

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2020

October 26, 2020
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 October 26, 2020: Quit Claim Deed. 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.

Nick Reinecker, Inman, KS resident asked for clarification regarding quarantine regulations in the Inman Public Schools.

Dr. Sheila Gorman updated Commissioners on the current COVID-19 cases within the County and expressed her concerns regarding the recent increase in cases which may possibly lead to the inability to effectively treat locally hospitalized patients who need specialized care. Dr. Gorman also presented statistics and data regarding the effectiveness of mask wearing and urged Commissioners to consider a mask mandate.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for October 19, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:40 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Cassidy Church, Communications Technician, effective November 1, 2020. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:50 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to purchase twenty-seven (27) LED light fixtures for the shop from Stanion Wholesale Electric at a total cost of \$5,265.00 (\$195.00/each). Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Regarding the 14th Avenue and Chisholm Road Curve Project, a request to authorize the County's portion of payment to KDOT in a total amount of \$24,000, and to award the project bid to Malm Construction Company. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN for Debra Thompson, for an adjustment to her working hours from full-time to part-time (20 hours) effective November 1, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign the Annual Indigent Defense Agreement for attorney services throughout the calendar year 2021, with a budgeted amount totaling \$138,725.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve a request from the 9th Judicial District Court to purchase a digital recording system for the McPherson Magistrate Courtroom in a total amount of \$5,841.40, and new carpet for the Clerk's Office from Hesston Decorating Center for a total of \$4,990.15 as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve and sign a Quit Claim Deed for Steven R. Willis for a single plot in Crestwood Memorial Park (Garden A, Lot 150, Space 6) as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loomis 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