

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 25, 2006

10:00 a.m. REGULAR MEETING

All Present

One item was added to the Agenda: an update from Commissioner Patrick on the Old Mill Museum Community Painting Project. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda for July 25, 2006 as amended. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:03 a.m. during Public Input, Shawna Mitchell, McPherson County 4H Director, accompanied by several 4H members, presented 4H Fair prize winning cookie jars to Commissioners. Ms. Mitchell also extended an invitation for Commissioners to attend the 4H Fair Hog Roast to be held Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the 4H Grounds.

At 10:08 a.m. Linda Paul, Register of Deeds, and Brenda Becker, County Treasurer, joined the meeting to request approval and signature on two Personnel Change Notices (PCNs), for end of probation and adjustment of working hours for Bonnie Hopkins, Motor Vehicle Clerk I and Document Imager, effective July 16, 2006. Ms. Hopkins will work full time with a total of 40 hours per week primarily in the MVL Department, and part time in the Register of Deeds Office. Overtime of up to 10 hours per week are included for imaging in the Deeds Office. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2006 as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2006 as corrected. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:25 a.m. Dave Bohnenblust, Director of Public Works, joined the meeting to request approval of Resolution #06-15, authorizing establishment of a 45 mph speed zone on Maxwell (15th Avenue) between Avenue A and Iron Horse Road. Four speed limit signs will be placed along the roadway; two facing northbound and two facing southbound traffic. The Public Works Department received a request from McPherson Township to study the possibility of reducing the speed limit due to a possible increase in housing development in the area. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #06-15 as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **Chairman Schroeder voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye.**

At 10:40 a.m., Rick Witte, County Administrator, requested ten (10) minutes in executive session from 10:40 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. for discussion of non-elected personnel in the Public Works Department. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to go to executive session and to include Mr. Witte and Mr. Bohnenblust. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** No action was taken in executive session.

At 10:50 a.m. Angela Krummel, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting to present a staff report, and recommendations regarding Article 3, Section 107 of the McPherson County Zoning Regulations for Electric Wind Farm Stations. Ms. Krummel distributed a memorandum outlining concerns and comments provided by herself and Bickley Foster, Planning Consultant for McPherson County. Ms. Krummel conducted a study of the current McPherson County Zoning Regulations and noted areas of the regulations in need of clarification and further consideration in order to better prepare the County for a wind farm application.

Comparisons of McPherson County regulations with those in Butler, Geary, Harper, and Ford Counties were included in the study. Recommended additions or alterations to the existing McPherson County regulations were discussed including: Commercial Wind Energy Project vs. Electric Wind Farm Station, Power Purchase Agreement, Zoning Districts, Topographic Contours

on Site Plan, Extraordinary Events, Transfer of Ownership, Bond Agreement, Fire Safety, and Standards for Permits. Optional additions or alterations to the McPherson County regulations were also noted for consideration including: Height of Rotor Blades, Hazardous Materials or Lubricants, Archeological Survey, Monitoring and Review, Visual Representation, Estimated Cost/Benefits Analysis, Noise considerations and other required Plans.

Following questions and discussion between Commissioners and Ms. Krummel, Commissioner Terry made a motion to allow Ms. Krummel, as Planning and Zoning Administrator, to present the study to the Planning Board for review with consideration to the recommendations and clarifications contained in the report at the August 21, 2006 meeting of the Planning Board which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 5th floor large meeting room at the Bank of America Building. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:25 a.m., Janell Mendenhall, Interfaith Housing Services in Hutchinson, Kansas, joined the meeting to request a signature on the Kansas Accessibility Modification Program (KAMP) Grant application. The KAMP assists disabled individuals with modifications to their primary residence, allowing them to remain comfortably and safely in their homes. Counties served by the grant monies include Kingman, Stafford, Pratt, Reno, McPherson, and Rice. KAMP funds requested in the application total \$100,000.00. Individual applicants who are selected for financial assistance will receive up to \$5,000.00 per household. Commissioner Terry made a motion to sign the grant application as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve checks and claims for July 25, 2006. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Patrick gave an update on the Old Mill Museum Heritage Square Painting Project currently underway. A variety of Lindsborg community organizations and other volunteers, including Commissioner Patrick, are re-painting the building fronts utilizing donated supplies and funding provided partially by McPherson County. Several days of continued work will be required for completion of the project.

Commissioners reviewed proposed 2007 County Budgets in a work session. No action was taken in the work session.

At 12:35 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