

McPherson County Board of Commissioners

Minutes of Proceedings

November 10th, 2016

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners resumed session on Tuesday November 11th, 2016 in the Commissioners chambers. Chairman Beilke called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present were Jeff Neuharth, Delmar Metzger, Sid Feickert, and Jim Schumacher. Others present: Don Kallenberger, Austin Hoffman, John Bender, Glenn Spitzer, Alvin Kallas, George Hulscher, and Richard Kolb.

Schumacher moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:02AM Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to recess the meeting and let the zoning board meet to discuss the New Angus 5 mile variance application. All voted in favor. Motion carried. At 9:20AM Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to resume meeting as the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried. At 9:50AM Neuharth moved and Feickert seconded to recess the meeting and let the zoning board meet to continue discussing the 5 mile manure variance now that a representative from New Angus LLC is present. All voted in favor. Motion carried. At 10:45AM Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to resume meeting as the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:

New Angus 5 Mile Manure Variance

A representative of New Angus, LLC had submitted an application for variance of the limitations for hauling of manure beyond the 5 Mile Limit as established in the county's ordinance. Pursuant to notice of hearing on the matter, Dan DeHaan, representative of New Angus, LLC, along with neighbors in the area designated to receive the manure met with the commissioners to discuss the requested variance. Following the discussion, Neuharth moved and Metzger seconded to approve the variance submitted by New Angus LLC to haul manure beyond the 5 mile limit and for a period longer than provided in the ordinance under the following conditions: (1) The manure variance is approved until June 1st, 2017 and will be reviewed again at the May 2017 meeting. (2) The cost shall be \$50.00 per load with a maximum of 24 loads of per week; said sum to be paid to the county on a monthly basis in conjunction with record of the dates and number of loads hauled. (3) The manure that is currently stockpiled must be incorporated into the designated area before it freezes on the pile. (4) New manure hauled after granting of the variance may be stockpiled separately over the winter months but must be incorporated as soon as the ground allows in the spring. (5) The exact route of hauling shall be limited to the route designated on the application for the variance, as corrected orally at the hearing. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Drainage Board

At 9:20 AM Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to meet as the McPherson County Drainage Commission. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The commission met concurrently with the Board of Commissioners. John Bender from the NRCS discussed with the board the conservation compliance of highly erodible land and wetlands with the USDA. At 9:50AM Metzger moved and Schumacher seconded to resume meeting as the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Approval

Feickert moved and Metzger seconded for Mike Schwingler to attend a weed board meeting on December 6th, 2016. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Recording of Meetings

Starting in January 2017 the commissioner minutes will be recorded by the County Auditor with a voice recorder.

Election

Auditor, Jennifer Guthmiller informed the board that the General Election was a success in McPherson County and a huge part of that is due to the poll workers. They all did an amazing job and ensured that everything ran smooth on Election Day. Jennifer informed the board that there was no county vehicle available on the day before election or on Election Day due to the county van being out of service during that time period. Jennifer had to use her own personal vehicle to haul the election supplies to the polling sites. Some damage was done to the interior of Jennifer's vehicle due the heavy weight of the equipment. A quote will be submitted by Jennifer to repair the damage and will be discussed at the December meeting.

Election Canvass

The 2016 November 8th General Election results were canvassed. Neuharth moved and Schumacher seconded to declare the election results as correct. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 11:50 PM Feickert moved and Schumacher seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Guthmiller
McPherson County Auditor

Rick Bielke
Chairman of Board of Commissioners