

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 10, 2009
10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

Vice Chairman Patrick and Commissioner Terry were present. Chairman Loomis joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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

One item was added to the agenda for March 10, 2009: Burn Ban discussion. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve checks and claims for March 10, 2009, and payroll for March 13, 2009. Vice Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

Vice Chairman Patrick made a motion to approve adds and abates for March 6, 2009. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator, presented a PCN (Personnel Change Notice) on behalf of the Sheriff's Department to hire Crista Taylor as a Female Correctional Officer (12A), effective March 11, 2009, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Vice Chairman Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

It was a consensus among Commissioners that the burn ban should be allowed to expire at midnight on March 10, 2009.

At 10:15 a.m., Chairman Loomis joined the meeting and began the public hearing for Planning and Zoning Case #ZA 2009-01, an application request for a zoning amendment from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Residential at 2027 and 2037 15th Avenue. The case was unanimously recommended for disapproval at the most recent Planning Board meeting. Kenneth Cook, Planning and Zoning Administrator presented a thorough review of the case and answered questions

from Commissioners. Applicants (land owners) John Fraser and Kendall Shaw also added information and clarifications to their request. Comments were also shared by nearby landowners, Marvin Johnson and Ron Erickson. Following discussion, and a review of options for action, Commissioner Terry made a motion to table the item for one week in order to obtain additional information with regard to the rezoning application. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** The application will be placed on the March 17, 2009 regular Commission meeting agenda at 10:30 a.m.

At 11:28 a.m., Dianna Carter, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the probation period status of Kimberly Romero, Appraiser I, effective March 8, 2009. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:32 a.m., Janet Cagle, Community Corrections Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Sonja Sawatzky as a Juvenile Intake Worker, effective March 11, 2009, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** Ms. Cagle then requested ten (10) minutes of executive session, including Mr. Witte, to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Patrick made a motion to go into executive session from 11:35 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. as requested. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** No action was taken in executive session.

At 11:45 a.m., David Page, County Attorney, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to hire Ty Kaufman as a special prosecutor to complete unfinished appeal work on a specific case, and to utilize the County Attorney's secretarial staff to assist in the case work. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A report of recently deposited diversion funds collected from January 12, 2009 to March 10, 2009, which thus far amount to \$4,657.00. Mr. Page explained the process involved in the collection of the diversion fees including application fees, fines, and supervision fees. It was a consensus among Commissioners to schedule a work session with Mr. Page on March 24, 2009 to discuss the use of collected diversion funds.
- C. A request to hire a part time temporary employee to complete special data entry work for the County Attorney's office. It was the consensus among Commissioners to allow Mr. Page to hire one part-time temporary employee and to return to a future meeting with a completed PCN for approval.

At 12:20 p.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request to approve an Adopt a Highway application submitted by the Marquette Chamber of Commerce, for a one-mile roadway section of CR447 (5th Ave.). Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve and sign an application for bridge project funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve and sign the application requesting federal dollars in the amount of \$1,783,993.81, with the County participating in the project costs in the amount of \$445,998.45. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** The funding will provide for the replacement of two bridges (#167076 and #170072) with low load ratings simultaneously, due to their proximity to each other.
- C. A request to approve a proposal for bridge replacement design consultant services on Bridge #180081, east of Elyria on CR #319. Commissioner Terry made a motion to accept the proposal from Kaw Valley Engineering, Inc., Junction City, Kansas in the total amount not to exceed \$29,600.00. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request to approve the purchase of sign blanks for an amount not to exceed \$5,151.25 from Newman Traffic Signs, and to purchase 4x4x14' posts and 4x4x16' posts from Jantz Lumber, for unit prices not to exceed \$10.92 and \$13.12 respectively. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the purchases as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 12:50 p.m., Darren Frazier, Emergency Communications Director, joined the meeting and requested ten (10) minutes of executive session, including Mr. Witte, to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Terry made a motion to go into executive session from 12:55 p.m. to 1:05 p.m. as requested. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** No action was taken in executive session.

Mr. Frazier requested approval of a PCN to place one Communications Technician on a 6-month probation period, effective March 11, 2009. Commissioner Terry made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 1:10 p.m. Commissioners recessed until 3:00 p.m. when they reconvened at the Public Works department to conduct Public Works and Planning and Zoning department work sessions. No action was taken during the work sessions. At 5:50 p.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