

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 29, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting

All Present

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Budget Hearings

Chairman Terry and Commissioner Loomis - Present

Commissioner Patrick - Absent

Chairman Terry opened the regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda for May 29, 2012. 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 May 22, 2012 as amended. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve checks and claims for May 29, 2012 and payroll for pay period ending May 26, 2012. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the adds and abates for May 25, 2012. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Chairman Terry presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) on behalf of the Sheriff's Department to end the introductory period for Branden Halbach, Correctional Officer, effective June 10, 2012. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Carl Gustafson joined the meeting to request signature on the final plat of his subdivision located north of Mallard on the east side of Maxwell Street. The plat was recently approved and signed by McPherson City. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign the final plat as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., Cathy Schmidt, Deputy County Clerk, joined the meeting to discuss the beginning wage of a recently hired Clerk's office employee. Ms. Schmidt felt the wage should begin at a higher step on the County step and grade scale. It was a consensus among Commissioners to not make any adjustments to the wage. Ms. Schmidt stated that she would contact state officials for further action on the issue.

Chairman Terry presented a letter from RFD #7 requesting approval of the retirement of Wayne Niehage and the recommendation of Duane Helms to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:28 a.m., Dan Schrag, Noxious Weed Department Director, joined the meeting to request signature on the Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan for 2013. Following a review of the report, Commissioner Patrick made a motion to sign the report as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:40 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request signature on the KDOT form "Authority To Award Contract - Commitment of County Funds" regarding project HRRR 304. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to sign the form as requested. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:50 a.m., Derrick Foos, IT Coordinator joined the meeting to request approval to purchase computers, software, and antivirus protection for County offices in a total amount of \$32,485.22. Courthouse purchases will be funded through the County General fund, and others will be funded through individual department budgets. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Foos then presented his IT Department budget for 2013.

At 11:15 a.m., Commissioner Patrick excused himself from the meeting. Chairman Terry and Commissioner Loomis recessed until 1:00 p.m. when they reconvened in the Commission room to conduct budget sessions with the following County departments/agencies: MCKIDS, Register of Deeds, Appraiser, and SA/DV. At 3:00 p.m., Commissioners recessed until 5:00 p.m. when they reconvened in the Commission Room to continue budget sessions with the following: S.B.D.A., McPherson Family Life Center, and Council on Aging. At 7:15 p.m., Chairman Terry adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Harris G. Terry, Chairman

Duane J. Patrick, Vice-Chairman

Ron Loomis, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng