

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
April 14th, 2015

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners resumed their April meeting on Tuesday, April 14th, 2015 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Beilke called the meeting to order at 10:25AM. Members present were: Jeff Neuharth, Sid Feickert, Delmar Metzger, and Jim Schumacher. Others present were Glenn Spitzer.

RESOLUTION 15-4
“RESOLUTION BANNING ALL OPEN BURNING”

WHEREAS, McPherson County is currently experiencing extreme dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, McPherson County desires to protect the health and safety of all residents and all property within the county boundary; and

WHEREAS, an emergency situation exists:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the McPherson County Commission declares that an emergency situation does exist and as such the County Commission hereby imposes a ban on absolutely all open burning within the county, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this ban shall preclude any and all burning, including any agricultural residue clearing and any trash/rubbish fires, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this ban shall remain intact until such time as conditions improve and a subsequent resolution by the McPherson County Commission is enacted removing said ban, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that any violation of this resolution will result in criminal charges against the individual or individuals that initiate the fire.

Dated at Leola, South Dakota this 14th day of April 2015.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Rick Beilke
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Feickert moved for the adoption of Resolution Number 15-06. Metzger seconded the forgoing motion. Upon roll call vote, thereon, all voted in favor. Motion carried, and Resolution Number 15-06 was declared duly adopted.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Wheel Tax

Discussion was held on implementing a county wheel tax. Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to table the discussion until more information is obtained. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to enter into executive session at 11:05AM to discuss personnel issues. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Feickert moved and Schumacher seconded to exit executive session at 11:45AM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Once exiting executive session Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to hire Michael Schwingler for the position of weed supervisor/highway department employee with the starting salary of \$15.00 per hour. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

County Handbook Updates

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to table the discussion on the county handbook updates until the May meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 11:55AM Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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