

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
January 12, 2015

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Regular Meeting  
9:00 a.m.  
All Present  
Public Works - Work Session  
11:00 a.m.  
All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for January 12, 2015: election of Commission officers for the year 2015. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to designate Ron Loomis as Commission Chairman, and himself as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Becker seconded. All voted aye. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the minutes for January 5, 2015. Chairman Loomis seconded. Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Becker abstained.

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve adds and abates for January 9, 2015. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a request for a cell phone allowance in the amount of \$8.00 per pay period, for an employee at Emergency Communications. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:13 a.m. John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to request approval for a temporary use permit (TU2015-01), on behalf of Richard Rawson, for a motorcycle race benefitting the Marquette Motorcycle Museum, at 535 Pioneer Road on May 16, 2015. Following a review of the case by Mr. Verssue, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:25 a.m. Brad Eilts, Executive Director of MIDC, joined the meeting and introduced Abdul Arif, the new Executive Director of the South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD). Mr. Arif reviewed the mission and benefits of SCKEDD, which focuses on providing economic development support.

At 9:43 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested ten (10) minutes of executive session including Mr. Witte to discuss ongoing litigation. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to go into executive session from 9:43 to 10:43 a.m. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

At 9:53 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request for signature on an agreement between the City of Lindsborg and McPherson County over future maintenance and responsibilities of the Old Mill Bridge and the Old Mill Park. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request for approval of the amended county snow removal plan. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

- C. A request to purchase materials for asphalt plant maintenance. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to purchase the materials in a total amount of \$29,547.95. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:08 a.m., Dan Schrag, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Kim Romero as a Part-time Administrative Secretary (12B), effective February 2, 2015, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:11 a.m., Mr. Bina requested ten (10) minutes of executive session, including Brenda Becker, County Treasurer and Mr. Witte, to discuss the acquisition of a lease property. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to go into executive session from 10:12 a.m. to 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.** At 10:22 a.m., Chairman Loomis made a motion to extend executive session for an additional ten (10) minutes. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.** In open session, Mr. Witte recommended that Ms. Becker prepare a business plan for the proposed satellite MVL office. It was a consensus among Commissioners to postpone action until a business plan is presented.

Ms. Becker and Commissioners discussed a new job description for a Language Specialist position in the Treasurer/MVL office.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened at the Public Works department for a work session. At 2:49 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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**Linus Linaweaver, Vice Chairman**

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**Keith Becker, Commissioner**

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**Abbey Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary**