

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
For December 8, 2014

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9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting

Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Linaweaver - Present

Commissioner Patrick - Absent

11:30 a.m.

Work Session at Public Works

Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Linaweaver - Present

Commissioner Patrick - Absent

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Patrick was absent. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the agenda for December 8, 2014. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve checks and claims for December 8, 2014 and payroll for pay period ending December 6, 2014. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve adds and abates for December 5, 2014. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) on behalf of the Sheriff, to end the introductory status of Molly Stucky, Office Deputy (12B), effective December 21, 2014. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Sarah Steele of Gilmore and Bell, P.C., serving as Counsel to McPherson County, joined the meeting to request final action for the issuance of IRBs to Mid Kansas Coop for the acquisition, construction and equipping of a new facility near Canton, Kansas. Ms. Steele asked for approval of County Resolution #2014-24, allowing tax abatement for up to 10 years for a projected amount of \$22,000,000.00. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the Resolution and all related documents as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter of resignation from Gordon Unruh, RFD #9 Board member, and a letter of recommendation from the RFD #9 Board of Directors, to appoint Joel A. Koehn to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the resignation and appointment as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented Resolution #2014-25, designating the McPherson Sentinel as the official County newspaper for McPherson County. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the Resolution as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented Resolution #2014-26, designating depositories for McPherson County funds. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the Resolution as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.**

At 9:50 a.m., Rob Monical, CEO McPherson Hospital, joined the meeting to review recent election results supporting the one-half cent sales tax, benefitting McPherson County Hospitals. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign Resolution #2014-27, levying the retailer's sales tax for the purpose of funding certain

improvements to the capital equipment and facilities, and general operating expenses of McPherson Hospital, Inc., Mercy Hospital, Inc., and Lindsborg Community Hospital, with the tax commencing on April 1, 2015, and to terminate ten (10) years after its commencement. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.**

At 9:54 a.m., John Verssue, Planning, Zoning, & Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to approve the application by NCRA for a Zoning Amendment (ZA2014-01) from A-1 Agriculture District to M-2 Heavy Industrial District located northwest of Limestone Road and 8th Avenue (Conway). Chairman Loomis began the public hearing and asked Mr. Verssue to review the case, including its findings, factors and conditions. The application was previously recommended for approval by the Planning Board. Following the review, Chairman Loomis presented the options for Commission Board action. Chairman Loomis made a motion to approve the case and accept the decision of the Planning Board by signing Resolution #2014-28. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve the application by RCRA for a Special Use Case (SU2014-08) to construct a Petroleum & Natural Gas Refining & Bulk Storage - Brine Pond located northwest of Limestone Road and 8th Avenue (Conway). Chairman Loomis began the public hearing and asked Mr. Verssue to review the case, including its findings, factors and conditions. The application was previously recommended for approval by the Planning Board. Following the review, Chairman Loomis presented the options for Commission Board action. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the case and accept the decision of the Planning Board by signing Resolution #2014-29. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve the continuance of the County Comprehensive Plan. The By-laws require review of the Plan by the Planning Board once a year in November, followed by an update to the Commissioners. The Planning Board recommended extending the Plan for at least two (2) additional years. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:07 a.m. Ronn Peters, Michael Fox, and Sue Schlegal, representatives for the Prairie Trail Scenic By-way (PTSB), joined the meeting to update Commissioners on their desire to extend the Trail through Ellsworth County. In order to proceed and receive State approval, the State is asking for a McPherson County Commission representative to serve on the PTSB Board, which will oversee functions of the Corridor Management Plan, fundraising, etc. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to appoint the 1st District Commissioner or his representative to serve on the PTSB Board. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:24 a.m., Lorna Nelson, Old Mill Museum Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request for Heritage Center Roof repairs. Ms. Nelson recommended the low bid of \$9,750.00 by D&D Supply, Roofing. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the bid as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to replace the heating/AC system in the Heritage Center collections storage area. Ms. Nelson recommended the purchase of the Lennox Furnace & AC from Pestinger Heating & Air Conditioning, Lindsborg, for \$6,337.00. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request for electrical repairs and upgrades in various museum buildings. Ms. Nelson recommended that Pestinger's complete all electrical jobs as one project for a total maximum cost of \$3,787.00. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request to approve a bid for an ADA sidewalk along the circle drive on the north side of Mill Street. Ms. Nelson recommended acceptance of the low bid of \$2,280.00 from Abernathy Construction. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:45 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a PCN to change working hours for Diane Hedberg, Administrative Secretary (12I), from part-time to full-time effective January 1, 2015, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to purchase reinforcing steel for miscellaneous projects, from Salina Steel, in an amount not to exceed \$1,531.86. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:25 a.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened at the Public Works department for a work session.

At 2:30 p.m. Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Ron Loomis, Chairman

ABSENT _____
Duane J. Patrick, Vice Chairman

Linus Linaweaver, Commissioner

Abbey A. Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary