

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
January 25, 2021

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8:30 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

10:30 a.m. Work Session with City Officials/Administration

All Present

At 8:30 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda for January 25, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** The Commissioners held a brief discussion on the items to be covered in the 10:30 a.m. joint meeting with the McPherson City Officials/Administration.

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

At 9:03 a.m., Jail Captain, Arlo Blevins joined the meeting to request approval of two (2) Personnel Change Notices (PCNs):

- A. The promotion of Andrea Turner to Corporal Correctional Officer, effective January 24, 2021, to fill a vacancy.
- B. The end of introductory wage adjustment for Dusty Voth, Correctional Officer, effective February 21, 2021.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign both PCNs as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Rebecca Lock, President of the McPherson County Humane Society (MCHS), joined the meeting to request funding for the future continuing operation of the MCHS facility. Ms. Lock presented data and information regarding the costs to maintain the facility including staff and Executive Director wages. Commissioners discussed current funding sources and other possible funding options. No action was taken.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for January 11, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable and encumbrances for January 25, 2021, and payroll for pay period ending January 23, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve adds and abates for January 22, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Debra Fenstermaker as a Clerk I, effective January 25, 2021, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Christiana Stocks, McPherson County Health Department Billing Specialist, joined the meeting to request approval to write off uncollectible debt in the total amount of \$994.08 for the quarter ending December 31, 2020. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:40 a.m., Dan Schrag, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to purchase two (2) PE 202 low flow magmeters and one (1) DRT series dual rate/totalizer from Instrumart to be installed on the 2-ton spray truck to monitor chemical injection pump flows. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase

as requested in an amount not to exceed \$2,593.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

- B. A request to approve and sign the 2022 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan. Mr. Schrag reviewed the plan and answered questions from Commissioners. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign the Plan as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:48 a.m., Teresa Nelson, County Treasurer, joined the meeting to express her concerns regarding the additional cost of re-sending corrected property tax statements and the impact it has had on her tax office staff. The Commissioners stated that the additional processing/ mailing costs would be paid from the County General Fund. No action was taken.

At 9:55 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request by Evergy Galva Load Station to approve Case SD2020-04, the preliminary and final plat of a subdivision of a small tract of land being purchased from Gilbert D. and Barbara Unruh, located at the NE corner of the intersection of US Highway 56 and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Chairman Becker began the Public Hearing and asked Mr. Verssue to report on the background, findings, and factors of the case which was approved by the Planning Board at their December 21, 2020 meeting. Chairman Becker closed the public portion of the hearing. Following discussion, Chairman Becker reviewed options for action. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve Case SD2020-04 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request for approval of Case ZA2020-06, a change in zoning district from A-2 Agriculture Transition to M-1 Light Industrial relating to the same parcel of land use as Case SD2020-4, in order to match the existing land use. Chairman Becker began the Public Hearing and asked Mr. Verssue to report on the background, findings, and factors of the proposed zoning amendment, which was approved by the Planning Board at their December 21, 2020 meeting. Chairman Becker closed the public portion of the hearing. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve Case ZA2020-06 and Resolution 2021-04 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**
- C. A review and discussion of a McPherson County Sanitation Code memo, presented by Planning, Zoning, and Environment Intern, Jarod Curtis, regarding the disposal of lagoon waster. Following discussion, Commissioners encouraged Mr. Curtis to further seek disposal alternatives and return to a meeting with additional information in the future.
- D. Discussion regarding the Division of Water Resources.

The proposed Resolution for the City of Moundridge Interlocal Agreement for a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was tabled for another week due to the necessity of a correction to the signature page.

At 10:30 a.m., McPherson City Officials/Administration joined the meeting to conduct a work session. Topics of discussion included: Northview Trail, Centennial South Paving, Mohawk to Centennial to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Law Enforcement Center future expansion, Use of remaining SPARK funds, Airport concerns, and Floodplain. No action was taken at the work session.

At 11:55 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to hire J&J Contractors Inc. to repair/replace twelve (12) damaged guardrails throughout the County. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request at a total cost of \$67,300.00 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve the purchase of four (4) jack stands from Hoidale Co, Inc. Following discussion Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase in an amount not to exceed \$3,941.16 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve the purchase of an HD Pro Tablet Truck Scan from Cornwell. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase in an amount not to exceed \$4,700.00 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 1:35 p.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded.  
**All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

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Keith Becker, Chairman

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David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

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Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk