

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 8, 2008
10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

One item was added to the agenda for July 8, 2008: Old Mill Museum. 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.

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the minutes for July 1, 2008. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve checks and claims for July 3, 2008. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., Richard Nelson, Public Works Superintendent, joined the meeting to request approval of a bid to purchase blank signs. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the bid from Newman Traffic Signs in an amount not to exceed \$3,720.00. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Terry made a motion to go into executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator, and Mr. Nelson for ten (10) minutes, from 10:17 a.m. to 10:27 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel in Public Works. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** No action was taken in executive session. Mr. Nelson distributed copies of a note received by the Public Works Department from a County resident in Lindsborg, commending the Department for their consideration in cooperatively communicating with residents along CR 450 throughout the recent road improvement project.

At 10:30 a.m., Lorna Nelson, Old Mill Museum Director, joined the meeting to seek Commission input and guidance regarding the painting of the UP Depot and related project funding. Ms. Nelson noted that museum maintenance staff had completed some preparation and painting work. A grant, which would require matching funds, has been approved to cover project expenses. Other possible funding sources, including the Lindsborg Kiwanis Club are being explored as well. Keith Kandt, President of the Lindsborg Kiwanis Club was also present to discuss the Club's involvement in the funding of the project. Commissioners asked Ms. Nelson to return to a future meeting with additional information and clarification of project bids and funding guidelines.

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve adds and abates for July 4, 2008. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter from Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections, making a formal request to approve the appointment of Ron Loomis to serve on the Adult Corrections Advisory Board for a two-year term, and to serve on the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for a three-year term, in order to fill a vacancy on both boards. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the recommendations/appointments as requested. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **Commissioners Patrick and Harris voted aye. Chairman Loomis abstained.**

Mr. Witte requested 30 minutes in executive session, including himself, to discuss non-elected personnel in Planning and Zoning, and Emergency Management and Communications Departments. Commissioner Terry made a motion to go into executive session from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** No action was taken in executive session.

Following executive session, it was a consensus among Commissioners to accept the resignation of Dillard Webster as Director of Emergency Management and Communications.

At 12:00 p.m., Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Commission minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Duane Patrick, Vice-Chairman

Harris Terry, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng