

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 7, 2006
REGULAR MEETING
10:00 A.M.
ALL PRESENT

The following changes were made to the agenda: 1) add Hazardous Materials Agreement and Resolution; (2) add Report on Homeland Security Meeting. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input Session.

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2006 as corrected. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes of January 31, 2006 as presented. Chairman Schroeder seconded. **Chairman Schroeder and Commissioner Patrick voted aye.** Commissioner Terry abstained due to his absence at the January 31, 2006 meeting.

At 10:07 a.m. Dan Schrag, Director of Noxious Weed Dept., joined the meeting with two agenda items:

- A. A request to approve and sign the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2005. Mr. Schrag presented the report to Commissioners describing methods used for treating specific weeds/grasses with various chemicals. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the report as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to purchase chemicals for 2006 from Farm Kan., Quality Feed and Fertilizer, and UAP/Timberland LLC. Mr. Schrag presented bid information and answered questions from Commissioners. It was noted that current higher petroleum prices have affected prices of chemicals, as many chemicals are petroleum based. Total cost for chemicals will be \$94,656.52 budgeted under the Weed Fund. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the purchase as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve Checks and Claims of February 3, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve Adds and Abates for February 2, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:28 a.m. Fern Hess, Director of McPherson County Health Department, joined the meeting to request approval to write off the uncollectible bad debts in the amount of \$2,392.42 for the McPherson County Health Department, to cover the second six month period of 2005 ending December 31, 2005. The average individual debt was \$35.70 with

the highest debts reflected in the areas of immunizations and family planning services. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Harris Terry presented a report on the South Central Kansas Homeland Security meeting, which he attended on January 30 and 31, 2006 in Wichita, Kansas. Ms. Hess added comments concerning the County Health aspects of a possible security threat/event. Commissioner Terry made a motion to request that Dillard Webster be appointed to represent McPherson County in future Regional Homeland Security meetings, and planning. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte led a review of the county-wide burn ban issue. It was a consensus among Commissioners not to reinstate the burn ban. The issue will be discussed again at the next meeting. Commissioners stressed the importance of responsibility and caution among citizens conducting burns and adherence to the burning regulations of the county.

Mr. Witte presented Resolution 06-01, a "Resolution extending a moratorium upon the acceptance of applications for conditional use permits in connection with wind turbine electric generating projects." Neil Colle of Delmore Township voiced his agreement with the importance of continuing the moratorium, especially in the absence of a current Planning and Zoning Administrator. Commissioner Terry made a motion to sign Resolution 06-01 as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **Chairman Schroeder voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye.**

Mr. Witte made a request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the promotion of Robyn Percy, Administration/Finance, from an Accountant I to an Accountant I/Administrative Secretary (10B to 12A) effective January 29, 2006. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a request to approve and sign an agreement with George, Bowerman & Noel, P.A., for auditing services of the financial statements of the governmental activities of McPherson County for the year ended December 31, 2005 at a total cost of \$20,925.00. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve and sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte requested approval and signature of two items:

- A) Resolution 06-02, a "Resolution authorizing McPherson County to enter into an agreement of operation of hazardous materials response vehicle and equipment with the City of McPherson," effective February 7, 2006.
- B) An agreement between McPherson County and the City of McPherson for operation of the hazardous materials response vehicle and equipment effective January 1, 2006.

The agreement outlines various City and County responsibilities, and terms. Commissioner Duane Patrick made a motion to sign Resolution 06-2 as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **Chairman Schroeder voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye.** Commissioner Patrick made a motion to sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:53 a.m. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commission Minutes taken by Abbey A. Heidebrecht

Don L. Schroeder, Chairman

Duane J. Patrick, Vice-Chairman

Harris G. Terry, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng