

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 26, 2011  
10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting  
All Present  
7:00 p.m.  
Meeting with MASWU  
All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting on July 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Terry seconded. All voted aye.

During Public Input, McPherson 4-H Club representatives presented Commissioners with award winning cookies in decorative jars from the recent competition at the 4-H Fair, which is being held this week at the Fair Grounds. Representatives discussed events, projects and activities taking place during the Fair, and thanked Commissioners for their support of the 4-H program.

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes for July 12, 2011 as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. All voted aye.

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the minutes for July 19, 2011 as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Terry voted aye. Commissioner Patrick abstained due to his absence at the July 19, 2011 meeting.

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve checks and claims for July 26, 2011 and payroll for pay period ending July 23, 2011. Commissioner Terry seconded. All voted aye.

At 10:15 a.m. David Page, County Attorney, joined the meeting to discuss updated job titles and descriptions for current Legal Secretaries and the Diversion Coordinator. It was a consensus among Commissioners that Mr. Page return to a future meeting to allow additional time for their review of the proposed changes. Commissioners also gave their approval for Mr. Page to seek a full-time legal secretary to fill a vacancy.

At 10:35 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to sign a Resolution to install stop signs at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Wheatridge Road for westbound and eastbound traffic. Following discussion Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #2011-12 as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. All voted aye.
- B. A request to approve two (2) Personnel Change Notices (PCN): ending the probation status of Andrew Clark, Maintenance Worker III (13D), effective July 24, 2011; and the promotion of Troy Schroeder to a Maintenance Worker IV (15H), effective July 24, 2011. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve both PCNs as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. All voted aye.

At 10:55 a.m., Darren Frazier, Director of Emergency Communications, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to promote Sabrina Henry to a Communications Shift Supervisor (14D) effective July 24, 2011 to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. All voted aye.

At 11:00 a.m., Dillard Webster, Director of Emergency Management, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A proposed resolution to amend the current County Open Burning Resolution. Mr. Webster introduced discussion regarding recent communications with County Fire Districts who have expressed concerns about allowing open burns in areas with extremely dry conditions. Mr. Frazier added to the discussion from the perspective of the 911 Communications department related to open burning inquiries from the public. It was a consensus among Commissioners to table the item and to ask Mr. Webster to return to a future meeting with updated terminology in a proposed resolution.
- B. A request to proceed with the proposed remodeling project of the dispatch area of the Law Enforcement Center (LEC), contingent upon receiving the Emergency Operations Center grant funding (\$182,284). It was a consensus among Commissioners to ask Mr. Webster and Mr. Frazier to return to a future meeting following consultation with additional LEC departments, and when notice of funding is received.

Commissioners presented Mr. Webster with an award from the Kansas Emergency Managers Association and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. The award certifies Mr. Webster as the Kansas Certified Emergency Manager according to requirements including training, exercises, and classes.

At 11:45 a.m. Fern Hess, Health Department Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve and sign a Consulting Pharmacist contract/agreement for professional services with Linda Josserand in order to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. All voted aye.
- B. A request to approve the write off of uncollectible debt from Health Department clients who show no payment activity for the 12 months preceding March 31, 2011. The total debt amount is \$1,489.87. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. All voted aye.

At 12:03 p.m. Brenda Becker, County Treasurer, joined the meeting to request approval of two (2) PCNs: ending the introductory status of Shirley Bloomquist, MVL Clerk (6B) effective July 24, 2011; and hiring Janet Heter as a Part-time Clerk in the Treasurer's office (6A), effective August 8, 2011, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. All voted aye.

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve adds and abates for July 22, 2011. Commissioner Patrick seconded. All voted aye.

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented on behalf of the Community Corrections department, a PCN ending the introductory status of Elizabeth Hendry, ISO I (19B), effective July 24, 2011. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve and sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. All voted aye.

Mr. Witte reviewed the Courthouse landscaping project and timeline. Following discussion, all Commissioners agreed to allow Gus van der Hoeven, Landscape and Environmental Horticulture Specialist, to proceed with the project as approved.

Commissioner Patrick reported on the recent NACO Conference, which he attended July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Portland, Oregon.

At 1:00 p.m., Commissioners recessed until they reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room of the Bank of America Building where they met with MASWU representatives to discuss the Sub Title D Landfill. No action was taken at the meeting.

At 8:00 p.m., Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Commission minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

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Ron Loomis, 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  
Susan R. Meng