

BOARD OF MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 11, 2009

10:00 a.m. Commission Meeting

All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for August 11, 2009: Work Session at Public Works. Commissioner Patrick 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 Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes for August 4, 2009. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve checks and claims for August 11, 2009, and payroll for August 14, 2009. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Patrick made a motion to approve adds and abates for August 7, 2009. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., David Page, County Attorney, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Ms. Jamie Karasek as a new Assistant County Attorney effective August 10, 2009, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Terry made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as requested. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **All voted aye.** Discussion took place regarding the addition of a part-time receptionist/clerk to the County Attorney's staff to fill a vacancy. It was the consensus among Commissioners to allow the position and for Mr. Page to return to a future meeting with a completed PCN.

Rick Witte, County Administrator, presented a request from the KAC requesting the selection of a voting delegate for the Annual KAC Conference, which will take place in November 2009. Commissioner Terry made a motion to appoint Chairman Loomis as the voting delegate. Commissioner Patrick seconded. **Commissioners Patrick and Terry voted aye. Chairman Loomis abstained.** Commissioner Terry made a motion to appoint Commissioner Patrick as the first alternate. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Terry voted aye. Commissioner Patrick abstained.** Commissioner Patrick made a motion to appoint Commissioner Terry as the second alternate. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Patrick voted aye. Commissioner Terry abstained.**

At 10:20 a.m., Eloy Gallegos, US Department of Commerce Census Bureau joined the meeting to present information to Commissioners regarding the

upcoming 2010 US Census. Mr. Gallegos specifically requested assistance from the County Commissioners in promoting community awareness and citizen cooperation. Mr. Gallegos presented a checklist of specific provisions and methods, which the County could provide to ensure a complete count of McPherson County resident respondents. The census will begin April 1, 2010.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioners conducted the Final 2010 Budget Hearing. Following a review of the final report, Commissioner Patrick made a motion to adopt and sign the 2010 County Budget as presented. Commissioner Terry seconded. **All voted aye.** Total expenditures amount to \$20,781,453 with the amount of 2009 tax to be levied at \$8,655,833. The estimated tax rate is 28 mills.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioners recessed until 1:00 p.m. when they reconvened at the Public Works department to conduct a work session. At 3:45 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