

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
May 13, 2019

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

10:30 a.m. Work Session at Public Works

All Present

May 14, 2019

5:15 p.m. MIDC 60th Anniversary Event, Courtyard on Main Street

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for May 13, 2019. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:05 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on current inmate counts at the jail and department activities.

Randy Hamilton, County resident, also spoke during Public Input and expressed his support of commercial wind energy projects.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for May 6, 2019. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Kevin Reimer, CEO Pleasant View Home, Inman, joined the meeting to request support of an application by Pleasant View to the Kansas Tax Service Credit Program. Clelia McCrory, ESSDACK, also joined the meeting to present a letter of support for Commission approval and signature. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign the letter of support as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for May 10, 2019. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a letter from Fire District #5, Inman, requesting the approval of Tim Martens as a new Board Member to fill the vacancy left by Dennis Schroeder. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:20 a.m., Under Sheriff Christians joined the meeting with two (2) items:

A. A request to purchase five (5) body armor carriers and pouches from LE Upfitter for a total cost of \$4,303.70. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

B. A request to approve bids on four (4) patrol vehicle conversion/re-build projects. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve two (2) vehicle projects for each: KA-COMM, Inc. and LEO Upfitter's LLC for a combined total cost of \$9,396.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Dan Schrag, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting to request the purchase of an ATV with spray tank. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase of a Yamaha Kodiak ATV from Superior Outdoor Power for a total amount not to exceed \$9,487.00. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:40 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of bids for traffic striping paint and beads. Following a review of bids, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the

striping paint purchase from Kansas Correctional Industries and the beads from McConnell & Associates in unit quantities and pricing as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:40 a.m., Fern Hess, Health Department Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Christiana Stocks as a Billing Specialist, effective June 3, 2019 to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:50 a.m., Dan Schrag, Noxious Weed Department Director, and John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator presented their 2020 Budget Proposals.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened directly to Public Works for a work session. At 3:30 p.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened May 14, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. to attend the MIDC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Social at the Courtyard on Main Street. At 6:30 p.m. Chairman Becker adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

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Keith Becker, Chairman

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Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

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Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk