

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2023

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

10:00 a.m. Tour of 4H Building then Work Session at Public Works

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda: Appointment of 2023 Commission Board Officers. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for January 9, 2023 as amended. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for Chairman Becker to remain in the Chairman position for the 2023 calendar year. Commissioner Kueser seconded. Chairman Becker asked if there was a motion to close nominations. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to close nominations and to approve Chairman Becker. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Kueser made a motion for Commissioner O'Dell to remain serving as Vice Chairman for the 2023 calendar year. Chairman Becker seconded. Chairman Becker asked if there was a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to close nominations and approve Commissioner O'Dell. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell abstained.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Jerry Montagne presented current jail counts, weekly arrests, department activities, and monthly citations/warnings.

At 9:05 a.m., Sheriff Montagne presented two (2) items:

- A. A request for approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Kaleb Speilman as a new Deputy Sheriff (17B) to fill a vacancy, as well as a cell phone allowance, both effective January 23, 2023. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN and cell phone allowance request form as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request for approval of a PCN to hire David King as a new Deputy Sheriff (17A) to fill a vacancy, as well as a cell phone allowance, both effective January 23, 2023. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN and cell phone allowance request form as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for December 27, 2022 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:12 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting with quotes from Custom Towers for a new cell tower at Windom. The first quote included a 175' tower/relocated shelter/generator, site construction, and permitting requirements; and the second quote included a 330' tower/relocated shelter/generator, site construction, and permitting requirements. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to select the higher tower option for a cost not to exceed \$515,370.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** Ms. McClure also requested on behalf of L3Harris, clarification of the motion to include the maintenance warranty on the previously approved for the Canton and Windom locations. Commissioner Kueser

made a motion to include the warranty for years 4 through 15 in the amount of \$1,062,606.00 as proposed in the contract/agreement. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** Ms. McClure will return to a future meeting with an agreement to sign, specifying the inclusion of the warranty.

At 9:23 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to present a resolution which was requested by New Gottland Township to install "Yield" signs on Quivira Road, at the intersection of 16th Avenue and Quivira. "Stop" signs were installed several years ago without a McPherson County resolution. New Gottland officials have since replaced the "Stop" signs with "Yield" signs. Following discussion regarding the signs, sight distance, and recommended speed limits, it was a consensus among Commissioners to table the item until they have visited the site for assessment of the signage issue.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve checks, claims and invoices for January 9, 2023, and payroll for pay period ending January 7, 2023 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to allow the approval of accounts payable for January 16, 2022, as there will be no Commission meeting January 16, 2023 due to the County observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve adds and abates for January 6, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to accept the appointment of Mike Orpin to fill a vacancy on the RFD #5 Board, Inman. Mr. Orpin will replace Kelly Doerksen, who has stepped down as of December 31, 2022. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-01, designating the McPherson Sentinel as the Official McPherson County Newspaper for the 2023 calendar year as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-02, designating depositories for McPherson County Funds for the 2023 calendar year as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Cereal Malt Beverage Dealer's License for Moss Entertainment, LLC, Inman as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Chairman Becker announced that there will be no Commission Meeting next week due to the County holiday on Monday, January 16, 2023.

At 9:55 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and directly reconvene at the 4-H Building for a tour, followed by a work session at Public Works. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 4:19, p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, Couty Clerk

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner