

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
October 5, 2015

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Regular Meeting  
9:00 a.m.  
All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for October 5, 2015: Signature Request on Letter of Engagement for Legal Counsel regarding the Hospira Tax Appeal. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Fred Peterson, Marquette, joined the meeting with a question regarding the FEMA application status for storm damage.

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the minutes for September 28, 2015. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Anna Ruxlow, McPherson Museum Director, joined the meeting to request county funding of eight (8) museums located throughout the county. Ms. Ruxlow presented information regarding the historical value and purpose of maintaining the museums and asked that the funds currently allocated to the McPherson County Old Mill Museum be disbursed among all eight of the museums in the county. Additionally, updates by representatives of museums located in the cities of Inman, Moundridge, and Marquette were presented. No action was taken by Commissioners.

At 9:45 a.m., Torrance Parkins, County Attorney, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the promotion of Melissa Clouatre to a Legal Administrative Assistant (12A), effective September 27, 2015. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:55 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two items:

- A. A request to award the contract for bridge replacement project #070196 to the low bidder, King Construction Company, in the amount of \$166,427.50. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the bid and to authorize Mr. Kramer to sign the contract. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to purchase a vertical asphalt storage tank. Following a review of bids, Commissioner Becker made a motion to allow the purchase of a 25,000 gallon storage tank for \$96,000 and asphalt agitating tank system and control panel for \$21,000 from Stansteel Asphalt Plant Products, as well as freight costs. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:32 a.m., Darren Frazier, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting and requested ten (10) minutes of executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator, to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Becker made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.** Mr. Frazier then requested approval of three (3) PCNs to end the introductory period for Melissa Godwin, Valerie Hughes, and Jolanna Carr, Communications Technicians (13B), effective October 11, 2015. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to rescind the previous action for signature on a Letter of Engagement with Stinson, Leonard and Street, for legal counsel regarding the Hospira Tax Appeal, and allow Commissioners to sign the amended signature page. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte reviewed the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas County Employee Health Insurance Proposal for the year beginning December 1, 2015. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:40 a.m., Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by Abbey 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**