

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2015

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

All Present

10:30 a.m.

Work Session at Public Works

Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Becker - Present

Commissioner Linaweaver - Absent

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One agenda item was cancelled: County Attorney, Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the agenda for February 9, 2015, as amended. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input at 9:00 a.m.

At 9:02 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested ten (10) minutes of executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss ongoing litigation. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to go into executive session from 9:02 a.m. to 9:12 a.m. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Mr. Bina requested a journal entry of dismissal for a tax sale property (14CV84) due to special circumstances. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the minutes for January 26, 2015. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the minutes for February 2, 2015. Chairman Loomis seconded. **Chairman Loomis and Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Becker abstained due to his absence at the February 2, 2015 meeting.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to allow the Chairman to release checks and claims for February 16, 2015, and payroll for pay period ending February 14, 2015, as there will be no Commission meeting held the week of February 16, 2015 due to the President's Day holiday. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve adds and abates for February 6, 2015. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for approval to end the introductory status of Krista Allison, Accountant I/Administrative Secretary (12B), effective February 1, 2015. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a PCN on behalf of the County Treasurer for approval to end the introductory status of Jessica Irving, Accountant I/ATMM (10B), effective February 1, 2015. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented on behalf of the County Sheriff, a cell phone allowance request of \$4.00 per pay period for a new deputy. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the request as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter from Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections (HMCCC), requesting the re-appointment of Jami Lawless to the HMCCC Advisory Board, for the period of April 2015 through April 2018. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:25 a.m., Dianna Carter, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Michelle Johannes as a Field Appraiser I (10A), effective February 16, 2015, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Sheriff Larry Powell joined the meeting to request to hire a total of three (3) additional deputies due to increased criminal activity within the county. Following discussion and review of the budget impact and funding, the Commissioners reached a consensus to table the request until the next regular meeting, February 23, 2015, to take action.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioners recessed and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. at the Public Works Department for a work session. Commissioner Linaweaver was absent from the work session. At 1:00 p.m. Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Commission Minutes taken by Abbey A. Heidebrecht.

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Linus Linaweaver, Vice Chairman

Keith Becker, Commissioner

Abbey Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary