

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
October 23, 2017

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Regular Meeting  
9:00 a.m.  
All Present

Chairman Loomis opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the agenda for October 23, 2017. Commissioner Becker 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 weekly arrests, as well as recent and upcoming law enforcement activities.

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve checks and claims for October 23, 2017 and payroll for pay period ending October 21, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the minutes for October 16, 2017 as corrected. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting to request twenty (20) minutes of executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss attorney/client privilege regarding ongoing litigation and contract negotiation. Commissioner Becker made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.** At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Becker made a motion to extend executive session for an additional five (5) minutes. Chairman Loomis seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Commissioners recessed for a ten (10) minute break, then reconvened to continue the meeting.

At 9:45 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment (PZE) Administrator joined the meeting with four items:

- A. Discussion regarding proposed amendments to application guidelines for Commercial Wind Energy Projects (CWEP) under the Zoning Regulations of McPherson County, Kansas. Following a review by Mr. Verssue, it was a consensus among Commissioners that all proposed documentation related to the amendments be reviewed first by the County Counselor before taking official action.
- B. Discussion regarding a request from a private land owner to name a lane not in conjunction with the County Addressing System. No action was taken.
- C. A request by Mr. Verssue to receive a one-year extension for completion of the County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. Discussion regarding changes to the title/position of a non-elected PZE staff member. It was a consensus among Commissioners that Mr. Verssue proceed with developing an Environmental Planner position description and return it for approval along with an updated Personnel Change Notice (PCN).

At 10:10 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to adjust the temporary work status of Thomas Uttermark, Maintenance Worker I (9A), to full-time permanent, to fill a vacancy, effective October 23, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:20 a.m. Randy Frazer, City Administrator of Moundridge, KS, joined the meeting to request approval of the annexation of @ 39.13 acres of city owned land at the waste water treatment facility according to previously approved Moundridge City Resolutions #2017-07 and 2017-08. Following discussion, Commissioner

Linaweaver made a motion to accept the resolutions regarding the annexation as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve adds and abates for October 20, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for signature, a Property Damage Release with Indemnity, in the amount of \$335.00 for Claim #16-5027752. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the 2018 Indigent Defense Agreement for the total amount of \$121,540.00. The parties to the agreement are as follows: Board of McPherson County Commissioners, McPherson County District Court, Boyer & Price Law Office PA and Ty Kaufman Law Office LC (Contract Attorneys), and JoAn Hamilton Lindfors Law Office and Donald R. Snapp Law Office (Conflict Attorneys). Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve and sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioners held a work session with Emergency Management/Communications.

At 11:55 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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ATTEST:

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Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk