

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2016

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Loomis and Becker - Present

Chairman Linaweaver - Absent

Vice Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Linaweaver was absent. Two items were added to the agenda for February 24, 2016: Tax abatement request; and Emergency Communications, Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve minutes from February 8, 2016. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve adds and abates for February 19, 2016. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) on behalf of the Sheriff's Department to end the introductory period for Patty Ensz, Clerk II (8D), effective March 13, 2016. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for signature an audit letter of engagement with George, Bowerman & Noel, P.A. for the audit of McPherson County financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2015. The total cost of the audit amounts to \$26,680 which reflects a 1.5% cost increase from the previous year. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the letter as presented. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Commissioners heard proposals from representatives of EMC, K-WORC, and KCAMP with regard to workers compensation, liability, and property insurance. Following presentations and discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to further discuss the options and to take action at the next regular meeting.

At 10:10 a.m., Lorna Nelson, Director of the Old Mill Museum, joined the meeting to present a request to hire Metzger Restorations for Mill window repainting and repairs. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion to allow up to \$8,500 toward the project. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:20 a.m., Jim Johnston, County Undersheriff, joined the meeting to request approval to trade in four (4) patrol vehicles and purchase four (4) replacement patrol vehicles. The new vehicles will be 2016 Ford Explorers which amount to a total cost of \$95,148 including trade-in allowances. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request as presented. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request for signatures on a contract with Kirkham Michael and KDOT in an amount not to exceed \$32,000 for preliminary engineering design services for the HRRR project in the southeast quarter of

McPherson County. Commissioner Becker made a motion to sign the contract as presented. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

- B. A request to advertise for bids for the 2016 Roadway Maintenance Materials, asphalt oils. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the bid notice as presented. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve the purchase of crack sealer with plexi melt packaging. Following a review of bids, Commissioner Becker made a motion to allow the purchase from McConnell and Assoc. in a total amount of \$20,361.90. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:55 a.m., Darren Frazier, Director of Emergency Management/911 Communications, joined the meeting and requested fifteen (15) minutes of executive session, including Mr. Witte, to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Becker made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.** In open session, Mr. Frazier requested approval of a PCN to end the introductory status of Mikaela Steinert, Communications Tech (13B), effective February 14, 2016. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:15 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator joined the meeting to provide updates regarding the comprehensive plan and the township meeting agenda. Mr. Verssue also requested that Commissioners grant a wastewater system waiver at Pioneer Rd. and 14th Avenue, in the southwest corner. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte shared a public notice that the McPherson City Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the application of Central Plastics, Inc. for a tax abatement for a new facility expansion to the existing plant.

Mr. Witte presented a letter from Fire Board District #5, Inman, requesting approval of the resignation of Dennis Schroeder as District #5 Fire Chief effective January 1, 2016, and the appointment of Neal Schierling to fill the Fire Chief vacancy. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request as presented. Vice Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016 at the McPherson Holiday Manor to participate in the Annual Township Meeting. At 5:00 p.m., Vice Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

ABSENT

Linus Linaweaver, Chairman

Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

Keith Becker, Commissioner

Abbey Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary