

## BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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November 7, 2006

10:00 a.m. REGULAR MEETING

November 10, 2006

9:00 a.m. MEETING AT COURTHOUSE

All Present

One item was added to the November 7, 2006 Agenda: Jennifer Foster, Court Services, Director recommendation for the Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:03 a.m. Jim Novak, Community Corrections, joined the meeting to offer his assistance with any questions regarding the 2007 Community Corrections budget, specifically related to the proposed salary of the new Director. Jennifer Foster, Court Services, joined the meeting to present the Community Corrections Advisory Board recommendation of hiring Steven Stonehouse as the Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections (HMCCC) at a salary of \$48,000.00. Following discussion, Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Steven Stonehouse as Director with a beginning annual salary of \$48,000.00, which will be increased to \$50,145.00 (S27D) following a six-month probation period. The adjusted salary amount will remain for a period of four (4) years before eligibility for additional State step increases. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** Following acceptance of the position, a Personnel Change Notice will be submitted by HMCCC for signature by Commissioners.

At 10:18 a.m., Marvin Peters, Executive Director of McPherson Industrial Development Company, Inc. (MIDC), read a letter from Brett Reber, MIDC President, requesting the County endorsement of the study of a new I-135 interchange for McPherson. The study would seek to determine the optimal site of the interchange, most likely north of Northview Road, and south of the present Pawnee Road interchange. It would also provide information regarding the cost of such a project and various other impacting factors. For federal and state officials to consider supporting the construction of an interchange, both County and City governments will need to express support for the project. There is no need for County or City financial support at this time. Mr. Peters answered related questions from Commissioners, and Angela Krummel, County Planning and Zoning Administrator. Ms. Krummel and Gerry Bley, Interim Public Works Director, both expressed their interest in assisting with the proposed project if it is accepted, following completion of the study. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the endorsement request of the study. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:45 a.m. Wade West and Kevin Schreves, Pitney Bowes Representatives, joined the meeting to present a mailing analysis and mail machine proposal. An updated machine is necessary to replace the County's existing machine due to upcoming required USPS changes. Three (3) different machine models with various features were compared. Following discussion, Commissioner Terry made a motion for the County to enter into a 60-month lease of the DM800 Digital Mail Processor, with Pitney Bowes. The new mail processor will be set-up at the Courthouse within a one-month period. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes for October 31, 2006. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve payroll for November 10, 2006. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator presented for approval, an End of Probation Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for Gary Price, Assistant County Attorney. The PCN includes a salary adjustment, and is effective as of November 5, 2006. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioners recessed until 1:30 p.m. where they reconvened at the Commission Meeting Room of the Bank of America Building. At 1:30 p.m. Commissioners went in to executive session for attorney-client privilege to include Mr. Witte and Attorney David Seely, Legal Counsel. Commissioners returned from executive session at 3:10 p.m. No action was taken in executive session. At 3:10 p.m. Commissioners recessed until 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 10, 2006, at the Courthouse to canvass votes. At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Terry made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commission Minutes taken by Abbey A. Heidebrecht

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Don L. Schroeder, Chairman

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Duane J. Patrick, Vice-Chairman

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Harris G. Terry, Commissioner

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Attest: County Clerk  
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