

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**August 30, 2011
10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
All Present**

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting on August 30, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:00 a.m. during Public Input, McPherson Mayor, Tom Brown, addressed Commissioners seeking approval for a Memorandum of Understanding regarding his proposed plan to continue the local SRS Office operations for a two-year period. Mayor Brown informed the Commissioners of the recent 2 to 1 vote of approval by City Officials to fund one half of the office rental space and business operation costs at \$17,000 per year for two years (2012 and FY 2013). He expressed his concerns related to the economic impact on the McPherson community by the State ordered closing of the current local SRS Office. Following discussion, Commissioner Terry made a motion to utilize budgeted County Economic Development funds in a total amount not to exceed \$17,000 per year for two years. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Terry voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted nay. Motion passed.** Economic Development funding budgeted to the cities of McPherson County will each be reduced by approximately one third of their original appropriations.

At 10:25 a.m., Dianna Carter, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Judi Schmidt as a part-time Appraiser I (10A), effective September 6, 2011, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Terry made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval to post weight limits (15-25-35 ton) on bridge #081239 due to the condition of the structure; and to close bridge #243250, as it is no longer capable of carrying a minimum of 3 tons of weight. Following discussion, Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the request and to sign Resolution #2011-14 as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye.**

At 10:50 a.m., Kenneth Cook, Planning & Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting to request on behalf of Mr. Johnny Jones, the approval of Case VAC2011-01, an application for vacation of the alley in Block 8 of the Plat of Elyria. Chairman Loomis began the public hearing and asked Mr. Cook to review the case and findings. He also noted that the request was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Board at the regular meeting, held August 15, 2011. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes for August 23, 2011. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:30 a.m., Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Commission minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Duane J. Patrick, Vice-Chairman

Harris G. Terry, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng