

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FOR
October 2, 2012

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Regular Meeting
10:00 a.m.
All Present

Chairman Terry opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for October 2, 2012: Old Mill Museum, Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve minutes from September 25, 2012. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve checks and claims for October 2, 2012 and payroll for pay period ending September 29, 2012. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve adds and abates for September 28, 2012. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN), on behalf of the Old Mill Museum, to approve the end of introductory period for Sheila Malm, PT Museum Assistant (6D), effective September 16, 2012. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

- A. A request to hire Aaron Blaylock as a Maintenance Worker I (9A), to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Discussion regarding a request by Technical Land Consultants Inc., to rent a corner of the County Public Works yard to install a cell phone tower. Following discussion, it was a consensus of the Commissioners to revisit the item at a later date after obtaining additional information from Mr. Kramer regarding the request and consultation with County Counsel.

At 10:35 a.m., J.T. Klaus, Triplett, Woolf & Garretson, LLC., Wichita, joined the meeting representing the City of Hesston who is seeking McPherson County approval of the issuance of \$4 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs) by the City of Hesston for the expansion of the Excel Industries, Inc. Hesston. A Public hearing for the formal approval by McPherson County is necessary due to the fact that a portion of the proceeds of the IRBs will be used to finance tooling by Ferguson Production, Inc., which is located within McPherson County, Kansas. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as

Resolution #2012-21, approving the IRBs for Excel Industries including equipment located or utilized at Ferguson Production in McPherson County. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **Chairman Terry voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.** Mr. Klaus noted that this approval has no adverse effect to McPherson or McPherson County. There is no property tax or sales tax on tooling, so the only effect to the County is the benefit of any additional work for Ferguson Production.

At 10:50 a.m., John Klenda, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested ten (10) minutes of executive session, including Mr. Witte, for attorney client privilege and potential litigation matters. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to go into executive session from 10:50 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. as requested. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.** After executive session, Mr. Witte reviewed State recommendations for consideration for bonding of a partially developed 6-mile section of Rails to Trails located one mile east and one mile west of Galva, and from Moccasin Rd. to Pawnee. Considerations to determine bond amount include fencing, spraying, litter control and signage, which was estimated at a total cost of \$1,000.00. It was the recommendation of County Counsel to require from the Central Kansas Conservancy (CKC), Rails to Trails developer, to deposit with the County, in lieu of bonding, \$1,000.00 to be held as escrow, effective through 2013. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to accept the \$1,000.00 deposit from the CKC in lieu of bonding to meet requirements for the section of the trail that is in use or in development. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte reported that the McPherson County health insurance premiums will show a slight increase averaging 2.8%. He also noted there will be no changes in coverage or deductibles from the previous year and that dental plan premiums will not increase.

At 11:40 a.m., Chairman Terry adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

Harris G. Terry, Chairman

Duane J. Patrick, Vice Chairman

Ron Loomis, Commissioner

Cathy Schmidt, County Clerk