

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
For May 19, 2014

May 19, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting - All Present

May 20, 2014

4:00 p.m.

MIDC Annual Meeting at BPU - All Present

5:00 P.M.

MASWU Sub Title D Landfill Tour and Dinner/Meeting - All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for May 19, 2014: Voting Delegate Appointment to the NACO Conference. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:00 a.m. during Public Input, Kasi Morales, PHR/Director of Community Recruitment/Go McPherson, joined the meeting to thank the County for their assistance particularly from the Sheriff's and Public Works departments, in the Tour de Trails event which was held May 10, 2014. Ms. Morales reported that it was a very successful fundraising event benefitting the Central Kansas Conservancy.

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the minutes for May 12, 2014. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to authorize Chairman Loomis to release checks and claims, distribution and payroll since no Commission meeting will be held during the week of May 26th through 30th, 2014. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve adds and abates for May 16, 2014. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:15 a.m., Darren Frazier, Director of Emergency Management/Communications joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to adopt and sign as a resolution; a proposed Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan. The adoption of a plan is necessary before accepting any possible future funding by FEMA. Mr. Frazier reviewed the proposed plan which is mostly related to providing safe rooms from storms in schools etc. and outlines goals and objectives. It was the consensus among Commissioners that County Legal Counsel should be consulted and additional language specified in the final Resolution clarifying County financial and liability commitments. They requested that Mr. Frazier return to the June 2, 2014 Commission meeting with a revised plan.
- B. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Erin Farley as a Communications Technician (13A) to fill a vacancy, effective June 2, 2014. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Fern Hess, County Health Department Director, joined the meeting to present proposed Health Department billing revisions and updated fees and charges. Ms. Hess reviewed current revenues as well as potential for projected increased annual revenues once fees are revised. Following discussion Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to set policy to annually review insurance rate scales and adjust County fees accordingly based on Clue Cross/Blue Shield reimbursement rates, with new rates adjusted effective July 1, 2014, as well as conducting an administrative review of cash payment discounts. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:05 a.m. John Verssue, Planning and Zoning Assistant, joined the meeting to request the amendment of a previously approved Special Use Permit 2009-07. The request for SU2014-04 is on behalf of Producer Ag,

LLC who now seeks to add a small rail spur to a larger rail facility currently under construction in the A1 Agricultural district at 1407 25th Avenue. Chairman Loomis called the item and began the public hearing. Mr. Verssue was asked to review the case background, factors and findings, and conditions including the requested modified condition regarding a screening plan. Torrance Parkins, agent for the applicant, spoke regarding the screening plan revision for the rail facility. The case was unanimously approved by the Planning board at their recent meeting. Following discussion, Chairman Loomis reviewed Commission options for action. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the planning Board and approve SU2014-04 by signing Resolution 2014-14. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.

At 10:15 a.m., Justin Mader, Public Works Engineer, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request for signature on the Agreement between McPherson County and KDOT for the US-56 Reconstruction Project, east of McPherson. KDOT will reimburse the County for the cost of construction on the project. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to advertise for bids for the 2014 Deck Rehabilitation Program. The program will involve overlays of 4 County bridges. Following discussion, Commissioner Patrick made a motion for the Chairman to sign the advertisement for bids as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented a letter from Kansas Secured Title of McPherson regarding their bid for title work on parcels to be included in the McPherson County delinquent real estate property tax sale. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to accept the bid proposal as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented the documents requiring the selection of a Commission voting delegate for the National Association of Counties Organization (NACO) Conference to be held July 11th through 14th, 2014 in Orleans Parish, LA. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to authorize Commissioner Patrick as the McPherson County Commission voting delegate. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Patrick abstained.**

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioners heard a budget presentation from the Sheriff's Department. At 11:30 a.m. Commissioners recessed and reconvened on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the BPU for the MIDC Annual Meeting. At 4:45 p.m. Commissioners recessed and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. at the MASWU Sub Title D Landfill for a tour, which was then followed by a dinner/meeting at the Sundstrom Conference Center in Lindsborg, KS. At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Duane J. Patrick, Vice Chairman

Linus Linaweaver, Commissioner

Abbey A. Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary