

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 3, 2006
10:00 a.m. REGULAR MEETING
All Present

Two items were added to the October 3, 2006 agenda: 1) Crestwood Memorial Cemetery Deed; 2) Dave Bohnenblust with non-elected personnel. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input.

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the minutes for September 19, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve payroll for September 29, 2006, and the checks and claims for October 3, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator, presented three (3) Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) for approval and signature:

- 1) End of Probation adjustment for Robyn Bowman, Administrative Secretary/Accountant I, to a 12B effective September 10, 2006.
- 2) Hiring of Alisha K. Cooper as a Victim/Witness Coordinator, 11A, effective October 2, 2006.
- 3) End of Probation adjustment for Jeffrey Collins, Deputy Sheriff, to a 15G, effective October 22, 2006.

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for signature the amended Interlocal Agreement Creating the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) to Serve and Promote the Interests of Local Governments in South Central Kansas. The amended Agreement was necessary in response to action of the Kansas Legislature in assigning REAP responsibility for administering the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program. This new responsibility required REAP to make a number of revisions in order to administer the Program. Commissioner Terry made a motion for the Chairman to sign the amended Agreement as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m. Marvin Peters, Executive Director McPherson Industrial Development Company (MIDC), joined the meeting to introduce the application request for tax exemption for Engquist Tractor Service, 1788 17th Ave. The Applicant is in the process of an expansion program and is seeking tax exemption for construction, and previously purchased equipment costs. Rick Engquist, Owner/Operator of Engquist Tractor Service joined the meeting and gave a brief history of his business, including its development

and growth. He presented the Application for Tax Exemption to Commissioners, who then scheduled a public hearing regarding the application, to be held at the October 31, 2006 Commission Meeting at 10:10 a.m. Following the presentation, Mr. Peters read a letter on behalf of the MIDC asking for consideration of allowing the previously purchased machinery to be included in the request.

At 10:30 a.m. Jim Novak, ISO II for Community Corrections, joined the meeting to present and update the Commissioners on the Community Corrections Evaluation Summary Year-End Report of Outcomes FY 2006. Mr. Novak noted and clarified specific objectives and outcomes included in the report. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the report as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented Resolution #06-18, proposed McPherson County 2007 Employee Holiday Calendar for approval and signature. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the resolution as presented, which includes the addition of a full day holiday on Monday, December 24, 2007. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **Chairman Schroeder voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter from the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) requesting the selection of voting delegates for the general business meeting at the 31st Annual Conference to be held on November 19-21, 2006 in Topeka, KS. Commissioner Terry made a motion to name Commissioner Patrick as the delegate, Chairman Schroeder as the first alternate, and Commissioner Terry as second alternate. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for approval and signature a Quit Claims on a Deed for five (5) spaces within the McPherson Crestwood Memorial Cemetery. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for approval, the proposed 2007 McPherson County Employee Health Insurance Plan. The employee and county share of premiums will fund 100% of expected costs. A premium increase from the previous year amounts to approximately \$4.11 percent. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the staff recommendation on the 2007 Health Insurance Plan as presented, effective December 1, 2006. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:52, Mr. Witte requested ten (10) minutes, from 10:53 a.m. to 11:03 a.m. in executive session, including Dave Bohnenblust, Director of Public Works, to discuss non-elected personnel in the Public Works Department. No action was taken in executive session.

At 11:05 a.m., Angela Krummel-Buzard, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting to present the updated and revised McPherson County regulations regarding applications for Wind Energy Turbines. The Planning and Zoning Board recently approved the regulations. Commissioners discussed specific regulations and recommended clarifications to be made to two (2) regulations before any formal action would be taken toward approval. Ms. Krummel-Buzard will return to the next Commission meeting, October 10, 2006 at 10:10 a.m. with the final regulations.

At 11:55 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