

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 11, 2011

10:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Public Works Work Session 1:00 p.m.

All Present

Chairman Patrick opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the agenda. 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 December 28, 2010 as corrected. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the minutes for January 4, 2011 as presented. Chairman Patrick seconded. **Commissioners Patrick and Terry voted aye. Commissioner Loomis abstained due to his absence at the January 4, 2011 meeting.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve checks and claims for January 11, 2011 and payroll for the pay period ending January 8, 2011. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for January 7, 2011. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the 2011 Annual Operation and Maintenance Assurance Statement for the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the Memorial Park Improvement Project #20-00639. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m. Marvin Peters, MIDC, joined the meeting to request signature on a letter of support addressed to Sedgwick County which will allow McPherson County to be designated as a Foreign Trade Zone. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the letter as requested. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioners took action on the annual election of the 2011 Commission Board Officers. Commissioner Terry made a motion to appoint Commissioner Loomis as the new Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **Commissioners Patrick and Terry voted aye. Commissioner Loomis abstained.** Commissioner Terry made a motion to appoint Commissioner Patrick as Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Commissioners Loomis and Terry voted aye. Commissioner Patrick abstained.**

Commissioners considered a previous request by the State DMV to utilize office space in the County Treasurer's Office for processing auditing work for approximately 20 to 25 hours per week. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to allow the office space lease for a 6-month period at \$150.00 per month. All related initial set-up expenses would be paid by the State. A written Agreement will be drafted and sent to the State for their review.

Rick Witte, County Administrator presented a list of the following three (3) Planning Board Members who's terms will expire at the end of 2011: Homer Yowell, Frances Stucky, and Ken Hedberg. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to reappoint the members to an additional 3-year term. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** Mr. Yowell is interested in leaving the Board but will agree to serve for a brief period to allow time for a replacement to be appointed.

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Loomis began the hearing for a request from Mid Kansas Cooperative for IRBs for constructing and equipping a new structure that would be utilized as a primary distribution point to expand agronomy product sales to its farm and urban customers. Commissioners discussed the request and reviewed information obtained through a tax abatement cost-benefit analysis. During the public input portion of the hearing, Chuck Schmidt, McPherson County resident, employed with CPS, expressed several concerns and questions regarding the IRB request. Danny Posch, CFO of Mid Kansas Cooperative joined the meeting to provide clarification on the project and answered Commissioners' questions. Following discussion, Commissioner Terry made a motion to sign Resolution 2011-01, which amends Resolution 2010-20 and will allow the IRB request to Mid Kansas Cooperative. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye.** Commissioner Terry then made a motion to include 100% tax abatement on the 10 year IRBs. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted nay.**

At 11:10 a.m., Sheriff Larry Powell joined the meeting to request approval to purchase replacement vehicles for three (3) patrol cars. Following a review of bids, Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the purchase of three (3) Crown Victorias (including trade-in allowance) from Midway Motors in the total amount not to exceed \$62,264.00. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:20 a.m., Dianna Carter, County Appraiser joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A State report of the 2010 Procedural Compliance Review Checklist for McPherson County. Ms. Carter noted the report showed that 100% Compliance was attained by the County Appraiser's Office.
- B. A Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for a change in title for Dana Wear from Office Field Assistant to Personal Property Appraiser effective February 9, 2011. The change was advised by County legal counsel as a more appropriate title when participating in legal hearings related to appraisal issues. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the title change as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to contract with Wilson & Company in the amount of \$72,950.00 for aerial photography of McPherson County for the Digital Orthophotography Project. Complete funding will be provided through a grant and will benefit the Appraiser and Emergency Management/Communications departments. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the contract as requested. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:35 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN for the promotion of Andrew Clark to a Maintenance Worker III (13C) effective January 23, 2011. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the PCN as requested. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 12:00 noon, Commissioners recessed until 1:00 p.m. when they reconvened at the Public Works Department for a work session. At 4:15 p.m. Chairman Loomis excused himself from the meeting. Vice Chairman Patrick adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Commission minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Duane J. Patrick, Chairman

Ron Loomis, Vice-Chairman

Harris Terry, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng