

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 14, 2007
10:00 a.m. REGULAR MEETING
All Present

Chairman Patrick opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Two agenda items were postponed until a later date: 1) Gerry Bley, steel building purchase request, 2) Sheriff's Department, one Personnel Change Notice. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for February 9, 2007. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve payroll for February 16, 2007. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator presented on behalf of the Sheriff's Department, two Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) for approval, to hire Jason Achilles as a Deputy Sheriff (15B) effective February 22, 2007, and Stephen Koch as a Deputy Sheriff (15B) effective February 26, 2007. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign both PCNs as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented on behalf of the Emergency Management Department, a PCN for an adjustment to the working hours of Anne Tremblay, Communications Technician, effective February 19, 2007. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve and sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:12 a.m., Dan Schrag, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting with two items:

1. A request to sign the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2006. Following the presentation and discussion, Commissioner Terry made a motion for the chairman to sign the report as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
2. A request to purchase weed control chemicals from Farm Kan, Quality Feed and Fertilizer, and Van Diest Supply Co. for a total amount not to exceed \$92,344.24. Chemicals are budgeted under Weed Control Chemicals line item #11-156-2754. Following a bid summary presentation and discussion, Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the purchase as requested. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:35 a.m., John Klenda, County Counselor joined the meeting to request 15 (fifteen) minutes in executive session, from 10:36 a.m. to 10:51 a.m., for attorney client privilege to include Dianna Carter, County Appraiser, and Mr. Witte. Commissioner Terry made a motion to go to executive session as requested. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.** No action was taken in executive session.

At 10:55 a.m., Richard Nelson, Road & Bridge Superintendent, joined the meeting to request approval for the purchase of a new 4-wheel drive Chip Spreader from G.W. Van Keppel Co. for an amount not to exceed \$127,706.00. Following discussion and bid comparisons, Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the purchase as requested. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Commissioners Loomis and Terry voted aye. Chairman Patrick voted nay.** Funding will be provided through the 2007 Public Works budget.

Gerry Bley, Interim Public Works Director, presented updated information on the selection status of a pre-engineered building for equipment storage.

Mr. Witte presented for signature, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant Agreement # HR06-0108 between the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation and McPherson County. The agreement specifies a total grant amount of \$225,000.00 to be provided to the County for project costs. Additional administration funds of up to \$11,250 will be provided as well. Commissioner Terry made a motion to sign the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 12:10 p.m. Chairman Patrick adjourned the meeting.

Commission Minutes taken by Abbey A. Heidebrecht

Duane J. Patrick, Chairman

Harris G. Terry, Vice-Chairman

Ron Loomis, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng