

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
December 7, 2020

December 7, 2020  
9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting  
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Two departments were added to the agenda for December 7, 2020: County Clerk and Public Works. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:00 a.m., during Public Input, Sheriff Jerry Montagne updated Commissioners on current jail counts and recent department activities.

Also, during Public Input, Nick Reinecker, Inman, KS resident, addressed Commissioners with concerns regarding PCR testing with regard to COVID-19.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for November 30, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Murray McGee, Interim City Administrator for the City of Moundridge, KS, joined the meeting to request approval from the County, as a taxing entity, to support the application for a Moundridge Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP). The NRP includes downtown commercial properties only, in the Moundridge Original Township area generally known as Thornton Street to Krehbiel Street and Wedel Street to Edwards Street. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Neighborhood Revitalization Interlocal Agreement as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:20 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting to notify Commissioners that the County will be re-running the tax rolls and sending out amended tax statements due to a computing error on the original statements, which excluded state assessments in the total billing amounts. The deadline for tax payments will be extended to December 31, 2020.

At 9:42 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with five (5) items:

- A. A request for approval of a Zoning Amendment (Case 2020-04) to edit Article 4, Zoning Districts, Section 102 in the A-2 Agricultural Transition Districts of the current McPherson County Zoning Regulations. Chairman Becker began the public hearing and then asked Mr. Verssue to report on the case, which was approved by the Planning Board at their November 16, 2020 meeting. Mr. Verssue noted the proposed language clarifications, including inconsistency in lot size requirements in the existing Regulations. Following discussion, Chairman Becker reviewed options for Commission action. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adopt the decision of the Planning Board to approve Case ZA2020-04 and sign Resolution #2020-15. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**
- B. Update by Mr. Verssue regarding CU2020-05, a Commercial Solar Energy Project for DS&O, which was approved by the Planning Board.
- C. Discussion regarding Planning Board Member nominations.
- D. Discussion regarding ESRI mapping software.
- E. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for Jared Curtis, to move from Intern status to Temporary Full-time Maintenance Worker I, effective December 8, 2020 through the end of January 2021. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for December 4, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:05 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to discuss replacement of the totaled powered broom from a vehicle accident. Mr. Kramer reported on the new insurance adjustment amount and

presented broom specs and quotes for replacement options. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to purchase a 2018 DT74J powered broom from Berry Tractor for a total amount of \$44,975 and to apply the insurance payment of \$19,250.00 to the purchase, with the insurance company retaining the totaled broom. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

**At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loomis seconded. All voted aye.**

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