

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 9, 2006

10:00 a.m. REGULAR MEETING

All Present

May 10-11, 2006

12:00 KCCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MANHATTAN, KS

Commissioners Patrick and Terry Present

May 12, 2006

9:45 a.m. ANNUAL MCPHERSON COUNTY ALL SCHOOLS DAY PARADE

All Present

One item was added to the agenda: Dianna Carter, County Appraiser - Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the May 9, 2006 agenda as amended. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from April 25, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve minutes from May 2, 2006 as corrected. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve payroll for May 11, 2006. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve adds and abates and special assessments for May 5, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m. Dillard Webster, Director of Emergency Management, joined the meeting with two items:

- A. A request for approval and signature on a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the end of probation step adjustment of Jill Brunsell to a 14F effective May 7, 2006. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request for approval allowing Mr. Webster, representing McPherson County, to sign the Engagement Letter/Contract and Attorney/Client Agreement from Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, P.A., regarding Radio Equipment Re-banding. Interference in emergency radio communications due to increased cellular phone use of the 800 MHz frequency band, has led the FCC to mandate the emergency radio frequency band to be reconfigured (re-banded). A major part of the County's radio equipment is at or over 12 years old, which makes it incapable of being upgraded. Therefore equipment will need to be replaced. Costs for radio equipment replacement, which will total over \$100,000.00, are to be provided by the cell-phone industry, Nextel. In order to maintain the quality and integrity of current communications systems, some degree of legal litigation will be required. The State of Kansas has retained a legal firm to represent both Nextel and McPherson County in re-banding negotiations. According to the contract, McPherson County will not

be liable for any costs incurred, including litigation costs, and that all billing will eventually be forwarded directly to Nextel. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the contract signing by Mr. Webster for all legal action connected with the re-banding project. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m. Dianna Carter, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval and signature on a PCN to hire Denaye Dies as a Review Field Appraiser I (10A), effective May 22, 2006. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:35 a.m. Larry Powell, Sheriff, joined the meeting to request approval for replacement of two heating/cooling units at the Law Enforcement Center. Frequent repairs and adjustments have been required recently in order to keep the units functioning properly. Representatives from Jim's Plumbing and Heating joined the discussion and answered questions from the Commissioners concerning the damage, and replacement units. Commissioner Terry made a motion to accept and approve the bids from Jim's Plumbing and Heating, McPherson, KS, to replace two (2) units, one for \$10,600.00, and the second for \$6,200.00, including labor and materials with the provision that the County provide an operating crane for the project. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** Funding will be provided through the Sheriff's Department 2006 budget.

At 10:50 a.m. Fern Hess, Health Department Director, joined the meeting to request approval of bids for the Health Department Building Maintenance Project. The project would include replacement of all exterior windows and repair of the roof mansard. Two proposals were up for consideration, with proposal #1 including complete window replacement and standing seam painted metal panels for the mansard, and proposal #2 including complete window replacement and DECORA metal roof shingles on the mansard. The cost variance between the two proposals amounts to \$3,979.00, with proposal #2 at the higher cost. Commissioner Terry made a motion to accept bid proposal #2 from Randa's Construction L.L.C. for a total cost not to exceed \$57,204.00 which includes all materials, labor, and related expenses. Chairman Schroeder seconded. **Chairman Schroeder voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted nay.** The project is scheduled to begin in late August 2006, and will take approximately 20-28 working days to complete. Project funding will be provided through the Health Fund.

Ms. Hess updated Commissioners on information concerning the high number of measles and mumps outbreaks recently in the state of Kansas. She also spoke about upcoming Kansas Pandemic Influenza Symposiums, scheduled as part of the state's Pandemic Influenza Preparedness plans.

At 11:45 a.m. Commissioners recessed until 1:00 p.m. to attend a Work Session with the Public Works Department. No action was taken at the meeting. At 4:25 p.m. Commissioners recessed until Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. when Commissioners Patrick and Terry attended the KCCA Annual Conference in Manhattan, KS. No action was taken at the Conference meetings. Commissioners recessed until May 12, 2006 at 9:45 a.m., where they participated in the Annual McPherson County All Schools Day Parade. No action was taken. At 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Terry 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