

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2024

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Kueser & Commissioner O'Dell -Present

Chairman Becker - Absent

February 23, 2024 - Annual County Townships Meeting, KMU Event Center

8:00 a.m.

All Present

Vice Chairman O'Dell opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Becker was absent. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for February 12, 2024, as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:00 a.m., during Public Input, Sheriff Montagne reported on weekly arrests, current jail counts, and department activities. He presented a Cell Phone Allowance Request in the amount of \$12.00 per pay period for Detective Schmidt. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the request form as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:03 a.m. Tanner Wealand, Interim CEO of McPherson Hospital, joined the meeting to request approval of a proposed resolution for a special election to be held on May 21, 2024, regarding a ten-year continuation of the one-half percent sales tax to fund the three (3) County hospitals. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2024-01, authorizing and providing for the calling of a special question ballot in McPherson County for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the County, the question of imposing a one-half percent County Retailers' Sales Tax for the purpose of funding certain improvements to the capital equipment and facilities and general operating expenses of McPherson Hospital, Inc., Mercy Hospital, Inc., and Lindsborg Community Hospital, as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **Vice Chairman O'Dell voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**

At 9:06 a.m., Laurie Wizarde, Register of Deeds, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Brandi Jarvis Nordin as a new Clerk I (8A), effective February 20, 2024, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:08 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve and sign a proposed resolution for a fee schedule to partially defray the costs for administration and enforcement of zoning regulations. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2024-02, establishing a fee schedule for charges for proceedings governed by the zoning regulations of McPherson County. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **Vice Chairman O'Dell voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**
- B. A request for approval to advertise to hire a Part-time Clerk. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve checks and claims including a voided and reissued check, for February 12, 2024, and payroll for pay period ending February 10, 2024, as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign a Cell Phone Allowance Request in the amount of \$8.00 per pay period for Emily Yates, Communications Supervisor at Emergency Management/Communications. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign the South-Central Region Homeland Security Council (SCRHSC) document, appointing Julie McClure, Director of McPherson County Emergency Management/Communications, as the McPherson County representative for the SCRHSC from January 2024 through December of 2024, and to nominate Tim Hawkinson, Assistant Director, to serve as the alternate representative for McPherson County during this same term. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:29 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on February 23, 2024, at the KMU Event Center, to attend the Annual County Townships Meeting. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 12:15 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** **All three (3) Commissioners were present for the Townships meeting.**

Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht

ABSENT 2/12/24
Keith Becker, Chairman

PRESENT 2/23/24
Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk