

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2016

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Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m.
All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the agenda for January 4, 2016. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

The first item of business was the appointment of the 2016 Commission Board Officers. Chairman Loomis made a motion for Commissioner Linaweaver to serve as Chairman. Commissioner Becker seconded. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for Commissioner Loomis to serve as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Becker seconded. The new Officers were approved by acclamation.

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

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for December 21, 2015. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve checks and claims for January 4, 2016, and payroll for pay period ending January 2, 2016. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Brett Reber, Counsel representing Mid-Kansas Cooperative, joined the meeting to request approval of a resolution to allow taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 for the purpose of financing the expansion of an existing grain handling facility in Marquette, Kansas. Steve Peterson, Mid-Kansas Cooperative, also joined the meeting to review specific plans for the facility project. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #2016-01 as presented. Chairman Linaweaver seconded. **Chairman Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Becker abstained due to his position on the Mid-Kansas Coop Board.**

At 9:20 a.m., Richard Rawson, Marquette, KS, joined the meeting to request consideration of allowing four (4) motorcycle races throughout 2016 in Marquette. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to support Mr. Rawson's request and for him to proceed with obtaining the required permits.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for December 23, 2015. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) on behalf of the Planning/Zoning & Environment Administrator, to hire Carissa McCuen as an Administrative Assistant (12A), effective January 11, 2016, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commission Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter from Prairie View requesting the appointments of Tara Dahlstrom and H.Dick Reynolds, Jr. to the McPherson County Mental Health Advisory Board, to fill vacancies. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the appointments as requested. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for discussion, the option of continuing the McPherson County membership in the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) organization. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion not to renew the membership. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for signature the Workforce Area One Local Chief Officials Agreement. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement, and to appoint Commissioner Loomis as the McPherson County Board Representative on the Chief Elected Officials Board. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign Resolution #2016-02, designating depositories for McPherson County funds. Commissioner Becker seconded. **Chairman Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to sign Resolution #2016-03, designating the McPherson Sentinel as the official County Newspaper for McPherson County. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Chairman Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

At 10:15 a.m., Chairman Linaweaver adjourned the meeting.

Minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Linus Linaweaver, Chairman

Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

Keith Becker, Commissioner

Abbey Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary