

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
November 18, 2019

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Chairman Becker & Commissioner Kueser - Present

Commissioner Loomis - Absent

Viega Tour

1:00 p.m.

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Commissioner Loomis - Absent

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Loomis was absent. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for November 18, 2019. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Russel Stucky, County resident, joined the meeting to express his concerns regarding the use of property in his area as an industrial dump and gravel yard.

At 9:00 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. Application for Special Use Case #2019-07; a request by Dale Kauffman for a second residential structure on a new parcel in the A-1 Agriculture District. The 39.3-acre site is located ¼ mile South of Buckskin Road and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection on the West side of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Chairman Becker opened the public hearing and asked Mr. Verssue to provide a background report of the case which was approved by the Planning Board at their October meeting. Following discussion, including a request by the applicant for a second water well, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the case, with a second water well, as presented and to sign Resolution 2019-19. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**
- B. Application for Special Use Case #2019-08, a request by James Viar, with Linda Owens as his agent, for a second residential structure on a new parcel in the A-1 Agriculture District. The 74-acre site is located at 2527 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lindsborg, KS. Chairman Becker opened the public hearing and asked Mr. Verssue to provide a background report of the case which was approved by the Planning Board at Their October meeting. Following discussion Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the case as presented and to sign Resolution 2019-20. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**
- C. Application for Special Use Case #2019-09, a request by the BPU, with Dustin Ringer as the agent, for a utility substation in the A-2, Agriculture Transition District. The 36.3-acre site is an unaddressed agriculture property in McPherson County, KS. Chairman Becker opened the public hearing and asked Mr. Verssue to provide a background report of the case which was approved by the Planning Board at their October meeting. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the case as presented and to sign Resolution 20-21. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Jennifer Foster, Court Services Administrator, joined the meeting to request approval to purchase new equipment to replace outdated equipment including an ST View Scan 4 microform universal base (\$5,895.00), Perfect View Research Assistant (\$495.00), and a 2 year warranty extension (\$890.00) from Salina Blue. This was a budgeted expenditure in 2020. Pricing includes delivery, install and user training. The purchases would be paid through the County General Fund with \$7,280.00 reduction in the 2020 Unified Court

Budget. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented for a total amount not to exceed \$7,280.00. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Shalei Shea, Health Department Director, joined the meeting to request to purchase an Electronic Health Record system. Following a review of quotes, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to allow the purchase of Option B from Patagonia Health, at an amount not to exceed \$41,944.00 for the first year including the agreed upon 5-year contract, and for the Chairman to sign the contract as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve checks and claims for November 18, 2019 and payroll for pay period ending November 16, 2019. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:50 a.m. Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting with a request to waive the McPherson County Zoning Regulation, Article 4, Section 101, B, Number 7 requiring Special Use review and permission on Communication structures, antennas and aerials, and Number 12 Public Buildings erected on land used by any agency of a city, a township, the County, or state government. The Waiver would cover the following site locations: 1024 K4 Highway, Lindsborg, KS (5 acres, 300 ft. guyed wire tower); 2857 Smokey Valley Road, Roxbury, KS (5.536 acres, 300 ft. guyed wire tower); 329 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moundridge, KS (5.354 acres, 300 ft. guyed wire tower); and 810 W. Railroad Street, Canton, KS (60 ft. x 60 ft. fenced compound, 175 ft. self-support tower). Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:55 a.m., Janet Cagle, Director of Community Corrections, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Amber McGlaughlin as a Part-time Transport Driver, effective November 19, 2019, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented two (2) PCNs on behalf of the Treasurer to hire Rhonda Hull and Carol Madron as Temporary Seasonal Clerks in the tax office effective November 17, 2019. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte requested the designation of authorized signers for Emprise Bank accounts. Commissioner Kueser made a motion that Chairman Becker and Mr. Witte be designated to sign. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented the CIC Annual Peopleware Agreement for a total amount of \$67,320.00. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene at 1:00 p.m. at Viega for a tour. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Loomis was absent from the tour. At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Becker adjourned the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht

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Keith Becker, Chairman

**ABSENT**  
Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk