

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
for March 9, 2015

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9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting

Commissioner Becker and Vice Chairman Linaweaver - Present

Chairman Loomis - Absent

12:00 p.m.

Work Session at Public Works

Commissioner Becker and Vice Chairman Linaweaver - Present

Chairman Loomis - Absent

Vice Chairman Linaweaver opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Loomis was absent. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the agenda for March 9, 2015. Vice Chairman Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input at 9:00 a.m.

At 9:05 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to discuss quotes for phone upgrades and Prime Rate Interface (PRI) installation, to replace the Plexar service. The upgrades will include the following County locations: Law Enforcement Center, Courthouse, Public Works, Health Department, McKIDS, and County Attorney's Office. The Law Enforcement Center cost will be split between the City and the County, with the County's portion (@60% of total) amounts to \$16,625.76. The Courthouse and satellite offices upgrades total \$45,913.20 and the PRI monthly recurring cost would be \$990.00, with a portion to be paid by the City. Following discussion, Commissioners made the decision to table the item and asked Mr. Butler to return to a future meeting with his request, for official action.

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve adds and abates for March 6, 2015. Vice Chairman Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., David Page, County Attorney, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Melissa Clouatre as a Part-time Temporary Legal Clerk (10A), effective March 16, 2015. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Vice Chairman Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:43 a.m., Fern Hess, Health Department Director, joined the meeting to request approval on the SFY 2016 KDHE Aid to Local Agency Grant Application for funding in the areas of: State Formula; Maternal and Child Health Programs including Maternal and Infant Program, Healthy Start Home Visitor Program and Child Health; Family Planning; and Immunization Action Program. The total amount requested is \$127,955.00. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the application as presented. Vice Chairman Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:55 a.m., Darren Frazier, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting to request to hire an additional three (3) Communications Technicians (Dispatchers). Following discussion and review of current and future costs, Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request. Vice Chairman Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:13 a.m., Dan Schrag, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting to request approval to purchase chemicals for the fall spraying season, from Crop Production Services and Van Diest Supply in a total amount of \$51,366.00. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request as presented. Vice Chairman Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:21 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning & Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to approve the appointment of Larry Froese to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board through the term ending December 31, 2017. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request. Vice Chairman Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Discussion regarding a proposed letter of support for a KDHE sponsored bill regarding a loan program for the upgrade/renovation of onsite wastewater and water systems.
- C. A request for approval of the McPherson County Addressing Task Force's updating of addresses to meet Next Generation 911 requirements. It was a consensus among Commissioners to approve the request as presented.

At 10:30 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request for signature on the previously approved construction contracts with Malm Construction in the amount of \$532,889.41 for the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Reconstruction Project. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the contracts as requested. Vice Chairman Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Discussion regarding the North Central Kansas Highway Officials Meeting scheduled for April 1, 2015.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened at 12:00 p.m. at Public Works for a work session. At 2:10 p.m. Vice Chairman Linaweaver adjourned the meeting.

ABSENT

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Linus Linaweaver, Vice Chairman

Keith Becker, Commissioner

Abbey A. Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary