

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 28, 2006

10:00 A.M. REGULAR MEETING

ALL PRESENT

Three items were added to the agenda: (1) MASWU Permit 404 Application; (2) REAP membership application; (3) 1:00 p.m. Work Session covering use of publicly owned vehicles. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the February 28, 2006 agenda as amended. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input Session, Dillard Webster, Director of Emergency Management updated the Commissioners on the progress of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) program. The contract is in the process of being re-written to reflect a new payment schedule. Mr. Webster will return with the new contract for Commissioners to sign as soon as it becomes available.

Mr. Webster requested that the current countywide burn ban be extended for another week. According to weather forecasts, dry conditions are expected to continue. Several calls have been received throughout the past week by the Emergency Management Department requesting the ban be discontinued to allow private trash burning. Commissioner Terry made a motion to continue the countywide burn ban for one week and to review the issue at the next commission meeting. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:12 a.m. Dave Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with 2 items:

- A. A request to approve and sign a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for reclassification of Public Works employee, Brad Evans, from a Maintenance Worker IV (15F) to a Maintenance Worker III (13H) effective February 12, 2006. A request to approve and sign a PCN for end of probation of Public Works employee, Derrick Foos, from a 13B to a 13C, effective March 12, 2006. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve and sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to award bids for the 2006 aggregates and hauling services. Mr. Bohnenblust reviewed and discussed bid tabulations and answered questions from Commissioners. Commissioner Terry made a motion to award bids for purchase of aggregates and hauling as presented within budget limits. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Bohnenblust requested five minutes in executive session from 10:23 a.m. to 10:28 a.m., to include Mr. Witte, to discuss non-elected personnel in the Planning and Zoning Department. Commissioner Terry made a motion to go to executive session as requested. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioners returned to open session at 10:26 a.m. No action was taken in executive session.

Mr. Bohnenblust announced that Angela Krummel has accepted the Planning and Zoning Administrator position. Ms. Krummel will begin employment March 15, 2006.

At 10:30 a.m. Dan Schrag, Director of Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting requesting approval and signature on the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) contract to treat noxious weeds on the state maintained roads of McPherson County. Purchase of chemicals to treat KDOT roads are budgeted in the 2006 budget. All

involved chemicals, labor, and equipment used for this treatment are reimbursed at full cost by KDOT. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve and sign the KDOT contract as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the February 21, 2006 minutes as corrected. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve checks and claims and payroll for February 17, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve adds and abates, and landfill register for February 24, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a request to approve and sign the ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company Installment Loan Program Agreement for Governmental Retirement Plans. The County does not contribute to employees' Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, therefore the loan option would be decided by the employee. There is no cost to the County for participation in the program. Under the loan program, County employees would be allowed pre-retirement access to their retirement funds in the form of an installment loan at reduced interest costs. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve and sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:54 a.m. Lorna Nelson, Director of the Old Mill Museum, joined the meeting requesting approval to submit the 2006 Heritage Trust Fund Grant Application in the amount of \$112,200.00. Grant funds would be utilized for the continuing restoration projects on the 1904 World's Fair Swedish Pavilion. Ms. Nelson updated commissioners on the possibility of obtaining the required matching dollars, which total \$22,440.00, through private contributions. Many contributors will only commit to providing donations contingent upon the application submission. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to submit the application as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:00 a.m. Bill Ridge, General Manager of McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility, joined the meeting to request approval and signature on the Application for Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Permit #404 which would allow relocation of a stream located on the southern half of Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 3 West. The relocation would increase the area for expansion of the landfill. The application process would include notification of all involved landowners and environmental agencies who would then be given the opportunity to reply within 30 days. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve and sign the permit application as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte requested approval and signature on the South Central Kansas Economic Development District's (SCKEDD) request to extend the contract for three (3) homes. The extension of the contract would allow contractors to extend the completion of the home rehabilitation projects from March 1 to May 1, 2006. No additional cost to the County would result from granting the extension request. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve and sign the contract extension requests as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented the County with an invitation to join the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) association. REAP serves the interests of an entire region in strengthening local governments, improving public service, and matters of local concern. Commissioners agreed to review the REAP documents and possibly invite a REAP representative to discuss and answer questions concerning the organization before committing to formal membership.

At 11:55 a.m. Commissioners recessed and reconvened at the 5th Floor of the Bank of America Building meeting room at 1:00 p.m. for a Work Session. No action was taken at the meeting. At 1:50 p.m. Commissioner Terry made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commission Minutes taken by Abbey A. Heidebrecht

Don L. Schroeder, Chairman

Duane J. Patrick, Vice-Chairman

Harris G. Terry, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng