

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 6, 2009
10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
All Present

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

Two items were added to the agenda for January 6, 2009: Cereal Malt Beverage Notice to Township; and Old Mill Museum - Non-elected Personnel. 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 Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes for December 23, 2008 as corrected. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve checks and claims for January 6, 2009, including an additional check to Windows of America for the SCKEDD Project. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve adds and abates for December 31, 2008. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator, presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) on behalf of the Old Mill Museum to end the probation status of Amanda Opat, Part-time Museum Staff (5B), effective December 28, 2008. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., David Page, Assistant County Attorney, joined the meeting to request approval of three (3) items:

1. The purchase of used office furniture, which would be placed in the County Attorney's Office, from Guesnius Law Firm in an amount not to exceed \$700.00.
2. The hiring of Ty Kaufman as a special prosecutor for the completion of appeal work; specifically cases with which Mr. Kaufman is familiar, having worked on previously.
3. The utilization of the County Attorney's secretarial staff by the special prosecutor for completion of the appeal cases.

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the purchase of the office furniture as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request to hire Mr. Kaufman as a special prosecutor and to utilize the County Attorney's secretarial staff as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion for the Chairman to sign a Cereal Malt Beverage Notice to Township application for Mary's Conoco, Canton Township. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter and contract from Morton and Meade Counties requesting the participation of McPherson County in a contract for professional lobbying services with regard to legislative policy issues relating to ad valorem taxation of natural gas storage that may come before the Kansas Legislature. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to not participate in the process at this time pending further information regarding the issue.

At 10:30 a.m., Marvin Peters, Executive Director of the MIDC, joined the meeting to introduce Nathan Spearman, General Manager of Viega LLC and his request to apply for property tax exemptions for 100% of the building project and related expenses for a 10-year period. Mr. Peters stated that following in-depth analysis of the project and request by the MIDC members, Viega is qualified to apply. Mr. Spearman summarized the recently completed and projected expansion plans of the McPherson Viega facility, and made a request to set a date and time for a public hearing to approve a resolution for the property tax exemption. Commissioners set the date for February 3, 2009 at 10:10 a.m., allowing the required time for publication of the request.

At 11:00 a.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