Mac's, Inc., Supplies, \$301.16; Matthew Bender & Company, Law Books, \$37.49; McPherson County Treasurer, Postage, \$43.30; McPherson County Herald, Publications, \$1,550.28; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Utilities, \$533.93; Delmar Metzger, Mileage, \$113.59; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., Supplies, \$110.00; Mid-American Research Chemical, Supplies, \$54.00; Midwest Pump & Tank, Supplies, \$678.28; Jeff Mueller, Mileage, \$153.55; North Central Farmers Elevator, Supplies, \$381.41; North Star Energy, LLC, Propane, \$1,693.84; Northwest Blade, Inc., Publications, \$910.96; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc., Supplies, \$2,127.36; PSI Healthcare, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$626.67; Praxair Distribution, Inc., Supplies, \$115.50; Quill Corporation, Supplies, \$218.80; SD Federal Property, Supplies, \$977.00; SD Police Chief's Association, Conference Registration, \$65.00; SDACC, Commissioners Workshop Registration, \$100.00; SDACHS, Short Course Registration, \$80.00; Share Corporation, Supplies, \$308.46; Sheehan Mack Sales, Supplies, \$46.18; Shopko Pharmacy, Prisoner Care, \$13.99; Stanley Spitzer, Subsistence, \$47.00; SD State Treasurer, Blood Tests, \$70.00; SD State Treasurer, Excise Tax, \$74.73; The Radar Shop, Radar Recertification, \$78.00; Tools Plus Industries, Supplies, \$176.19; Tri-State Water, Inc., Water, \$50.15; Valley Telco, Utilities, \$626.14; Visa, Travel Expense & Prisoner Care, \$256.62; Visa, Supplies, \$1,008.43; Walworth County Treasurer, 911 Remittance, \$209.23; Heloise D. Westbrook, MD, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$147.50; Yankton County Sheriff, Mental Health Hearing, \$25.00.

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$3,112.00; Auditor, \$4,830.56; Treasurer, \$5,055.65; States Attorney, \$4,185.75; Government Building, \$2,456.80; Director of Equalization, \$5,093.75; Register of Deeds, \$4,336.68; Veterans Service Officer, \$1,202.50; Sheriff, \$4,719.65; Extension, \$590.00; Emergency & Disaster Services, \$352.32; Weed Control, \$1,141.94; Planning & Zoning, \$120.00; Road & Bridge, \$33,979.90; Secondary Road, \$1,075.26; Snow Removal, \$253.30; Joint Law Enforcement, \$2,497.83.

McPherson County share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank, \$5,542.72.

Insurance: American Family, \$397.83; Wellmark, \$8,724.87; Vision Care, \$138.16.

Retirement: South Dakota Retirement System, \$4,068.94.

**CLAIMS TABLED OR REJECTED:**

Aberdeen Surgical Associates, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$7,448.00; AMG Radiology, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$1,204.00; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$616.99; PSI Health Care, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$6,098.00; Heloise D. Westbrook, MD, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$215.00.

Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve the forgoing claims, with the exception of those listed in the "Claims Tabled or Rejected" section. \$3,289.50 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$7,448.00 Aberdeen Surgical Associates claim. \$589.15 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$1,204.00 AMG Radiology claim. The Avera St. Luke's claim, in the amount of \$616.99 is to be rejected because the party incurring the expense has not applied for county assistance. \$2,937.45 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$6,098.00 PSI Healthcare claim. \$98.00 is to be offered as full settlement of the \$215.00 Heloise D. Westbrook claim. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Election Precincts:

Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to establish the following election precincts for McPherson County: Northwest, Southwest, Central and 101 are to remain as previously established. Northeast Leola is to consist of the Townships of Weber, Wachter, Koto, Carl, Spring, Willow (except section 31), and the north half of Leola Township. Northeast Leola will also include Ward 1 Leola City. Southeast Leola will consist of the south half of Leola Township, Section 31 of Willow Township and the Townships of Howard, Washington and

Lincoln. Southeast Leola will also include the Town of Wetonka and Wards 2 and 3 of Leola City. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department:

Glenn Spitzer discussed roadwork and the disposal of old equipment.

Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to hold a public hearing to consider the continuation of the maintenance of private roads by the county. Said hearing is to be held at 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 3, 2012. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Julie Nikolas requested county assistance with the removal of material from the demolition of part of the school building, sometime in the future. The board agreed to help, but timing is critical. The county assistance will be given when workers are not needed elsewhere.

John and Cindy Neifer, Scott Schauer and Lloyd Binder discussed a road problem. They would like a road raised and widened. Said road lies between Sections 24 and 25 of Moscow Township. They also discussed a culvert, a drainage problem and trees located in the road right-of-way in this same area. The highway department will look into this matter.

Metzger moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve a road striping agreement with the State of South Dakota and to authorize the Chairman to sign said document. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved, and Metzger seconded, to approve a Force Account Agreement for the 2011 Flood Event, between McPherson County and the State of South Dakota, so that the Department of Transportation can reimburse the county for eligible costs associated with the approved Emergency Relief projects. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Commission:

At 10:30 A.M., Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. This commission met concurrently with the board of commissioners, and their minutes are listed under a separate section.

Drainage Permit Fee Increase:

Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to increase the Drainage Permit Fee to \$50. Also, drainage permit applicants are to pay for all publishing costs before the hearing for said application is held. These changes are to be effective immediately. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Attendance Authorizations:

Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to authorize Glenn Spitzer and 1 other highway department employee to attend the asphalt conference in Pierre on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and for Glenn Spitzer to attend the Safety Conference in Pierre on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports:

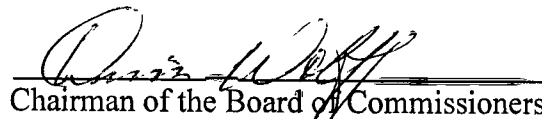
Gary Wolff appeared to discuss a trailer home, owned by another party, that is located on a lot in Long Lake Town that is owned by Gary. The taxes have not been paid on the trailer home for several years. The board agreed to look into this matter, but it seems like this may be a private matter between the parties involved.

The following miscellaneous items and reports were approved: The Register of Deeds' Statement of Fees Collected during the month of February, 2012, in the amount of \$8,395.50; and the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer, as of February 29, 2012 as follows: Cash in Banks, \$8,334.21; Actual Cash, \$625.10; Checks and Drafts in Treasurer's Possession, not exceeding three days, \$2,311.86; Miscellaneous Cash, \$43.30; C.D.'s, \$1,041,302.13; Super-Savings, \$11,714.20; Total, \$1,064,330.80.

At 4:40 P.M., Metzger moved, and Feickert seconded, to recess to 1:00 P.M., Friday, March 9, 2012. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

**McPHERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**March 5, 2012**

The McPherson County Drainage Commission met on Monday, March 5, 2012. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. in the commissioners chambers. Others present were Sid Feickert, Rick Beilke, Dennis Wolff and Delmar Metzger. Absent: None. Also present were Glenn Spitzer, Susan Hoffman, Donald Kallenberger, Joe Erdmann, Chuck Kessler, Rob Waltman, Colin Hoffman and Alvin Wollman.

The board considered 3 applications submitted by Grassland Colony. Application 12-04 is to put drain tile lines into the ground to drain excess water off the field on Section 4 (NE and SE Quarters) of Lincoln Township. The water will be drained into Foot Creek. Application 12-05 is for tile lines in the NW of NE Quarter and the SW Quarter of section 9 of Lincoln Township. Application 12-06 is to put tile lines in the NW Quarter of section 14 in Lincoln Township. Alvin Wollman spent some time explaining the projects. Some of those present expressed concerns-over the proposals. It was determined that more specific plans need to be submitted before rendering a decision for these applications. Wolff moved, and Feickert seconded to table action on these applications until more detailed plans are submitted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 11:25 A.M., Wolff moved, and Beilke seconded, to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The board continued in executive session until 11:45 A.M. At that time, Metzger moved, and Wolff seconded, to end executive session and return to regular session. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 11:48 A.M., Beilke moved, and Metzger seconded, to adjourn the Drainage Commission meeting and to resume meeting as the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:  
*Jerry Schultz*  
Deputy  
McPherson County Auditor

*Dennis Wolff*  
Chairman of the Drainage Commission

**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**March 9, 2012**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners resumed their March meeting, as per March 5, 2012 recess, at 1:00 P.M., Friday, March 9, 2012. Chairman Dennis Wolff called the meeting to order in the commissioners chambers. Others present were Jeffrey Neuharth, Sid Feickert, Delmar Metzger, and Rick Beilke. Absent: None.

**BIDS:**

Sale of County Motor Grader:

At the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, sealed bids were opened for the sale of the county's 2007 Caterpillar 140 H Motor Grader. The top 3 bidders were invited to participate in a public auction, in person or via telephone, at this time to continue the bidding process. Dave Sangster of Butler Machinery Company was present for this auction. Jean Kasitch of High Plains Enterprises was available via telephone. Forsyth Machinery declined to participate in the auction. As of the March 5<sup>th</sup> bid opening, Butler Machinery Company had the high bid at \$152,550. The board agreed to accept bids for a minimum of \$500 increase. High Plains Enterprises bid \$153,050. Butler Machinery Company bid \$153,550. No other bids were received. Metzger moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve the sale of the motor grader to Butler Machinery Company for \$153,550. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Highway Department:

Glenn Spitzer inquired about the 4-day work weeks for the highway department employees. It was decided to start this schedule on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Employee Resignation:

Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to accept the resignation of Stanley Spitzer as a highway department employee, effective March 25, 2012. Stanley will continue to do weed spraying for the county on a part-time basis. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 1:35 P.M., Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:  
*Jerry Schultz*  
Deputy  
McPherson County Auditor

*Dennis Wolff*  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**March 20, 2012**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Chairman Dennis Wolff called the meeting to order in the commissioners chambers. Others present were Sid Feickert and Delmar Metzger. Absent were Rick Beilke and Jeffrey Neuharth.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-04**

**"RESOLUTION BANNING OPEN BURNING WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION"**

WHEREAS, McPherson County is currently experiencing extremely dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, McPherson County desires to protect the health and safety of all residents and all property within the county boundary; and

WHEREAS, an emergency situation exists:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the McPherson County Commission enacts this resolution on an emergency basis and does hereby impose a ban on all open burning within the county boundaries that has not been preapproved and authorized by the Chief of the Fire District wherein the real property is located;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the granting of authorization and preapproval to conduct such an open burn will not remove or release the party seeking such authorization from any and all liability that may be associated with damages that may occur as a result of such burn; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that this ban shall remain intact until such time as conditions improve and a subsequent resolution by the McPherson County Commission is enacted removing said ban.

Dated at Leola, South Dakota this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Feickert moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 12-04. Metzger seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted in favor. Motion carried, and Resolution Number 12-04 was declared duly adopted.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**


Corrective District Map Publication:

The previously published map of the newly revised commissioner districts, for Leola City, errantly included Ward Two of Leola City in Commissioner District 1, instead of Commissioner District 2. Feickert moved, and Metzger seconded, to republish the Leola City map with the appropriate correction. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 2:35 P.M., Metzger moved, and Feickert seconded, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**April 3, 2012**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, in the commissioners chambers. Chairman Dennis Wolff called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Others present were Delmar Metzger, Rick Beilke, Jeffrey Neuharth and Sid Feickert. Absent: None.

Neuharth moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 9 and 20, 2012 meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the March 5, 2012 meeting of the McPherson County Drainage Commission as they were prepared and published. Feickert seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

A & B Business Solutions, Supplies, \$711.05; Aberdeen Dental Associates, Prisoner Care, \$134.00; Aberdeen Surgical Associates, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$3,289.50; AMG Radiology, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$589.15; American Legion, Office Rent, \$240.00; Ameripride Linen, Supplies, \$199.27; Association of SD County Weed & Pest Boards, Annual Dues, \$150.00; AT & T Mobility, Utilities, \$165.09; Best Western Ramkota, Lodging, \$369.98; Bierschbasch Equipment, Supplies, \$650.00; Lloyd Breitag, Mileage, \$14.80; Butler Machinery Company, Supplies, \$2,412.10; Clark Engineering Corp., Engineering Fees, \$400.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment, Supplies, \$1,776.40; CRS, Inmate Medical Insurance, \$47.12; Diesel Machinery, Inc., Supplies, \$1,471.11; Eureka Community Hospital, Blood Draw, \$60.50; Eureka Community Hospital, Nursing Services Contract, \$6,750.00; Eureka MFG, Inc., Supplies, \$436.28; Eureka Plumbing & Heating, Supplies, \$258.26; FEM Electric Association, Utilities, \$155.92; Gene's Oil Company, Fuel and Gasoline, \$15,931.04; Hedahl's, Inc., Supplies, \$119.65; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies, \$56.88; Dawn Jenner, Mileage, \$130.61; K & A Implement, Supplies, \$1,115.23; Donald Kallenberger, Rent & Expense Reimbursement, \$310.05; Kimball Midwest, Supplies, \$385.94; Leola City, Utilities, \$88.80; Leola Grocery, Supplies, \$92.24; Long Lake Bar & Cafe, Meals, \$82.40; Mac's, Electric, Supplies, \$231.63; Mid-American Research Chemical, Supplies, \$330.09; Marilyn Trachsel, Dues, \$39.00; McPherson County Treasurer, Postage and Supplies, \$22.25; McPherson County Herald, Publications, \$562.15; Montana-Dakota Utilities, Utilities, \$603.58; Delmar Metzger, Mileage, \$176.49; Miller Consulting, Full Scale Emergency Exercise, \$3,000.00; North Central Farmers Elevator, Supplies, \$442.90; Neve's Uniforms & Equipment, Equipment, \$398.76; New Deal Tire, Tires, \$868.00; North Star Energy, LLC, Propane, \$5,419.40; Northwest Blade, Inc., Publications, \$1,465.33; Northern Plains Cooperative, Supplies, \$17.74; Darrell Pfeifle, Supplies, \$13.03; Praxair Distribution, Inc., Supplies, \$85.33; Pro Ag Supply, Supplies, \$30.75; PSI Healthcare, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$2,937.45; Quill Corporation, Supplies, \$188.97; Quill Corporation, Supplies, \$420.37; Ron's Service, Supplies, \$38.03; Harvey Schaible, Rent & Expense Reimbursement, \$440.50; SD Asphalt Conference, Registration, \$50.00; SDACO, Workshop Registration, \$450.00; Sewer Duck, Utilities, \$125.00; Share Corporation, Supplies, \$843.44; State Treasurer, Blood Alcohol Test, \$35.00; Superior Lamp Company, Bulbs, \$127.79; Tim Serr, Mileage, \$19.98; Tools Plus Industries, Supplies, \$152.07; Tri-State Water, Inc., Water, \$65.10; U.S. Post Office, Postage, \$162.40; Valley Telco, Utilities, \$641.41; Vilas Pharmacy, Prisoner Care, \$31.90; Visa, Supplies, \$1,073.60; Warne Chemical & Equipment, \$31.95; Kent Weiszhaar, Mileage, \$14.80; Heloise D. Westbrook, MD, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$107.50; Western Communications, Inc., Narrow Banding, \$548.88; Elmer Zulk Electric, Repair, \$49.80.

**SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

Commissioners, \$3,700.00; Auditor, \$4,842.66; Treasurer, \$5,055.75, States Attorney, \$4,785.75; Government Building, \$2,932.00; Director of Equalization, \$5,085.75; Register of Deeds, \$4,278.38; Veterans Service Officer, \$1,802.50; Sheriff, \$5,377.95; Extension, \$1,650.00; Weed Control, \$314.90; Road & Bridge, \$27,804.31; Secondary Road, \$5,038.42; Snow Removal, \$507.81; Emergency & Disaster Services, \$656.46; Joint Law Enforcement, \$2,497.83; LEPC, \$30.00.

McPherson County share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank, \$5,646.49.  
Insurance: American Family, \$397.83; Wellmark, \$8,724.87; Vision Care, \$138.16.  
Retirement: South Dakota Retirement System, \$3,996.41.

**CLAIMS TABLED OR REJECTED:**

Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$22,524.72; Avera St. Luke's, Prisoner Care-1 Indigent, \$1,482.22; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$258.49; Avera St. Luke's, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$5,836.50; AMG Anesthesiology, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$2,170.00; PSI Healthcare, Medical

Expense-1 Indigent, \$64.00; Sanford Health, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$252.00; Heloise Westbrook, MD, Medical Expense-1 Indigent, \$115.00.

The board previously offered \$98.11 to settle a \$215.00 claim submitted by Heloise Westbrook, MD. Heloise Westbrook responded by saying that she would settle for \$107.50. Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to agree to the \$107.50 settlement. All voted in favor. Motion carried. This is included in the above listing of approved claims.

Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve the forgoing claims, with the exception of those listed in the "Claims Tabled or Rejected" section. The following action is to be taken on those claims. The Avera St. Luke's claim, in the amount of \$22,524.72, is to be rejected because the party incurring the expense has not applied for county assistance. The following settlement offers are to be made on the other claims: \$679.31 on the \$1,482.22 Avera St. Luke's claim; \$1,417.12 on the \$5,836.50 Avera St. Luke's claim; \$113.16 on the \$258.49 Avera St. Luke's claim; \$730.51 on the \$2,170.00 AMG Anesthesiology claim; \$26.45 on the \$64.00 PSI Healthcare claim; \$116.42 on the \$252.00 Sanford Health claim; and \$55.45 on the \$115.00 Heloise Westbrook, MD claim. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**ADDED OR INCREASED SALARIES:**

Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to set the salary for Stanley Spitzer, as a part-time weed sprayer, at \$16.00 per hour and to eliminate the extra \$100 year-end payment to Stanley for being the weed supervisor. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-05**

**"RESOLUTION APPROVING PLAT"**

"Be it resolved by the McPherson County Board of Commissioners that the Plat of Tract 1, BLEWH Group Addition to McPherson County, located in the S1/2 W1/2 SE1/4, Section 34, T127N, R73W, 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., McPherson County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof".

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012 at Leola, South Dakota.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 12-05. Beilke seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted "AYE". Motion carried, and Resolution Number 12-05 was declared duly adopted.

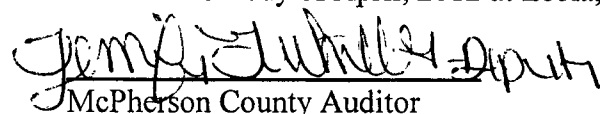
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-06**

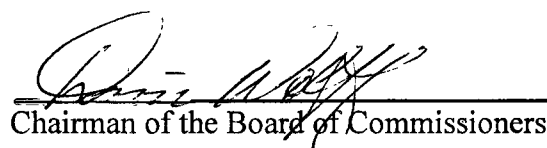
**"RESOLUTION RELEASING POOR LIEN"**

Be it resolved that the McPherson County Board of Commissioners hereby releases the following described real property from the County Poor Lien that is shown in Book 6 of County Poor Lien Records at page 208 against Monica Fischer, infant daughter of Clyde Fischer and Priscilla Fischer, dated June 7, 1979 and filed on June 13, 1979.

*The East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (E1/2SE1/4SE1/4) of Section Nine (9) in Township One Hundred Twenty-eight (128) North of Range Seventy-one (71) West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., McPherson County South Dakota.*

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012 at Leola, South Dakota.

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Neuharth moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 12-06. Beilke seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted "AYE". Motion carried, and Resolution Number 12-06 was declared duly adopted.

**OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Executive Session:

At 10:10 A.M., Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The board continued in executive session until 10:38 A.M. At that time, Metzger moved, and Neuharth seconded, to end executive session and return to regular session. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Commission:

At 10:40 A.M., Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. This commission met concurrently with the board of commissioners, and their minutes are listed under a separate section.

Drainage Permit Fee:

Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to set the publishing fee for drainage permit applicants at \$50. Applicants are now to submit a fee of \$50 plus a publication fee of \$50 with each application. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Board Revision:

The board discussed the desire to change the role of the drainage board and to only act on drainage activities which affect county roads. Don Kallenberger will check into the steps necessary to revise the drainage board.

Deputy Sheriff Resignation:

Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to accept the resignation of John Grabowska as deputy sheriff, effective March 31, 2012. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Dennis Wolff left the meeting at 12:20 P.M. Vice-chairman Delmar Metzger then presided.

Executive Session:

At 1:15 P.M., Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The board continued in executive session until 1:35 P.M. At that time, Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to end executive session and return to regular session. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Attendance Authorizations:

Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to authorize the following meeting attendances: Susan Hoffman and Sharon Guthmiller—Sales Ratio Workshop in Aberdeen on June 15<sup>th</sup>; Steve Serr, John Hilgemann and Donna Breitag—SDACO Spring Workshop in Pierre, May 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>; Don Kallenberger—States Attorney Conference in Deadwood in May. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department and Private Road Maintenance:

Glenn Spitzer discussed enforcement of permits and determination of road damage costs.

A public hearing was held, as published, to discuss the continuation of private road maintenance by the county. Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to continue the policy of authorizing the highway superintendent to enter into contracts for the maintenance of private roads by the county. Each contract may not exceed 3 hours of maintenance for any 1 person. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to transfer \$49,451.18 from the Road & Bridge Fund Balance reserved for Secondary Road to the Undesignated Road and Bridge Fund Balance. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SDSU Extension Memorandum of Understanding and Committee Roster:

Jeff Mueller discussed the memorandum of understanding, between SDSU Extension and the county, for the provision of a 4-H youth advisor. Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to authorize the vice-chairman to sign this document and to approve of the following individuals to serve on the 4-H Promotion and Committee Roster: Alison Feickert, Sam Aman, Royce Erdmann, Launa Feickert, Anne Jo Erdmann, Cindy Aman, Landon Morlock, Emily Grabowska, Abby Ottenbacher, Julie Nikolas, Blaine Aman, Heidi Morlock, and Sid Feickert. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Times:

Beilke moved, and Neuharth seconded, to start the McPherson County Board of Equalization meeting at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 10, 2012. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to begin regular commissioner meetings at 9:00 A.M., starting with the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Health Department:

Jaci Eberhart presented the quarterly health department report and discussed department activities with the board. Said report was approved.

Credit Collections Bureau:

Rose Benson, of Credit Collections Bureau, discussed details and costs of services available, through their agency, for the collection of county bills and liens. The board agreed to take this matter into consideration and make a decision at a later date.

Wilbur-Ellis Landing Request:

Wilbur-Ellis Company submitted a request for permission to operate, take off or land an aircraft on any county road in McPherson County. Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to deny this request and to consider any similar requests on a case-by-case basis. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports:

The following miscellaneous items and reports were approved: The Quarterly Reports of Veterans Service Officers Harvey Schaible and Darrell Pfeifle; The Register of Deeds' Statement of Fees Collected during the month of March, 2012, in the amount of \$1,373.50; and the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer, as of March 31, 2012 as follows: Cash in Banks, \$75,016.04; Actual Cash, \$710.20; Checks and Drafts in Treasurer's Possession, not exceeding three days, \$16,730.82; Miscellaneous Cash, \$22.25; C.D.'s, \$991,302.13; Super-Savings, \$182,756.06; Total, \$1,266,537.50.

At 4:20 P.M., Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to recess to 8:00 A.M., April 10, 2012. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

**McPHERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**April 3, 2012**

The McPherson County Drainage Commission met on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Chairman Jeffrey Neuharth called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M. in the commissioners chambers. Others present were Sid Feickert, Rick Beilke, Dennis Wolff and Delmar Metzger. Absent: None. Also present were Glenn Spitzer, Susan Hoffman, Donald Kallenberger, Joe Erdmann, Alvin Wollman, Paul Wollman, Scott Schauer, Derek DeRaad, and Albert Erdmann.

The board considered application #12-04 submitted by Grassland Colony to put some drain tile lines into ground to drain excess water off field on 125-66-4 NE and SE quarters. Water will be drained to the south and will be drained into "Foot Creek". Albert Erdmann expressed concerns about the chemicals being put into the soil and entering aquifers. Al Wollman stated that the water is safe enough to drink. Paul Wollman said that surface runoff is much worse than water going into the soil. Albert Erdmann agreed to this statement. Wolff moved to approve application #12-04 with the stipulation that the water get tested, at cost to the permit holder. Water is to be tested, at the discretion of the drainage board, for a minimum of 3 years. If there is a water quality issue, the tile project can be shut down. Metzger seconded the forgoing motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved, and Wolff seconded, to approve application #12-05 submitted by Grassland Colony to put some tile lines into ground to drain excess water off field on 125-66-9 NW, NE and SW Quarters. Water will be drained into "Foot Creek" to the north. Said approval is with the same conditions attached to application #12-04. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve application #12-06 submitted by Grassland Colony to put in tile lines to drain excess water off field on 125-66-14 NW Quarter. Excess water will be drained to the east and will be dumped into "Foot Creek". Said approval is with the same conditions attached to application #12-04. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Application #12-07 submitted by Grassland Colony to put drain tile into ground to drain excess water from 125-66-4 SW Quarter into "Foot Creek" is deemed to be a continuation of application #12-04 and is approved along with that application.

Wolff moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve application #12-08 submitted by Magdalena Kessler Trust to push in and smooth out gully in the NW Quarter of section 1, 125-68. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to approve application #12-09 submitted by Sam Schauer to taper back corner of field in the SW corner of the SE Quarter of section 11-127-67 and to clean up fence line and make small boundary ditch in the NE Quarter of section 14-127-67. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Metzger moved, and Wolff seconded, to approve application #12-10 submitted by Scott Schauer to clean up fence line around field and to taper back-slope of ditch on the north and east side of the NE Quarter of section 28-126-68. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Wolff moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve application #12-11 submitted by Angela Schilling to push in and smooth out gullies in the SE Quarter of section 13-125-68. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved, and Metzger seconded, to approve application #12-12 submitted by Jerome Wahl to push in and smooth out gullies in Section 22-126-68. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Glenn Spitzer spent some time discussing drainage issues with the board.

At 11:50 A.M., Wolff moved, and Metzger seconded, to adjourn the Drainage Commission meeting and to resume meeting as the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:  
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McPherson County Auditor

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Chairman of the Drainage Commission

**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**April 10, 2012**

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners resumed their April meeting, as per April 3<sup>rd</sup> recess, at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Chairman Dennis Wolff called the meeting to order in the commissioners chambers. Others present were Sid Feickert, Rick Beilke, Jeffrey Neuharth and Delmar Metzger. Absent: None.

**MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Formation of Equalization Board:

The Chairman relinquished the Chair to the Auditor for the purpose of forming the McPherson County Board of Equalization. The Auditor called for nominations for chairman of the equalization board. Neuharth nominated Wolff. Beilke moved, and Feickert seconded, that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Wolff. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Auditor relinquished the Chair to Chairman Wolff.

Highway Department:

Glenn Spitzer discussed a truck which is giving the department maintenance problems.

Feickert moved, and Neuharth seconded, to remove the spring road restrictions on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, except on County Road #8 west of Long Lake. The restrictions on this road are to be removed when conditions warrant. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

County Poor-Relief Application:

Metzger moved, and Feickert seconded, to approve Application for County Assistance numbered 12-02. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Veterans Service Officer Mini-Conference:

Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to authorize Darrell Pfeifle and Harvey Schaible to attend a Veterans Service Officers' Mini-Conference in Pierre on May 9<sup>th</sup>. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Computer Purchases:

Susan Hoffman and Steve Serr explained that the county's software company is doing updates in their offices in the near future. The 4 present computers in said offices will not accommodate the updates, so new computers will be needed. Various prices for the new equipment were presented. Feickert moved, and Beilke seconded, to authorize the purchase of 4 computers for the 2 offices. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

As of March, 31, 2012, the Unassigned Fund Balance in the General Fund was \$385,449.08, which represents 32.05% of the current year General Fund Budget.

At 9:25 A.M., Neuharth moved, and Beilke seconded, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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McPherson County Auditor

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Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

**McPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION****MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS****April 10, 2012**

The McPherson County Board of Equalization met in the commissioners chambers on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. Chairman Dennis Wolff called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M. Others present were Delmar Metzger, Jeffrey Neuharth, Rick Beilke and Sid Feickert. Absent: None.

The oaths of office for equalization board members were administered.

Susan Hoffman presented the assessment adjustment factors in affect for 2012. They are 0.837 for AG and 0.885 for NA. She spent some time explaining the valuation process which now involves the implementation of productivity valuation for AG land.

Neuharth moved to approve the disabled veteran exemption applications. Feickert seconded the forgoing motion. Voting in favor were Neuharth, Feickert and Beilke. Metzger was opposed. Motion carried.

Neuharth moved, and Metzger seconded, to approve the assessment freeze applications for the elderly and disabled, applications for tax exempt status, and the water adjustments. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

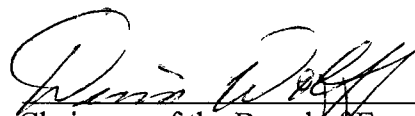
Neuharth moved, and Feickert seconded, to add the following items to the assessment rolls: a \$1,000 mobile home to the NE ¼ of section 7 of Carl Township and a \$33,174 mobile home to the SW ¼ of section 5 of Washington Township. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Beilke moved, and Neuharth seconded, to approve the assessment rolls with the two above-listed additions. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 8:32 A.M., Feickert moved, and Metzger seconded, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
McPherson County Auditor

  
Chairman of the Board of Equalization