

McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Approved Minutes of Proceedings
December 2nd, 2014

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Metzger called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were: Jeff Neuharth, Sid Feickert, Rick Beilke and Jim Schumacher. Others Present: Don Kallenberger.

Beilke moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the agenda of the December meeting and the November minutes of the Board of Commissioners and Drainage Board. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 14-8
“RESOLUTION APPROVING FEM FRANCHISE PETITION”

WHEREAS, FEM Electric Association Inc., a rural electric cooperative corporation, on the 4th day of November, 2014, filed with the County Auditor of the County of McPherson, State of South Dakota, its Application and Petition for Franchise for the purpose of obtaining and acquiring the right to erect and maintain poles, wires, and underground cable for the purpose of conducting electricity for lighting, heating, and power purposes together with stay wires and braces for the right to continue its present facilities in and along any public highway in the County of McPherson, State of South Dakota, for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years and subject to the conditions set forth in SDCL Chapter 31-26 and such further reasonable regulations as the legislature of the State of South Dakota may at any time hereafter prescribed, and

WHEREAS, FEM Electric Association, Inc., has agreed, if granted, the right prayed for in its Application and Petition for Franchise, that it will comply with all requirements of SDCL Chapter 31-26 and all amendments thereto hereafter or any subsequent laws prescribed by the legislature of the State of South Dakota, and

WHEREAS, said Application and Petition for Franchise was heard by the Board of County Commissioners of said County of McPherson, State of South Dakota, on the 2nd day of December, 2014 at 11 o'clock a.m. at the office of the Board in the Courthouse in the City of Leola, McPherson County, South Dakota, and that due notice of said hearing was given pursuant to SDCL Chapter 31-21-13, and

WHEREAS, no person, firm or corporation has appeared in opposition to the granting of such Application and Petition for Franchise and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board of

County Commissioners of McPherson County, State of South Dakota, that no differences have arisen or exist between the application, FEM Electric Association, Inc., and any owner of any transmission or telephone line on or along any part of said highway or highway system; and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Board of County Commissioner that the construction, operation, and maintenance of the applicant's transmission and distribution system and electrical facilities as now installed and operating together with any additions that might be made or to be made hereafter will not interfere with the maintenance and operation of any other line upon any part of said highways or highway system, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of McPherson and State of South Dakota, that the right to construct, maintain, and operate poles, wires, and underground cable for the purpose, all in accordance with SDCL Chapter 31-26 and all subsequent amendments or laws enacted hereafter, along, upon, under, and across the public highways throughout the County of McPherson, State of South Dakota, for a period of twenty (20) years from and after the date hereof, be and is hereby granted to said FEM Electric Association, Inc., subject to the terms and conditions of all laws of State of South Dakota pertinent thereto, and also subject to further reasonable regulations as the legislature of State of South Dakota may hereafter prescribe.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced by Commissioner Schumacher who moved its adoption; seconded by Commissioner Neuharth, and upon vote being taken thereon, all Commissioners voted "Aye".

WHEREFORE, the Chairman declared the motion duly carried unanimously and the Resolution adopted.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Delmar Metzger
Chairman of Board of Commissioners

CLAIMS APPROVED:

A&B Business Solutions, DOE Supplies, \$34.25; Dave Ackerman, Coroner Calls, \$150.00; Ameripride Linen, Supplies, \$296.64; AT&T Mobility, Cell Phone, \$319.22; Avera Queen of Peace, Highway Drug Screen, \$259.75; Beadle Ford-Chrysler-Dodge, Highway Supplies, \$19.50; Rick Beilke, Mileage, \$144.30; Best Western Ramkota, Hotel Room, \$97.99; Butler Machinery, Highway Supplies, \$149.16; Connecting Point, Firewall, \$215.00; Crady's Radiator Shop, Highway Repairs, \$1512.91; Crawford Truck & Equipment, Highway Repairs, \$12,608.86; D-Ware, Highway Supplies, \$2,000.00; Dependable Sanitation, Utilities, \$249.00; Diesel Machinery, Highway Supplies, \$262.81; Eureka City, Highway Utilities, \$41.17; FEM Electric, Utilities, \$410.26; Fischer's Plumbing, Repairs, \$419.18; Josh Flemmer, Clothing Reimbursement, \$105.98; Lee Geffre, Clothing Reimbursement, \$150.00; Dean Geffre, Clothing

Reimbursement, \$93.26; Gene's Oil Company, Supplies, \$5311.76; Lindsey Gill, Reimbursement, \$23.22; Heartland Waste, Highway Utilities, \$35.00; Susan Hoffman, Supply Reimbursement, \$10.56; Homestead Building Supplies, Supplies, \$167.74; Dawn Jenner, Reimbursement, \$90.76; JP Lumber, Supplies, \$29.47; Donald Kallenberger, Mileage, \$368.55; Ken's Food Fair, Highway Supplies, \$12.68; Kimball Midwest, Highway Supplies, \$326.60; Leola City, Utilities, \$69.60; Leola Grocery, Supplies, \$70.28; Mac's, Highway Supplies, \$158.67; Mac's Electric, Repairs, \$447.09; Jenna Malsam, Mileage, \$232.98; McPherson County Herald, Publishing, \$170.16; MDU, Utilities, \$476.78; MetroCount, Highway Supplies, \$415.00; Microfilm Imaging, Equipment Rental, \$85.00; NCFE, Highway Supplies, \$206.98; Nelson Sales & Service, Highway Supplies, \$34.50; Neve's Uniform, Supplies, \$251.49; North Central E911, E911 Remittance, \$11,191.78; North Star Energy, Highway Utilities, \$5,493.62; Northwest Blade, Publishing, \$127.81; Northeastern Mental Health, 2014 Allocation, \$3500.00; PERU, Inmate Medical Insurance, \$30.08; Praxair, Highway Supplies, \$2.89; Premier, Highway Supplies, \$66.43; QQP/Midstate's Printing, Treasurer Supplies, \$225.73; Quill Corp., Supplies, \$786.21; James Schumacher, Mileage, \$118.40; SDASO, 2015 Membership, \$55.00; SDACC, 2015 Membership, \$844.26; SDACC, M&P Fee's, \$108.00; SDACH, 2014 Membership Dues, \$225.00; SDACO, 2015 Membership Dues, \$697.13; SDSAA, 2015 Membership Dues, \$664.00; Share Corp., Supplies, \$403.29; Sheehan Mack Sales & Service, Highway Supplies, \$58.29; State Treasurer, Money Due to State, \$41,504.22; State Treasurer, Sales & Excise Tax, \$12.36; Tri-State Water, Courthouse Supplies, \$104.60; Valley Telco, Security Camera's, \$4854.23; Valley Telco, Phone & Internet, \$711.99; Vila's Pharmacy, Supplies, \$24.76; VISA, Supplies, \$1828.31; Duane Wolf, Stump Grinding, \$30.00;

Neuhath moved and Feickert seconded to approve the foregoing claims and all automatic bank withdrawals. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Commissioners, \$2575.00; Auditor, \$5207.36; Treasurer, \$5363.65; State's Attorney, \$3397.00; Government Building, \$2515.22; Director of Equalization, \$5363.65; Register of Deeds, \$4538.94; Veteran Service Officers, \$1275.74; Sheriff, \$4512.40; Extension, \$2061.78; Road & Bridge, \$34,399.66; Snow Removal, \$200.60; Emergency & Disaster, \$104.06; Joint Law, \$2500.00; Weed, \$339.40

McPherson County Share of the following:

Social Security and Medicare: CorTrust Bank: \$5855.40

Insurance: American Family, \$418.34; Wellmark, \$7200.00; Vision Care, \$183.30; Metlife, \$140.19

Retirement: South Dakota Retirement System, \$4732.28

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

Jail Agreements

Feickert moved and Beilke seconded to sign the 2015 Brown County and Walworth County Jail Agreements. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the regional jail facility that Walworth County is looking at building.

Drainage Board

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to forego a drainage meeting for the month of December due to no new drainage applications being submitted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Highway Department

Jerry from RDO equipment came and presented information to the board on a hybrid loader. The highway superintendent informed the board that an employee resigned in November and at this time will not be replaced.

End of Year Meeting

Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to have the end of year meeting on December 30th at 10:00am. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The auditor gave the board the fund balances as of November 30th and also an estimate of the end of year fund balances.

Executive Session

Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to enter into executive session at 1:00PM to discuss personnel and indigent matters. All voted in favor. Motion carried. At 1:20PM Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to exit executive session. All voted in favor. Motion carried. No action was taken.

NECOG Agreement

Feickert moved and Schumacher seconded to sign the joint cooperative agreement with NECOG for 2015. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Holiday Open House

A holiday open house will be held on December 12th at the courthouse from 9am to 4pm. The public is invited to view all of the Christmas trees and decorations on display and enjoy some free refreshments.

Department of Legislative Audit

Chelsey Siebrands from the Department of Legislative Audit discussed the 2012-2013 audit with the board. The areas of recommendations were discussed with the appropriate department heads. No significant deficiencies were found.

Miscellaneous Items and Reports

Neuharth moved Schumacher seconded for the sheriff to install a camera system in Leola and Eureka. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The following items and reports were approved: Register of Deeds statement of fees collected during the month of November 2014 for the amount of \$2051.00. Register of Deeds Modernization and Preservation fees collected during the month of November 2014 in the amount of 190.00. Auditor's Account with the Treasurer: Total amount of deposits in Leola Bank, \$55,849.33; Total amount of actual cash, \$963.00; Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer's possession not exceeding three days, \$45,094.89; CD's, \$993,317.40; Super Savings-Leola, \$1,324,445.81.

At 2:30PM Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to recess until December 30th at 10:00am. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Delmar Metzger
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners