

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
For July 29, 2013

Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for July 29, 2013: a report from Commissioner Patrick on his trip to Ft. Worth, Texas, for the National Association of Counties meeting held July 19-22. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Chairman Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes for July 15, 2013. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the minutes for July 22, 2013. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Patrick abstained because he was absent at the July 22 meeting.**

At 9:13 a.m. Janet Cagle, Director of Community Corrections, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. To request the Commission's signature on a quarterly budget adjustment report showing a reduction by the Kansas Department of Corrections in the amount of \$23,454.00. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the budget with revisions as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) to hire Rasheeka Gillett and Brenda Hipps, effective July 30. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the adds and abates for July 26, 2013. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Rachel DeWild as an Administrative Secretary/Accountant I (12A), effective August 13, 2013, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented a letter of resignation from Eugene Peterson from his position as board member of McPherson County Rural Fire District #8. The remaining board members voted unanimously to request Leland J. Nelson as his replacement. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to accept the resignation of Eugene Peterson as a board member of FD #8 and to appoint Leland J. Nelson to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m. Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested fifteen (15) minutes of executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator, for attorney/client privilege to discuss potential litigation matters. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to go into executive session from 9:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. as requested. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.** At 9:45 a.m., the Commission emerged from executive session. Commissioner Patrick made a motion for five (5) more minutes in executive session. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.** No action was taken in executive session. Following executive session Commissioner Patrick made a motion to direct Brian Bina, County Counselor, to draft a follow-up letter to Steve Wiechman regarding questions on legal issues raised by the County Clerk. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Patrick made a motion to direct Brian Bina, County Counselor, to draft a letter to the County Attorney regarding personal purchases on a county credit card. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:53 a.m. Ann Koehn, Public Relations Coordinator at MCDS, joined the meeting to inform the Commission of the latest events at MCDS. Last week there was the Fifth Annual Poker Run with 150 motorcycles and riders. Coming up is a kick ball tournament September 28 at the Bethany College softball fields, with teams registering to play. Starting today is the Fourth Annual Summer Day Camp for young people with developmental disabilities. The camp is free to anyone over ten (10) years old who is currently receiving services from a provider. August 9<sup>th</sup> is the "Summer Blowout" and everyone in the community is invited to attend. There will be inflatables, games, barbeque lunch, bingo with movie and ice cream in the afternoon.

At 9:56 a.m. David Page, County Attorney, joined the meeting. He had heard the discussion regarding drafting a letter to him about making personal purchases on a county credit card. He explained that while at a conference he had purchased decorative items for his office and when he got back and gave them to his staff they asked if they could take them if they ever quit. He said yes, they could take them, so he decided to reimburse the County for those purchases. He then presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for Dwila Busse showing an adjustment on hours from temporary to regular part-time. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**


Commissioner Patrick reported on the recent NACO Conference which he attended in Ft. Worth, TX July 19-22, 2013.

At 10:28 a.m., Commissioners recessed until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 2013, when they reconvened in the Commission Meeting Room to consider a request from Dillard Webster, Emergency Management Agency Director, to sign a resolution declaring a State of Local Disaster resulting from a flash flood event commencing Monday, July 29, 2013 and ending on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. Following discussion Commissioner Patrick made a motion to sign the resolution as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.**

The Commissioners then moved to the East Meeting Room to participate in a presentation by Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, who reviewed the proposed 2014 County Budget including recommendations and adjustments. County department heads and elected officials were invited to attend.


At 3:00 p.m., Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Cathy A. Schmidt.

  
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Ron Loomis, Chairman

  
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Cathy A. Schmidt