

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 6, 2008

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

May 7 & 8, 2008 - KCCA in Junction City, KS

All Present

May 9, 2008 - All School's Day Parade

All Present

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

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes for April 29, 2008. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve payroll for May 8, 2008. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve adds and abates for May 2, 2008. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator, presented on behalf of the Sheriff's Department, the following three (3) Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) for approval: to hire Jerome Montagne as a Deputy Sheriff (15C), effective May 7, 2008, to fill a vacancy; to hire Stacy Cordell as a Correctional Officer (12C), effective May 25, 2008 to fill a vacancy; and to promote Jason Smith to Sergeant Deputy Sheriff (17C), effective May 18, 2008. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve all three (3) PCNs as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., Derrick Foos, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting to request approval on behalf of McPherson Valley Uplands, Inc., for a Special Use Permit to develop an outdoor education facility for youth in Jackson Township in an M-2 heavy Industry zone. The facility would be a 46.9-acre site located at the intersection of Antelope Trail and Limestone Road, approximately ¼ mile north of Conway. Chairman Loomis led the case hearing, which included a review of the case and conditions by Mr. Foos and additional input by Brett Reber who was representing Valley Uplands, Inc. The case received approval by a 6 to 1 vote by the Planning Board at their April 21, 2008 meeting. By consensus of Commissioners, a signage requirement was removed from the conditions. Following the hearing, Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #08-05, with the exclusion of the signage condition, to allow a Special Use Permit for development of an outdoor education facility

for youth on certain lands located in McPherson County. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Terry voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter from Harper Township requesting permission to close and vacate four (4) township roads which were either never opened or were opened and allowed to be closed, but never recorded as having been closed. Following discussion, it was the consensus among Commissioners to ask the County Counselor to review the request and State statutes involved before taking action on the issue.

Mr. Witte presented a follow-up letter from the State Attorney General's Office regarding the use of motor vehicle department funds to purchase and install security cameras and monitoring equipment in the motor vehicle office. According to the letter, it is the opinion of the State Attorney General's Office that the purchase and installation of a video security system is not incidental to a Treasurer's duties in administering the motor vehicle registration laws.

Mr. Witte received notice from Hutchinson Community College that the school will be relocating from the Bank of America Building in the near future and requested permission to rent the current space on a month-to-month basis with a 30 day vacating notice. It was the consensus among Commissioners to grant the request as presented.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Terry made a motion to go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., including Mr. Witte, to discuss non-elected personnel in Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** No action was taken in executive session.

At 11:40, Commissioners recessed until May 7, 2008 to attend the KCCA Conference in Junction City, KS. May 8, 2008, Commissioners recessed until May 9, 2008 to participate in the Annual McPherson County All School's Day Parade. At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Commission minutes taken by Abbey Heidebrecht

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Duane Patrick, Vice-Chairman

Harris Terry, Commissioner

Attest: County Clerk
Susan R. Meng