

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
June 8, 2020

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

10:15 a.m. Work Session at Public Works

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for June 8, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for June 1, 2020 as corrected. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested five (5) minutes of executive session including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, and Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, for attorney/client privilege regarding potential litigation for the County. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

At 9:15 a.m., Ms. McClure joined the meeting along with Tusa Consultant, Jeff McNally, to present options for proceeding with cell tower projects in light of Roxbury property site delays. Following discussion and a review of options for action, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve option B, to finish the civil work on the other four (4) sites then stop and postpone completion of projects until the Roxbury site can be secured. All site projects would then continue in the spring of 2021. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:23 a.m., Chairman Becker called the Public Hearing for a request by applicant/property owner Doug Unruh to approve SU Case #2020-01; a privately-owned gun club with shooting range on an existing property in the A-1 Agriculture District located at 1778 Pueblo Road, McPherson KS. John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to review and report on the case which was approved by the Planning Board at their May 18, 2020 regular meeting by a 6 to 2 vote. Following discussion and input by nearby residential property owners, Chairman Becker closed the public portion of the meeting and read the Commission options for action. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to over-ride the decision by the Planning Board by not adopting the findings and factors of the case, and disapproving the case based on protest petitions, with Resolution #2020-05. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) on behalf of the County Treasurer to hire Autumn Mehl as a new MVL Clerk, effective June 8, 2020. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for June 5, 2020. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser abstained due to a conflict of interest.**

At 10:05 a.m., Commissioner Loomis made a motion to recess and directly reconvene at the Public Works Department for a work session. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 2:30 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