

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2023

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting and tour of County Building

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Two items were added to the agenda for March 20, 2023: Fire District #4 Board Election Results for Approval, and Non-elected Personnel for Public Works. 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 Montagne updated Commissioners on current arrests, jail counts and department activities.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for March 13, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Joseph Pennycuff, County Appraiser, addressed Commissioners regarding an update regarding the state's latest process of valuing grain elevators and determining the difference between those which are real estate or personal property.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for March 17, 2023 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:06 a.m., Julie McClure, Emergency Management/Communications Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Cassidy Church (13D), effective March 5, 2023. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable, encumbrances, witness checks, a voided check, a reissue, and tax distribution payments as presented for March 20, 2023 and payroll for pay period ending March 18, 2023. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:18 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to purchase a skid steer mounted post hole digger to use for fence installations and other small projects. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase from Prairieland Partners, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$5,060.47. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to purchase seeding and fertilizer for the Pawnee Road shouldering project. Following discussion, it was a consensus to postpone official action until further information is obtained regarding other options and cost.
- C. A request to purchase RCPHE pipes for the 8th Avenue project. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request to purchase the pipes from McPherson Concrete Companies in an amount not to exceed \$5,926.76. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session, including Mr. Kramer and Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, for ten (10) 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.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the Fire District #4 Conway board election results. Members now include Todd Goss, Kelly Bruce, Chris Blankenship, Adam Peterson, and Theresa Nelson. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to briefly recess and reconvene to tour the County Building. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

ATTEST:

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner