

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2020

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for September 14, 2020: KAC Voting Delegate Appointment. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

At 9:05 a.m., Sheriff Montagne presented three (3) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the promotion of Ashley Godwin to a Clerk II effective September 20, 2020. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request for cell phone allowances of \$4.00 per pay period for five (5) Sheriff's Deputies as well as back pay from their original hire dates. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve an increase to the Sheriff's Department credit card limit in order to make online payments for monthly cell phone services. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve a \$4,000 credit limit increase. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion that going forward, there will be no back payment for cell phone allowances regarding all County departments. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Captain Arlo Blevins joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Greg Baranowski as a new Correctional Officer, effective October 5, 2020, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for August 31, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for September 11, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:16 a.m., Kim Romero, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of the following PCNS effective September 6, 2020:

- A. Danielle Gerbrandt promotion to Field Appraiser I
- B. Shayla Melroy re-classification to Field Appraiser I In-Training
- C. Haley Deacon re-classification to Field Appraiser I In-Training

Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:18 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to authorize Mr. Kramer to sign the Final Release and Settlement Agreement between Rex and DeVonne Abrahams and McPherson County regarding tree removal matters on 27th Avenue. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

B. A request to approve a PCN for the promotion of Paul Leicht to a Maintenance Worker II, effective September 20, 2020. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting with a request to approve the Communications System Management Plan, approval of a July 1, 2021 deadline requirement for all Phase II radios be completely compatible, and to approve the encryption of all channels within the estimated cut-over date. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.** Discussion was held regarding the vendor selection and security key. It was a consensus among Commissioners to table the item and obtain additional information and input.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to appoint Chairman Becker as the official KCAMP Voting Delegate for the Annual Meeting on October 14, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to appoint Chairman Becker as the Voting Delegate, Commissioner Kueser as the 1st Alternate, and Commissioner Loomis as 2nd Alternate for the Annual KAC Conference on October 13th & 14th, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN to re-hire Michelle Hett as a Clerk/Kcovrs/Title Approver in the MVL Department, effective September 3, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN to end the introductory period for Kelsey Clark, Discovery Coordinator/Trial Assistant in the County Attorney's Office, effective September 20, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Loomis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser 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