

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2014

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

All Present

Work Session at Public Works

11:10 a.m.

All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Two (2) items were added to the agenda for November 17, 2014: Letters of Support for Disability Supports of the Great Plains and McPherson Community Diversified Services. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes for November 3, 2014. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the checks and claims, and payroll for the previous week. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve adds and abates for November 14, 2014. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to approve the hire of John Verssue as the new Planning, Zoning and Environment Administrator, to fill a vacancy, effective November 9, 2014. Commissioner Patrick made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested fifteen (15) minutes of executive session, including Mr. Witte, for attorney/client privilege regarding pending litigation matters. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to go into executive session from 9:10 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Mr. Witte presented on behalf of the County Clerk, two (2) Cereal Malt Beverage Notices to Township for signature: Lindsborg Golf Course in Smoky Hill Township, and Lonestar Store #21 in Superior Township of Inman. A CMB Retail Sales License for Lindsborg Golf Course was also presented. Commissioner Patrick made a motion for the Chairman to sign all three (3) documents as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for signature a HOME Grant payment request in the amount of \$19,582.50 for rehabilitative services on a home in Canton, KS. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman Loomis began the Public Hearing for Viega, LLC's application for tax exemptions and tax incentives for real and personal property used for economic development. Brad Eilts, Executive Director for MIDC introduced the Viega representatives in attendance, reviewed the project and the completed Cost Benefit Analysis. The Viega project involves the expansion and construction of a new facility near the existing facility in McPherson. Viega is requesting tax incentives of 100% for a period of 10 years, effective January 1, 2015 in the amount of \$48,000,000. Following discussion, Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve and sign

Resolution 2014-22 for the tax exemptions and incentives as requested. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.**

At 9:40 a.m., Darren Frazier, Director of Emergency Management and Communications, joined the meeting to request approval for remodel of the Communications Center and radio upgrades in the total amount of \$79,269.00 which will be paid through designated funds. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the project as requested for \$79,269.00. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:55 a.m. John Verssue, Planning, Zoning & Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to obtain signatures on the previously approved final report for SD2014-03, LSI Countryside Feeding Subdivision. Mr. Verssue also requested approval and signature for Brown's subdivision located at 1561 and 1563 13th Avenue. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:05 a.m., David Page, County Attorney, and Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request approval for the purchase of a previously leased copier from McPherson Business Solutions for the County Attorney's office, in the total amount of \$6,570.00 to be funded through the County Attorney budget. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the purchase as requested. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:11 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. Request to advertise for bids for the 2015 Roadway Maintenance Materials (aggregates).
- B. Request to advertise for bids for the 2015 Roadway Maintenance aggregate hauling. Following discussion, Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve both requests as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. Request for cell phone allowance for two (2) Maintenance Worker IV employees at Public Works. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:22 a.m., Laurie Wizarde, County Register of Deeds, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. Request to sign a PCN to hire Cindy Justus as a new Clerk (6A) to fill a vacancy, with the effective date to be determined later. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Request to sign a PCN to end the introductory status for Kimber Mellinger, Clerk (6B), effective December 21, 2014. Commissioner Patrick made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. Request to sign a PCN for the promotion of Hollie Melroy to Deputy Register of Deeds (12F), effective December 2, 2014 to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte requested on behalf of Disability Supports of the Great Plains and McPherson Community Diversified Services, letters of support for their applications for funding regarding vehicle replacement, used for transportation programs and service for their respective clients. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the letters as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte introduced the proposed 2015 County Holiday Schedule for approval. Following discussion, Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve and sign the schedule as Resolution 2014-23. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.**

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioners recessed and reconvened at 11:10 a.m. at the Public Works department to attend a work session. At 2:30 p.m., Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Commission Minutes taken by Abbey A. Heidebrecht

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Duane J. Patrick, Vice Chairman

Linus Linaweaver, Commissioner

Abbey Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary