

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2019

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting, 5th Floor County Building

All Present

11:30 a.m. County Employee Appreciation Luncheon, 5th Floor Large Meeting Room

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Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for October 7, 2019. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on the current jail counts and department activities.

At 9:15 a.m., Kasi Morales, MIDC Executive Director, joined the meeting to present the MIDC Quarterly Report which included a review and information regarding: labor force statistics, business retention/expansion activities, business recruitment updates, MIDC quarterly performance report, and marketing projects.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for September 23, 2019. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:28 a.m., Steven Wilkinson, SCKEDD Executive Director, joined the meeting and presented an update of assistance program activities including weatherization, grant writing/administrative assistance, low income community housing renovations, and business loan programs/financing. Following the report, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to appoint Matt Morrow to the SCKEDD Board to fill the vacancy due to a resignation. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:50 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the public hearing for a Special Use Case (SU2019-05); a request for approval by applicant Gregg Johnson for a second residential unit on an existing parcel in the A-1 Agricultural District at 1337 Cherokee Road, Inman, Kansas. Chairman Becker asked John Verssue, County Planning/Zoning/Environment (PZE) Administrator, to review the case, factors, and findings. The case was recommended for approval by the Planning Board at their September 16, 2019 meeting. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the case and to sign Resolution 2019-16 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**

Chairman Becker opened the public hearing for a Special Use Case (SU2019-06); a request by applicant and property owners, William and Jamie Lulloff for a second residential unit on a new parcel in the A-1 Agricultural District located at 1670 Cimarron Road, McPherson, Kansas. Chairman Becker asked Mr. Verssue to review the case, factors, and findings. The case was recommended for approval by the Planning Board at their September 16, 2019 meeting. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the case and to sign Resolution 2019-17 as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**

Commissioners signed Resolution 2019-15 regarding VAC 2019-01 which was approved at the previous Commission meeting.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the final plat for Wildcat Storage which was approved at the previous Commission meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Discussion took place with Mr. Verssue relating to sources of public record with regard to legal publications/public notices.

Mr. Verssue requested approval to hire a part-time temporary intern through June 2020 to assist with duties in the PZE and Public Works departments. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners that Mr. Verssue discuss the proposed hire with the Public Works director and return to a future meeting with additional information including specific duties and budget considerations to fund the position.

Mr. Verssue requested approval to purchase new office desk chairs for office staff at the Public Works building. The purchase requests will be presented and approved through the County Administrator.

At 10:30 a.m., Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. Updates and discussion regarding State financial reporting/balancing
- B. Discussion regarding the phone system and dropped calls occurring in the Harvey County Office

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve checks and claims for October 7, 2019 and payroll for pay period ending October 5, 2019. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for October 4, 2019. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a letter, appointing Mavis Doering to serve on the SCKAAA Ten County Aging Board to fill the position which will be vacated by Harris Terry, beginning with the first meeting in January 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

John Verssue requested approval of a personal leave of absence during the month of June 2020. It was a consensus among Commissioners to allow the request as presented.

At 11:15 a.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. to participate in the Annual McPherson County Employee Appreciation Luncheon in the large meeting room.

At 1:25 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Keith Becker, Chairman

Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk