

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 2016

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Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m.
All Present

Chairman Linaweaver opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the agenda for August 1, 2016. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for July 25, 2016. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve checks and claims for August 1, 2016, and payroll for pay period ending July 30, 2016. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Bethany Whitenack, Communications Tech (13B), effective July 31, 2016. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:15 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning & Environment Administrator joined the meeting to present five (5) items:

- A. SU2016-02, on behalf of Tower Associates, represented by Sam Massey, Nextra Energy Resources. Mr. Massey is requesting the installation of one meteorological tower in the A-1 Agricultural District, which is currently un-addressed. Chairman Linaweaver called the agenda item and asked Mr. Verssue to review the findings and factors of the case. Mr. Massey also reported on the tower request. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion to adopt the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Board, and approve Case SU2016-02, as well as Resolution 2016-10, allowing the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Chairman Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Becker voted aye.**
- B. SU2016-03, on behalf of Tower Associates, represented by Sam Massey, Nextra Energy Resources. Mr. Massey is requesting the installation of one meteorological tower in the A-1 Agricultural District, which is currently un-addressed. Chairman Linaweaver called the agenda item and asked Mr. Verssue to review the findings and factors of the case. Mr. Massey also reported on the tower request. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to adopt the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Board, and approve Case SU2016-03, as well as Resolution 2016-11, allowing the request for the tower as presented. **Chairman Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Becker voted aye.**
- C. Mr. Verssue requested approval of the updated by-laws of the Board of Planning & Zoning Appeals. He reviewed and discussed changes, additions and deletions with Commissioners. Following the report, Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the updated by-laws as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. Mr. Verssue requested the Chairman's signature on an Agreement between the Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs at WSU and McPherson County regarding the comprehensive planning services in an amount of \$5,150.00. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- E. Mr. Verssue requested approval for the sale of the right-of-way on Pioneer Road at Old Highway 81 and 14th Avenue. Mr. Verssue referenced a letter of clarification from Brian Bina, County Counsel, regarding

the steps toward the proposed vacation, and discussed the process with Commissioners. Following the discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to proceed with the request and allow the sale at \$1 plus filings fees for each of the individual four tracts.

At 9:45 a.m., Torrance Parkins, County Attorney, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice to hire Jonathan Hughes as a Diversion Coordinator/Legal Assistant (12A), effective August 9, 2016 to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:15 a.m., Chairman Linaweaver adjourned the meeting.

Linus Linaweaver, Chairman

Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

Keith Becker, Commissioner

Abbey Heidebrecht, Recording Secretary