

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
October 20, 2014

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

All Present

Annual McPherson County Employee Appreciation Luncheon

5<sup>th</sup> Floor meeting room First Bank Building

All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda for October 20, 2014. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Fern Hess, Director of the McPherson County Health Department, addressed Commissioners and reported recent information and updates related to the recent PHEP-Ebola Meeting, Flu shots, and the Safety Net Clinic Initiative in McPherson County. Ms. Hess will regularly update Commissioners following weekly KDHE conference calls regarding Ebola.

At 9:10 a.m., Due to a conflict of interest, Chairman Loomis excused himself from taking part in the Public Hearing for a request by PrairieLand Partners to obtain County IRBs. Vice Chairman Patrick called the public hearing to order and asked for Kim Bell of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., representing PrairieLand Partners, to review the request and the legal process of acquiring IRBs amounting to \$10,000,000 and tax abatement at 100% for a ten year period. Ms. Bell requested approval and signature on a preliminary Resolution of Intent. Brad Eilts, Director of McPherson Industrial Development Co. then joined the meeting to report on the cost benefit analysis for the proposed project. Loren Balzer, PrairieLand Partners Representative, joined the meeting and reviewed the facility expansion plans and expected employment growth. Following discussion, Vice Chairman Patrick closed the Public Comment portion of the hearing. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-21, intent to proceed with the IRB process for the project. Vice Chairman Patrick seconded. **Chairman Loomis abstained. Vice Chairman Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye. Following the vote, Vice Chairman Patrick turned the meeting back to Chairman Loomis.**

At 9:28 a.m., Dan Schrag, Director of the Noxious Weed Department joined the meeting to request approval to purchase chemicals for fall spraying. Following a review of bids and discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve purchases from Van Diest Supply and Crop Production Services in a total amount not to exceed \$10,064.56. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Gary Shogren, City of Lindsborg Community Development Director, joined the meeting to request signature on Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Interlocal Agreements. Following discussion, Commissioner Patrick made a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreements as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes for October 13, 2014. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) on behalf of Emergency Management/Communications, to hire Chanda Reissig as a Communications Technician (13A), effective October 21, 2014, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Patrick made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a payment request for the SCKEDD Home Grant rehabilitation services and administrative fees related to a home in McPherson, for the amount of \$23,609.19. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting to request approval to dismiss three (3) transferred properties from tax foreclosure proceedings due to special circumstances: Causes of Action Nos. 14MACTAX57, 14MACTAX58, 14MACTAX 59. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened in the large meeting room at the First Bank Building to attend the Annual McPherson County Employee Appreciation Luncheon. At 1:30 p.m. Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Commission Minutes taken by Abbey A. Heidebrecht

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**Ron Loomis, Chairman**

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**Duane J. Patrick, Vice Chairman**

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**Linus Linaweaver, Commissioner**

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**Abbey Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary**