

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

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6:00 p.m. 4H Building - Community Event - Speaker/Presentation

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda for May 24, 2021. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:02 a.m., Sheriff Jerry Montagne joined the meeting and updated Commissioners on the current jail counts and recent department activities. Sheriff Montagne also requested approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Thomas Massa as a Correctional Officer, effective June 6, 2021, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Chairman Becker re-opened the public hearing regarding the Roxbury Lift Station Repair Project Application for State Funding. The public hearing was re-opened/continued from its original Commission meeting date of May 10, 2021, due to a delay in the publication of the hearing notice in the County's official newspaper. No public comments were made during the hearing. Chairman Becker closed the public hearing.

At 9:06 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for May 17, 2021, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Shalei Shea, County Health Department Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A COVID-19 update including information on case counts and vaccination rates within McPherson County.
- B. A request to fill a recent vacancy for a Full-time Office Clerk. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to replace light fixtures in the Health Department, utilizing COVID grant dollars. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request to purchase 54 panel lights from Stanion Wholesale Electric in a total amount not to exceed \$3,361.00. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN, approving the hire of Jonathan Robinson as a Juvenile Intake Worker for Community Corrections, effective June 1, 2021, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:37 a.m. Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request to approve a PCN to hire a new Maintenance Worker I. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session for five (5) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel in the Public Works department. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** No action was taken in executive session. Mr. Kramer then requested Board approval of a PCN to hire Jason McKay as a Maintenance Worker I, effective May 26, 2021, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted nay.**
- B. A request to approve new tires for the loader. Following a review of bids, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the low quote from Smoky Valley Tire Service LLC for an amount not to exceed \$6,803.60. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request for the purchase of three (3) paint guns for the paint truck. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request from EZ Liner in an amount not to exceed \$3,022.68. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

- D. A request for signatures on the Agreement with KDOT regarding the Bridge Improvement Project for Bridge # 010-290 on Wheatridge Road, northwest of Marquette. KDOT will share the cost up to \$150,000, with the McPherson County portion estimated near \$320,000. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to sign the Agreement as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Becker began the public hearing for Special Use Case SU2021-02; an application by Todd Butterfield regarding his property located at 2790 18th Avenue, Lindsborg, Kansas. Chairman Becker asked John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator to review the case including the conditions, findings, and factors. The application includes a request for a second residential unit in addition to an existing residential structure on an existing parcel with an existing residential unit in the A-1, Agricultural District and was unanimously approved by the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals at their April 19, 2021, meeting. There was no public comment regarding the case. Chairman Becker closed the public hearing and reviewed options for Commission action. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request and sign Resolution #2021-13 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for May 21, 2021, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to approve payroll for pay period ending May 29, 2021, and to release checks and claims for May 31, 2021, in advance, due to the County observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** There will be no regular Commission meeting the week of May 31, 2021.

At 10:10 a.m., Commissioners heard 2022 budget presentations from the following departments: Register of Deeds, Noxious Weed, Public Works, and Court Services.

At 12:00 p.m. Commissioners recessed for a lunch break then reconvened in the meeting room at 1:00 p.m.

At 1:00 p.m. Commissioners heard the 2022 budget presentation from the County Clerk.

At 1:40 p.m. Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Makayla Lacey as a Communications Technician, effective June 14, 2021, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** Ms. McClure also updated Commissioners on the progress of the Radio Project and Drive Testing.

At 2:30 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene at 6:00 p.m. at the McPherson County 4H Building to attend a Community Event; Speaker/Presentation. Following the event, Chairman Becker adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk