

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 30, 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 30, 2017: Health Department, Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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 the minutes for October 23, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Fern Hess, County Health Department Director, joined the meeting seeking approval to hire a Receptionist/Clerk I to fill a vacancy. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented for signature, a letter of support on behalf of the McPherson County Counsel on Aging regarding their application to KDOT for Section 5311 Federal Transit Administration grant funding. Commissioner Becker made a motion to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for approval and signature, a Quit Claim Deed in the amount of \$125.00 for Space 5, Lot 155, Garden A in the Crestwood Memorial Park Cemetery. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the deed as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. All voted aye.

Mr. Witte presented on behalf of the Noxious Weed Department, a request to purchase chemicals for fall and spring seasons in a total amount of \$35,972.30 from Van Diest Supply and Sims Fertilizer & Chemical. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Dean Hart, Tusa, reviewed a proposed contract from Harris Corporation for the Emergency Communications Radio Upgrade Project. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners that Mr. Hart gather additional information and approval from the FAA regarding tower height requirements at the Law Enforcement Center, and return to a future meeting, before proceeding with any official action on the contract.

At 10:15 a.m., Tom Kramer, County Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the promotion of Mervyn Quastad to a Maintenance Work II (11B), effective November 5, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Discussion regarding a request by Empire Township to cost share dirt work at 23rd Avenue and Kiowa. No action was taken.

At 10:30 a.m. John Verssue, County Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator joined the meeting to request approval of recommended amendments to the application guidelines for Commercial Wind Energy Projects (CWEP) under the zoning regulations of McPherson County. Following a review of the proposed amendments by Mr. Verssue, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-12, ending the

moratorium upon the acceptance of applications for Conditional Use Permits in conjunction with Wind Turbine Electric Generating Projects, and accepting the recently reviewed and edited amendments regulating Commercial Wind Energy Projects. Commissioner Becker seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Becker voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented the proposed 2018 County Holiday Schedule for approval as Resolution 2017-13. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **Chairman Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Becker voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye.**

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

Minutes recorded and prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Ron Loomis, Chairman

Keith Becker, Vice Chairman

Linus Linaweaver, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk