

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2022

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

4:45 p.m. Regional County Commissioner Meeting, Abilene, KS

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Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for November 7, 2022: Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) Notice to Township, Canton. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Jerry Montagne presented current jail counts, weekly arrests, monthly civil process statistics, and department activities. Sheriff Montagne also introduced Tammy McCune, American Red Cross Representative, who presented the Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy to Sheriff Montagne on behalf of McPherson County/City law enforcement.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for October 31, 2022 as corrected. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Bill Gately, McPherson Hospital Board Representative; and Aaron Herbel, Moundridge Hospital Administrator, joined the meeting for discussion, and to update Commissioners on recent projects, current financial status, and operational needs. A sales tax funding question is set to be on the Fall 2023 ballot, which if passed, will distribute tax dollars among the three County Hospitals.

At 9:20 a.m., Captain Arlo Blevins joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Charles Allcock, Correctional Officer (14B), effective November 27, 2022. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Greg Baranowski, Sergeant Correctional Officer (16D), effective November 13, 2022. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Thomas Massa, Corporal Correctional Officer (15C), effective November 13, 2022. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN on behalf of the County Treasurer, to hire Shirley Blomquist as a PT Clerk to work during the upcoming tax season, effective November 13, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to sign a letter of support for the McPherson County Council on Aging's application to KDOT for 5311 Federal Transit Administration grant funding. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) Notice to Township for Smoky Hill Township, Lindsborg Golf Course. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a CMB Notice to Township for Canton Township, Canton Grocery. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to purchase a load of cold mix. Following a review of bids and discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase from Unique Cold Mix at \$155/ton as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a PCN for the promotion of Darren J. Moore to a Mechanic (14A), effective November 13, 2022. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Ronn Peters, McPherson, presented Public Input regarding the Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner at the McPherson Community Building from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Peters asked for volunteers from the public, including the day before the event to assist with set up, and immediately following the dinner for cleanup. Details and contact information can be found on the McPherson Community Dinner Facebook page.

At 9:52 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene at 4:45 p.m. to attend the Regional County Commissioner Meeting in Abilene, KS. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 9:20 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

ATTEST:

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Keith Becker, Chairman

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David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

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Hollie D. Melroy, Couty Clerk

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Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner