

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2015

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

All Present

February 25, 2015

Annual McPherson County Township Meeting

8:30 a.m.

Chairman Loomis & Commissioner Becker - Present

Commissioner Linaweaver - Absent

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the agenda for February 23, 2015. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the minutes for February 9, 2015. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve adds and abates for February 20, 2015. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a letter of engagement for the financial audit of the County for year ending 2014, with George, Bowerman & Noel P.A. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman and Mr. Witte to sign the letter as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter of resignation from Darlene Wolf as Treasurer for South Sharps Creek Township, and a letter of request from South Sharps Creek Township Board members to appoint Merlyn Larson to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the resignation and appointment as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:13 a.m., Stephanie Snow, Community Corrections ISO, joined the meeting to present a request for County funding to help support Community Corrections, due to recent cuts in state funding. Several individuals addressed the Commissioners in support of Ms. Snow and her request for funding. No action was taken by Commissioners. Ms. Snow will gather additional information and research available funding options to present to Commissioners at a later date.

At 9:50 a.m., Doug Wisby, Multi-Community Diversified Services (MCDS), joined the meeting to report updates regarding the impact of state budget cuts and the current status of MCDS programs.

At 10:12 a.m., Darren Frazier, County Emergency Management/Communications Director, joined the meeting to request funding for additional 911 staff due to increased call activity particularly on second shift. Following discussion, Commissioners decided to table the request in order to gather further budget impact information, before taking action.

At 10:32 a.m. Dan Schrag, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting to present and review the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2014. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the report as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:41 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request to advertise for bids for roadway maintenance asphalt oils. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the bid advertisement as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.** Mr. Kramer and Commissioners discussed options for hiring experienced, new and/or retired county personnel, and placement on the County wage scale.

At 11:18 a.m., Sheriff Larry Powell joined the meeting with two items: a request to hire 3 additional deputies and to allow re-adjustment in wage grade for Corporal Correctional Officers at the jail. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:30 a.m., Circles of McPherson County President, Brad Mears, joined the meeting to review the history of the program and its activity in McPherson County. Brenda Sales and Rebecca Lewis, Circles representatives, also joined the meeting and gave a brief presentation regarding funding sources, Circles success rates, and poverty guidelines. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to fund Circles in the amount of \$10,000.00 for calendar year 2015. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 12:10 p.m., Commissioners recessed until Friday, February 27, 2015 when they reconvened at the Holiday Manor to attend the annual McPherson County Township Meeting at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Linaweaver was absent from the township meeting. At 1:00 p.m., Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Commission minutes taken by Abbey A. Heidebrecht.

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Linus Linaweaver, Vice Chairman

Keith Becker, Commissioner

Abbey Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary