

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
October 2, 2017

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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 October 2, 2017: Cell Phone Allowance Request, Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:00 a.m. during Public Input, Sheriff Montagne joined the meeting and updated Commissioners on the current inmate count and recent arrests.

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the minutes for September 25, 2017 as corrected. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve adds and abates for September 29, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) on behalf of the CDDO Department, requesting a change in working hours to 20 hours per week for Louise Peterson, Clerk II (8H), effective October 1, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a PCN on behalf of the Infant/Toddler Department, requesting a change in working hours to 20 hours per week for Joy Janis, Part-time Child Development Specialist (22I), effective October 9, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Jennifer Burch, Chamber of Commerce, and Kasi Morales, MIDC, joined the meeting to request signature on a Proclamation designating the month of October 2017 as McPherson County Manufacturing Month. Chairman Loomis read the proclamation aloud which was followed by a motion from Commissioner Linaweaver for the Chairman to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Ms. Burch thanked the Commissioners for supporting the application by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, to become a partner with Network Kansas in their Entrepreneurship Loan Program. She also shared information regarding successful expansions and business startups which have been funded in partnership with the area banks over the past six (6) years.

At 9:25 a.m. Undersheriff Christians joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A monthly cell phone allowance request in the amount of \$12.00 for James Bergstrom. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the request as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to purchase Jail Tracker software offered by Caliber Public Safety to replace the current ITI program. Following a review of the Jail Tracker features and costs, Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the purchase in a total amount of \$24,500.00 which includes the first year of maintenance, plus future annual maintenance costs. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve the hiring of a Temporary Part-time Deputy, on an as-needed basis, to reduce over-time costs due to a brief staff shortage. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:50 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of an agreement with KDOT, to transfer ownership and maintenance responsibilities of Mohawk Road that was part of the Mohawk Interchange project. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign Agreement no.127-17 as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:05 a.m., Fern Hess, Director of McPherson County Health Department, joined the meeting to request approval to fill a current Public Health Nurse vacancy, as well as a Public Health Nurse vacancy expected in December 2017. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners that Ms. Hess may begin advertising to fill the positions.

Mr. Witte presented for signature, a letter of support regarding a funding opportunity for Kansas State University and the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. The partnership of these organizations plan to execute the "Stand Up for Health" program which supports positive health interventions in the worksite. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the letter as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte reported on the annual renewal rates for employees' medical and dental insurance from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the plan year December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. There is a current proposed increase of 1.37% resulting in a slight monthly increase to the current premiums paid by the employee and the County for each plan. There are no changes to deductibles, office copays, prescription drugs or the Dental Plan.

At 11:30 a.m., Chairman Loomis adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht.

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Ron Loomis, Chairman

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Keith Becker, Vice Chairman

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Linus Linaweaver, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk