

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 27, 2006

10:00 a.m. REGULAR MEETING

All Present

Budget Work Session

All Present

June 30, 2006

9:00 a.m. SPECIAL MEETING

All Present

One item was added to the June 27, 2006 agenda: Discussion of the July 4 Holiday for County Employees. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input, Mr. John Holecek, representing McPherson Ministerial Alliance, addressed the Commissioners to extend an invitation to attend the 4th Annual Prayer Walk, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. July 4, 2006 at the Lakeside Park Bandshell. Mr. Holecek noted that prayers would specifically be directed toward the protection and welfare of all public officials and those who serve the public.

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from June 20, 2006 as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:05 a.m., Angela Krummel, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting to request an additional \$5,000.00 to extend the planning consultant retainer between McPherson County and C. Bickley Foster for planning consulting services. To date, McPherson County has paid \$2,911.47 of the current \$5,000.00 retainer. The majority of the remaining retainer has been utilized, but not yet billed. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the checks and claims for June 27, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the Adds and Abates for June 23, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Rick Witte, County Administrator, brought up for discussion the possibility of granting Monday July 3, 2006 as a paid holiday for McPherson County employees. State offices will be closed July 3rd and 4th, therefore leaving certain county offices unable to process specific data on those days. Commissioner Terry made a motion to allow County employees a paid holiday, July 3, 2006, which will replace the November 10, 2006 Veterans Day holiday. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:25 a.m. Mr. Witte initiated discussion on the possibility of extending the current Wind Farm Moratorium on applications (resolution #06-01), which expires July 1, 2006, by an additional 30 days. Ms. Krummel briefly reviewed current regulations and answered questions from Commissioners. Laura Bowers, Delmore Township resident, addressed the Commissioners concerning a recent Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) Report on Wind Energy. Ms. Krummel will research and present data collected at a later meeting date following consultation with Foster & Associates. A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Friday, June 30, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission Meeting Room of the Bank of America Building. During the meeting, Commissioners will consider action on a new resolution to extend the moratorium on wind farm applications.

At 10:45 a.m. Steve Johnson, County Sanitarian, joined the meeting to request approval and signature on the STY2007 Local Environmental Protection Plan (LEPP) Grant Agreement in the amount of \$16,255.00. Mr. Johnson reviewed aspects of the water quality testing which has been conducted throughout the year. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** Fern Hess, Health Department Director, joined the meeting to inform the Commissioners of a National Conference to be held in Denver, Colorado, August 28th through 30th, 2006, dealing with on-site waste systems. State grant monies will provide the majority of the funding for the trip expenses leaving a very small cost for the County to cover. Mr. Johnson, a member of the Kansas Small Flows Association, will attend the conference.

At 11:00 a.m., Dave Bohnenblust, Director of Public Works, joined the meeting with two items:

- A. A request to award the bids for the purchase of traffic paint for the 2006 Road Striping Project. The paint, and reflecting beads are needed to re-stripe over 70 miles of new road surfacing, as well as touch up worn striping throughout the County. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to accept the bids from Sherwin-Williams Paint Co., McPherson, for paint purchase in an amount not to exceed \$66,943.80, and from Fastenal, McPherson, for the glass bead purchase in an amount not to exceed \$9,694.40. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** Funding for the project will be provided through the 2006 Public Works budget.
- B. A request to contract with MKEC of Wichita, Kansas to design two (2) bridges for McPherson County at an amount not to exceed \$61,750.00. The two bridge structures are located just southeast of Elyria on Old 81 Highway. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chairman Schroeder seconded. **All voted aye.** Funding for the bridge designs will be provided through the 2006, and proposed 2007 Public Works budget.

At 11:20 a.m. Jana McKinney, KSU Research and Extension Agent, joined the meeting with two items:

- A. An invitation for Commissioners to attend a series of Drug Endangered Children's (DEC) Protocol meetings. The Protocol, developed with the aid of a special grant, will provide a series of procedures to coordinate the efforts of law enforcement, medical services, and child welfare workers, ensuring that children found in drug endangered environments receive appropriate attention and care. The first meeting was held June 20. Additional meetings are set for Wednesday, July 12 at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday, August 9 at 11:30 a.m.,

Wednesday, August 23 at 11:30 a.m.; and Wednesday, September 6 at 11:30 a.m. All meetings will be held at the K-State Research and Extension McPherson County Office. Several County agencies will be partnering in developing the Protocol.

- B. A review of the KSU Research & Extension marketing communications of McPherson County. Ms. McKinney discussed the aspects of the marketing plan, which exists to provide educational programs and technical information, resulting in improved leadership skills, and the enhancement of economic viability and quality of life in the McPherson Community. Plan objectives and strategies were highlighted, which include making agency and program information more accessible to County residents, developing stronger communications with the local media, and better communicating the impact of K-State Research and Extension to County residents. The timeline for implementing the Plan extends to September 2007.

At 11:30 a.m. Brenda Becker, County Treasurer, joined the meeting to present her annual budget.

Commissioners recessed until 1:00 p.m. where they reconvened at the Commission Meeting Room of the Bank of America Building to hear the annual budget presentation by Brenda Peters, Conservation.

At 1:30 p.m. Andy Steffes, ADS joined the meeting to participate in a work session on the Courthouse lighting project.

At 2:00 p.m. Commissioners heard annual budget presentations from the K-State Research and Extension Agency, Prairie View, CDDO, Public Works Department, and the Airport Authority.

At 5:45 p.m. Commissioners recessed until 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2006 at the Commission Meeting Room of the Bank of America Building for discussion and possible action on the extension of the Wind Farm Moratorium Resolution.

At 9:00 a.m. June 30, 2006 Angela Krummel, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting to review the current regulations concerning wind turbine energy, and Resolution 06-01 which places a moratorium upon the acceptance of applications for conditional use permits in connection with wind turbine projects. The moratorium expires June 30th, 2006. After conducting research on current and possible necessary updates and changes to County regulations, and consultation with Bickley Foster & Associates, Ms. Krummel will report back to the Commissioners within the next two weeks. Chairman Schroeder allowed public comment concerning the extension of the moratorium. Following comments, Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 06-11, extending the moratorium on the acceptance of applications for conditional use permits in connection with wind turbine electric generating projects until August 31, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **Chairman Schroeder voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m. Susan Meng, County Clerk, joined the meeting to conduct a work session with Commissioners regarding election issues including: equipment, expense, and possible changes. No action was taken during the work session.

At 10:10 a.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