

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2020

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Loomis - Absent

March 16, 2020

Work Sessions at Public Works

9:00 a.m.

All Present

March 17, 2020

Community Meeting - Update on Corona Virus, McPherson Community Building

9:30 a.m.

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 March 9, 2020. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

At 9:05 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested fifteen (15) minutes in executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss current and pending litigation matters. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for March 6, 2020. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:25 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator joined the meeting. Chairman Becker opened the public hearing for Case SD2020-01, a request to approve the final plat for the PEM Subdivision located at Northview/Moccasin and 17th Avenue. The case includes a proposed use request from Agricultural to M-1 Light Industrial. Mr. Verssue reviewed the case including the findings and factors. The case was previously approved by the Planning Board at their February 17, 2020 regular meeting. Following discussion, Mr. Verssue requested signature on the final plat. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign the plat as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Shalei Shea, County Health Department Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request for approval of grant applications to the KDHE for SFY 2021 in the areas of Family Planning, Immunization Action Program, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, and State Formula. The total requested amounts to \$82,566.75. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to purchase an agency vehicle to replace the 2006 non-functioning minivan with a 2016 Ford Escape from Midway Motors in an amount not to exceed \$16,000 including trade-in allowance. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. An update to Commissioners regarding the corona virus.

At 9:40 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Brian Heibert, Maintenance Worker II, effective March 22, 2020. Commissioner Kueser made a motion

- for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a PCN to hire Paul Leicht as a Maintenance Worker I, effective March 16, 2020, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the appointment of Amber Frownfelter to fill the remaining term of the Treasurer's position on the South Sharps Creek Township Board. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.** The vacancy was a result of the previous Treasurer moving out of the Township.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve checks and claims, encumbrances, and witness checks for March 9, 2020, and payroll for pay period ending March 7, 2020. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

On Monday, March 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened a series of work sessions at the Public Works Department including appearances by the following: McKIDS, County Treasurer, Public Works, Sheriff, and the Community Foundation. All Commissioners were in attendance. No action was taken during the work sessions. At 2:40 p.m. Commissioners recessed and reconvened on March 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the McPherson Community Building to attend a meeting regarding corona virus updates. Commissioner Loomis was absent from the meeting. At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith Becker, Chairman

ABSENT

Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk