

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2022

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Chairman Becker & Commissioner Kueser - Present

Commissioner O'Dell - Absent

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner O'Dell was absent. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for June 13, 2022 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:05 a.m., Sheriff Jerry Montagne joined the meeting and updated Commissioners on current jail counts and recent department activities.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable, encumbrances, and witness checks for June 13, 2022 and payroll for pay period ending June 11, 2022 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Gina Bell, County Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to request approval to purchase postcards to be mailed to residents in the unincorporated areas of the County for the purpose of completing a County Land Use Plan survey. The postcards include a link to the online survey as well as a list of locations to obtain a paper copy. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase of a quantity of 8,000 custom design postcards from Atlier Design & Print for an amount not to exceed \$1,639.04, as well as postage in an amount not to exceed \$4,150.04. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:12 a.m., Cord Nestor, Owner of the Whiskey Wagon, joined the meeting to request approval to serve alcoholic beverages in a designated area of the McPherson County 4H grounds during a Saddle Club event taking place June 24 - 25, 2022. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request, with the understanding that there will be law enforcement present, and that Mr. Nestor has verified sufficient liability insurance coverage. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:17 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Mark McVicker as Seasonal Part-time Mowing Staff, effective June 14, 2022. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a PCN to hire Bryan Little as Seasonal Part-time Mowing Staff, effective July 11, 2022. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve the new contract with Symmetry Energy Solutions to provide natural gas to the Asphalt Plant and the Law Enforcement Center beginning August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request to approve the replacement of the failed ice machine in the Public Works break room. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase of a new ice machine from Target Refrigeration for an amount not to exceed \$6,224.21. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting and updated Commissioners on the Special Election Recount which took place June 10, 2022. Ms. Melroy reported a breakdown of the costs associated with the recount which determined the bond amount. Any excess dollars from the bond will go into the election fund. She also noted that the recount board counted one additional "no" vote and two additional "yes" votes as

compared with the votes which were run through the tabulator, and that this was likely due to human error and did not change the results of the election. The total number of ballots that were run through the tabulator matched the total number of ballots recounted by the board.

At 9:45 a.m., Tim Gadde, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections, joined the meeting to request approval of the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) 4th Quarter Pay Enhancement, an increase in grant funding for local Community Corrections employees for the 4th quarter of FY2022, and continued funding for salaries in FY2023. The 9th Judicial District County Community Corrections has been awarded \$77,255.84 to enhance employee pay for adult and juvenile case staff, including salary and benefits. The funds will be distributed to employees through a one-time payment in June of 2022 and includes all full-time, part-time and contract workers. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the one-time pay document as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:02 a.m., Captain Arlo Blevins, Corrections, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Michelle Wing as a Correctional Officer, effective June 18, 2022, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk