

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2015

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Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m.
All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for March 16, 2015: IT Request for System Upgrades. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the minutes for March 2, 2015. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the minutes for March 9, 2015. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **Commissioners Becker and Linaweaver voted aye. Chairman Loomis abstained due to his absence at the March 9, 2015 meeting.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve payroll for pay period ending March 14, 2015, and to allow Chairman Loomis to release checks and claims for March 16, 2015. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve adds and abates for March 13, 2015. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager recommended wage adjustments for the following: Darren Frazier, McPherson County Emergency Management/Communications Director; Jeff Butler, McPherson County IT Coordinator; and John Verssue, McPherson County Planning/Zoning & Environment Administrator, all effective March 15, 2015. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the adjustments as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:15 a.m., Captain Arlo Blevins, Jail Administrator, requested approval to select Advanced Correctional Healthcare as the new health insurance program for inmates. Art Rose, Program Consultant joined the meeting to present information regarding the program benefits and costs. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the contract for services as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:55 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning & Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to request signature on a letter of support for a KDHE sponsored lending program related to private onsite wastewater systems. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the letter as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.** Mr. Verssue also obtained signatures on the previously approved Planning/Zoning & Environment 2014 Annual Report and Planning Board By-law edits as presented.

At 10:03 a.m., Justin Mader, Project Engineer for Public Works, joined the meeting to request approval to advertise for bids for traffic paint and glass beads, to be used on current and future road projects. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:19 a.m., Jeff Butler, County IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request approval of a new phone system to replace the current phone system in the Joint Law Enforcement Center, central management upgrades to the Courthouse Phone System and outlying offices, and installation of a Prime Rate Interface solution to replace the Plexar solution through AT&T. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented information regarding the County Health Plan, and the current fund balance. In addition to the health fund, the county has an additional insurance reserve fund that can be used to fund health plan costs. Mr. Witte recommended having one pay period where there is no employee deduction and no county premium paid for that bi-weekly payroll. Also included would be a one-time payment of \$224.00 to all regular county employees who work a minimum of 20 hours per week and do not take county medical insurance. Following discussion, Chairman Loomis made a motion to approve the recommendations as presented, effective the first pay period in April. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:15 a.m., Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Commission minutes taken by Abbey A. Heidebrecht.

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Linus Linaweaver, Vice Chairman

Keith Becker, Commissioner

Abbey Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary