

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 8, 2008
10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
All Present

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

Two items were added to the agenda for January 8, 2008: Election of Officers; and Paul Dahlberg, flag display concerns at Heritage Square. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Terry made a motion to elect Commissioner Loomis as Commission Chairman for 2008. Chairman Patrick seconded. **Chairman Patrick and Commissioner Terry voted aye. Commissioner Loomis abstained.** Commissioner Terry made a motion to elect Commissioner Patrick as Commission Vice-Chairman for 2008. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Terry voted aye. Commissioner Patrick abstained.**

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the minutes for December 27, 2007 as corrected. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., Jim Novak, ISO II Community Corrections, joined the meeting with a request to approve Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) to hire the following: Amber Stansbury, to fill a vacancy as Secretary/House Arrest Monitor (S13A) effective January 9, 2008; Debra Davis, as a new Support Worker (S13A), in the McPherson office effective January 14, 2008; and Cary Salas, as a new Support Worker (S13A) in the Newton office effective January 14, 2008. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve checks and claims for January 8, 2008. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve adds and abates for January 4, 2008. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator, requested on behalf of the Sheriff's Department, approval of a PCN to hire Jason Smith to fill a vacancy as a Deputy (15B), effective January 21, 2008. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:25 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a design consultant for the Bridge #103090 replacement (Dakota Road, ¾ mile west of 11th Ave), which was damaged in the 2007 flood waters and will be funded in part by FEMA. Commissioner Terry made a motion to hire MKEC Engineering Consultants, Inc. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:55 a.m., Paul Dahlberg, County resident, addressed the Commissioners with concerns and suggestions for proper flag display at the Old Mill's Heritage Square, in Lindsborg, KS. It was a consensus among Commissioners to have the flags displayed according to correct guidelines.

Mr. Witte introduced discussion on possible amendments to the Indigent Defense Panel Contract regarding the total annual funding amount. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to increase the annual funding to \$100,000 and have Mr. Witte review the contract with John Klenda, County Counselor, and the Indigent Defense Panel.

Commissioner Terry made a motion to commend Commissioner Patrick for his service as former Commission Chairman. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Terry voted aye. Commissioner Patrick abstained.**

Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Commission Minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Duane Patrick, Vice-Chairman

Harris Terry, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng