

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 20, 2011

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: Old Mill Museum Operating Hours; and County Employee Health Insurance Renewal. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda for September 20, 2011 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 September 6, 2011. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes for September 13, 2011. Commissioner Terry seconded. **Commissioners Patrick and Terry voted aye. Chairman Loomis abstained due to his absence at the September 13, 2011 meeting.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve checks and claims and distribution for September 20, 2011, and payroll for pay period ending September 17, 2011. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request to approve a resolution to reduce the speed for southbound traffic on CR444 (1st Ave.) north of the City of Windom to 45 mph. Following discussion, Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve Resolution #2011-15 as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a resolution to install stop signs at the intersection of Old K-61 and Cherokee Road for northbound and southbound traffic, and to remove the existing stop signs for eastbound and westbound traffic. Following discussion, Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve Resolution #2011-16 as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye.**
- C. A request from the city of Marquette that McPherson County install a river name sign at the river crossings, to alert the public to natural geographic features. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to deny the request.
- D. A discussion regarding options for broken Case loader #82. It was a consensus among Commissioners to auction rather than repair the loader. Commissioners also agreed to allow the sandpit lease to expire and to auction screening equipment.

At 10:55 a.m. Fern Hess, Health Department Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request for approval for participation in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program through KDHE. Following a review of the program, Commissioner Terry made a motion for the Chairman to sign the contract, effective August 10, 2011 to August 9, 2012, in the amount of \$24,930.00. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to allow funding from respective departments to provide McPherson County employees with flu shots. It was a consensus among Commissioners to allow the request as presented.

At 11:12 a.m., Janet Cagle, Community Corrections Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Sheila Suchy as a Part-time Office Secretary (7A), effective September 21, 2011, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:15 a.m., Lorna Nelson, Director of the Old Mill Museum was asked to join the meeting for discussion regarding the proposed adjustment in operating hours at the Old Mill Museum. Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager provided statistics related to visitor attendance at the Museum, which has been particularly low on Sundays and holidays. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners that in order to reduce costs, the Museum will no longer be open on Sundays and holidays with the exception of special group requests or special events. The adjusted hours will take effect November 1, 2011.

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve adds and abates for September 16, 2011. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a Pitney Bowes five-year leasing contract for new automated mailing services and equipment. The contract provides a \$240.13 per month cost savings to the County over the previous contract with the selection of the updated automated system option. Following discussion, Commissioner Terry made a motion for the Chairman to sign the contract in the amount not to exceed \$423.00 per month. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter from Empire Township Board members requesting approval of Brian Koehn to fill the Treasurer position vacancy. Mr. Koehn will replace Ray Hiebert who is resigning the position immediately. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the appointment as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter from the Cowley County Housing Authority, requesting the reappointment of Linda Haddock as the McPherson County Housing Commissioner on the Housing Commission Board. The four-year term will be effective September 30, 2011. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte distributed policy and cost information to Commissioners related to the renewal of County Health Insurance. Following discussion, Commissioner Patrick made a motion for the Chairman to sign the contract with BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas for the period effective December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012 as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** There will be no change in premium amounts or any other County health plan costs for employees or the County.

Commissioner Terry presented a request on behalf of the County Treasurer, that security cameras and monitoring equipment be installed in the MVL office during the office relocation process, which will be taking place in early October. Following discussion, Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Terry seconded. Commissioners Patrick and Terry voted aye. Chairman Loomis voted nay. The motion passed.

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

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Duane J Patrick, Vice-Chairman

Harris Terry, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng