

## BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 17, 2006  
REGULAR MEETING  
10:00 A.M.

CHAIRMAN SCHROEDER PRESENT  
COMMISSIONER PATRICK PRESENT  
COMMISSIONER TERRY PRESENT

One item was added to the agenda: Sanitary Sewer Easement. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input Session at 10:00 a.m.

Linda Paul, Register of Deeds, requested 15 minutes, from 10:03 to 10:18, in executive session to discuss non-elected personnel in the Deeds Office and to include Mr. Witte. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** The commissioners returned to open session at 10:18 a.m. No action was taken during executive session. Ms. Paul requested permission to allow the three current Deeds Office employees to work up to 10 hours of overtime per pay period for imaging and editing. She also requested approval to hire an existing part-time MVL employee to work two hours per day for imaging and editing in the Deeds Office. All compensation and additional benefits would be provided through the Tech Fund. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2006. Chairman Schroeder seconded. **Commissioners Terry and Schroeder voted aye. Commissioner Patrick abstained because he was absent from the January 10, 2006 meeting.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the payroll for January 20, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve adds and abates register of January 13, 2006. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Schroeder presented a recommendation to appoint Dr. Mark Handlin to the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Chairman Schroeder seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte began discussion on reviewing the current countywide burn which includes all outside burning. Dillard Webster, Director of Emergency Management, recommended to continue the ban for an additional seven-day period. Commissioner Terry made a motion to continue the burning ban for seven additional days. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Dianna Carter, County Appraiser, joined the meeting at 10:35 a.m. to request permission to purchase a high quality countywide orthophotography image to be prepared by Image America not to exceed \$64,000. The imaging would replace the current maps, which date back to 1998 and earlier. Kevin Beakey, GIS Coordinator, discussed added advantages to using an image that would represent the entire county, rather than individual areas and cities within the County. Dillard Webster, Director of Emergency Management commented on behalf of his department that the imaging would greatly enhance emergency services as well. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director also added that it would enhance his department by allowing evaluations and studies of particular areas in the office, before physically surveying the actual sites. Steve Johnson, County Sanitarian, commented on the advantages of the imaging as a useful tool in his department as well. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Cindy Teter, Clerk of the District Court, joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m. to request permission to purchase modular office furniture for the second floor District Court office from Kansas Correctional Industries for \$12,286.59 which includes labor and materials. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a recommendation to reappoint Bob Geiman and Ellis Musselwhite as non-lawyer members of the Ninth District Judicial Nominating Commission for the new term from March 6, 2006 to March 1, 2010. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a request to approve and sign the Sanitary Sewer Easement located on the North 16 feet of the East 325 feet of Lot 1, Block 1, McPherson Law Enforcement Center Subdivision, for use by the city animal shelter. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director joined the meeting at 11:12 a.m. with the following agenda items:

- A. A request to approve the gathering of quotes and purchase of a used utility truck not to exceed \$17,000. The truck would be used in road and bridge construction and maintenance projects and will replace a 1986 GMC 2-ton. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

- B. A second request was presented to obtain quotes for three additional Tandem Axle Semi-Trucks for the purpose of pulling trailers. Commissioners revised several specifications in the general quote. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented, including the spec revisions. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve the advertisement for and to hire up to four summer employees at a rate of \$9.04 per hour. Two of the positions will be general maintenance, and up to two positions will be in the engineering area. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request for ten minutes in executive session, from 11:32 a.m. to 11:42 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel in the Planning and Zoning Department to include Mr. Witte. Commissioner Terry made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** The Commissioners returned to open session at 11:42 a.m. No action was taken during executive session. Mr. Bohnenblust made a request to approve and sign a Planning Consultant Retainer between McPherson County and C. Bickley Foster to provide planning assistance to McPherson County at an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the year 2006. Mr. Foster will be utilized for training the Planning and Zoning volunteer board, staff inquiries, and reviewing existing county regulations. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Brenda Becker, County Treasurer, joined the meeting at 11:48 a.m. to present a written proposal to increase her salary. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve an increase to the County Treasurer's annual salary from \$37,191.96 to \$41,730.00 effective the next pay period. Chairman Schroeder seconded. **Chairman Schroeder and Commissioner Terry voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted nay.**

At 12:20 p.m. Commissioner Terry made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commission Minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht

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Don L. Schroeder, Chairman

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Duane J. Patrick, Vice-Chairman

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Harris G. Terry, Commissioner

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Attest: County Clerk  
Susan R. Meng

