

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
July 6, 2015

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Chairman Loomis & Commissioner Becker - Present

Commissioner Linaweaver - Absent

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Linaweaver was absent. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the agenda for July 6, 2015. Chairman Loomis 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 June 29, 2015 as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve checks and claims for July 6, 2015 and payroll for pay period ending July 4, 2015. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator joined the meeting to present a special use case (SU2015-02), for a campground, including 20 recreational vehicle sites in the A-2, Agricultural Transition District in a portion of the Southwest ¼ of Section 23, Township 19 South, Range 3 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian; approximately 6.2 acres.

Chairman Loomis opened the public hearing and asked the applicant, William Parkhurst, if he had received a fair and impartial hearing before the Planning Board. Mr. Parkhurst joined the meeting and reported that he felt the hearing had been fair and impartial. Then Chairman Loomis asked Mr. Verssue to report details regarding the case, including the findings, factors and conditions, voted upon by the Planning Board at their June 15, 2015 meeting. After consideration of all aspects of the case, the Planning Board reached a tie vote of 4 to 4, neither approving nor denying recommendation of the special use. Following the report by Mr. Verssue, Lance Engle, adjacent property owner, joined the meeting to share his concerns about the possibility of excess noise and decreased property values related to the proposed campground. Chairman Loomis led discussion and then reviewed options for action to be taken by the Commissioners. Commissioner Becker made a motion to disapprove the case due to concerns regarding possible decreased property values, potential for noise and light pollution in proximity to residential properties, and a misleading site plan which was not presented to scale. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Becker voted aye.** Following the vote, Chairman Loomis informed the applicant that he has 30 days to appeal the decision to District Court.

At 9:35 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request for approval of a proposal for geotechnical engineering services from GSI Engineering for two (2) span Bridge replacement projects in the County. Following review of the two (2) proposals, Commissioner Becker made a motion to accept the GSI contract per the cost/fee estimated schedule. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request for signature on a resolution to install stop signs for northbound and southbound traffic on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Mohawk Road. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion to sign Resolution 2015-07 as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to approve the appointment of Torrance Parkins as the McPherson County Attorney, effective June 1, 2015. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Becker also made a motion to compensate Deputy County Attorney, Jamie Karasek, extra payment for the two days that she served as the appointed County Attorney. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a PCN on behalf of the Treasurer, to approve the end of introductory status for Cory Harrison, Certified Clerk II MVL (9C), effective June 21, 2015. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened at Public Works for a work session. At 2:50 p.m. Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. when they reconvened at Public Works for a road tour. At 3:55 p.m. Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

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**Ron Loomis, Chairman**

**ABSENT**

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**Linus Linaweaver, Vice Chairman**

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**Keith Becker, Commissioner**

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**Abbey Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary**