

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
December 11, 2018

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

11:10 a.m. Work Session at Public Works

All Present

December 14, 2018

9:30 a.m. Meeting at Prairie View, Newton, KS

All Present

Commissioner Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Three (3) items were added to the agenda for December 11, 2018: 2018 Budget Amendments; Appraiser, Non-elected Personnel; and Potential Land Sale. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on the current jail count as well as recent and upcoming department activities.

Frank Anderson, County Resident, expressed his concerns regarding the County moratorium on commercial wind energy projects.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for December 3, 2018. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Greg Benefiel, County Attorney, joined the meeting to update the Commissioners on recent and upcoming department activity.

At 9:20 a.m., Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, requested ten (10) minutes in executive session, including himself and Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, to discuss potential land acquisition. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to go into executive as requested. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

At 9:35 a.m., Mr. Witte requested fifteen (15) minutes in executive session including himself and Ms. McClure to discuss non-elected personnel in the Emergency Communications department. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

At 9:50 a.m., Fern Hess, Health Department Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the adjustment of position/program hours for Hillery Rose to a full-time Administrative Secretary (12H) effective December 2, 2018.
- B. A request to approve a PCN for the adjustment of position/program hours for Diana Rose to a full-time Clerk II (10D) effective December 2, 2018.
- C. A request to approve a PCN for the adjustment of position/program hours for Sierah Nordstrom to a full-time Clerk I (8B) effective December 2, 2018.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:55 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Kevin Erickson, Road & Bridge Superintendent (25I) effective December 16, 2018. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:00 a.m., Mr. Witte requested the purchase of eight (8) acres of land from the County, located at the north end of Crestwood Cemetery, as an adjacent landowner. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the purchase by Mr. Witte as requested for a cost of \$1,000 per acre. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:05 a.m., Mr. Witte presented proposed amendments to the 2018 County Budget in the following funds: General, Court Trustee, and Community Corrections. Mr. Witte reviewed general fund budget adjustments and requested approval to publish the amendments and set a public hearing date for December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve and signature stamp adds and abates for December 7, 2018. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign five (5) Cereal Malt Beverage Notices to Townships: 365 Sports Complex LLC (Superior); Lonestar Investment LLC Store #21 (Superior); Canton Grocery LLC (Canton); Rolling Acres Gold Club, Inc. (New Gottland); and Lindsborg Golf Course (Smoky Hill). Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes including Mr. Witte and Kim Romero, Appraiser, to discuss non-elected personnel in the Appraiser's department. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

At 11:10 a.m., Commissioners recessed and directly reconvened at the Public Works department for a work session. At 1:15 p.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened December 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. to attend a meeting at Prairie View in Newton, KS. At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Becker adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

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Keith Becker, Chairman

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Linus Linaweaver, Vice Chairman

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Ron Loomis, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk