

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2020

October 12, 2020
9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

11:15 a.m. Work Session at Public Works

All Present

October 15, 2020

10:30 a.m. Regional Economic Outlook Conference, Salina, KS

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for October 12, 2020: Brian Bina, County Counselor, Executive Session. 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 updated Commissioners on current jail counts and department activities. Sheriff Montagne requested approval of two (2) Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) to end the introductory period for Deputy Jason Moen and Deputy Jordan Baxter, both effective Octobers 18, 2020. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign both PCNs as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Also, during Public Input, Jamie Lulloff, County resident, joined the meeting to express her concerns regarding the recently enforced student quarantines at McPherson High School.

At 9:27 a.m., Teresa Nelson, County Treasurer, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Ashley Harold, MVL Clerk I, effective October 18, 2020. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request on behalf of applicant Karil Bellah for approval of Special Use Case 2020-4, a second residential unit on an existing parcel with an existing residential unit in the A-1 Agricultural District, located at 2317 18th Avenue, Lindsborg, KS. The case was previously approved by the Planning Board at their September 21, 2020 regular meeting. Chairman Becker began the public hearing and then asked for Mr. Verssue to present background information, findings, and factors regarding the case. Following discussion, Chairman Becker presented options for Commission action. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve SU 2020-04 and to sign Resolution #2020-12. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**
- B. Mr. Verssue presented a document of agreement on a pre-approved case for a campground (SU2020-3, County Resolution #2020-09) requesting the acceptance by the County Commission to be the regulation authority for the campground wastewater system. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:43 a.m. Laurie Wiziarde, Register of Deeds, joined the meeting to request approval of two (2) PCNs to end the introductory status of Rachel Hoffman, Clerk I (October 18, 2020), and Melissa Shandy, Clerk II (November 1, 2020). Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:48 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public works Director, joined the meeting to request signature on a Change Order for further work on the Bridge #220119 Guardrail Replacement Project, with an additional cost of \$11,860.10, to L&M Contractors, Inc. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:55 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested twenty (20) minutes of executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, for attorney/client privilege regarding potential litigation matters. 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 10:25 a.m., Mr. Witte made a motion to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel in the McPherson County Health Department. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for September 28, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for October 5, 2020. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye. Commissioner Kueser abstained due to his absence at the October 5, 2020 meeting.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for October 9, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the resignation of Wayne Williams, from the Galva RFD #9 Board. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the appointment of Andy Bruce to complete the term. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene directly to Public Works for a work session. At 2:00 p.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. on October 15, 2020 in Salina, KS to attend the Regional Economic Outlook Conference. Following the conference at 2:00 p.m., Chairman Becker adjourned the meeting

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Keith Becker, Chairman

Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk