

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 17, 2010
10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
All Present

Chairman Patrick opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for August 10, 2010. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator, presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN), on behalf of the Sheriff's Department, to end the introductory period for Debra Fenstermaker, Correctional Officer (12C), effective October 3, 2010. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for signature a Notice of Award and a Notice to Proceed regarding the selection of Hedlund Electric, Inc. as the successful bidder for electrical services on the Courthouse exterior lighting project. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign both notices as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., John Klenda, County Counselor requested twenty (20) minutes of executive session, including Mr. Witte, for attorney client privilege and to discuss potential litigation matters. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to go into executive session as requested from 10:10 a.m. to 10:30 am. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Terry made a motion to extend executive session an additional ten (10) minutes. Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

At 10:40 a.m., Dianna Carter, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request signatures on the Kansas Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board Grant for aerial photography upgrade and support equipment. Aerial photography technology is utilized both by the McPherson County 911 Communications department as well as in the Mapping department. Following a review of the grant, Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the letter of support for the grant application as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:55 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval to rent equipment for current specified road and bridge projects. Mr. Kramer compared costs of renting equipment to costs of hiring out portions of the projects. Equipment rental was found to be more cost effective. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to allow the request as presented.

At 11:10 a.m., Kenneth Cook, Planning & Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting to discuss three (3) specific road vacation and road closing requests by different townships. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to allow the Planning & Zoning Administrator to proceed with the processing of the requests.

Mr. Witte presented on behalf of the County Treasurer, two (2) PCNs for consideration and approval:

1. A PCN to promote an MVL Clerk to a Clerk II. It was a consensus among Commissioners to amend the PCN step to an 8B, and to wait for approval of the changes from the Department Head before taking action.

2. A PCN to hire Cassie Becker as a Clerk II (8D) in the MVL Department effective August 23, 2010. Following discussion and amendments to the PCN regarding hire dates and classification, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the PCN as amended. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented information regarding Tornado Siren Narrow Banding within McPherson County. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners that Darren Frazier, Director of Emergency Communications, notify the cities within the County that upgrades or adjustments to warning sirens will be the responsibility of each individual city. The County will not participate in funding any upgrades or adjustments to city warning systems.

At 12:15 p.m., Chairman Patrick adjourned the meeting.

Commission minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Duane J. Patrick, Chairman

Ron Loomis, Vice-Chairman

Harris Terry, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng