

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2017

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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 November 20, 2017: Water Well at Crestwood Cemetery. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:05 a.m. Sheriff Montagne joined the meeting and updated the Commissioners on weekly arrests and the current jail count.

The 9:10 a.m. item, EDF Discussion Regarding Access and Easement, was postponed.

At 9:15 a.m., Undersheriff Skyler Christians joined the meeting to present a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Issac McIver as a new Deputy (15A), to fill a vacancy, effective December 4, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the minutes for November 13, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve checks and claims for November 20, 2017, and payroll for pay period ending November 18, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve adds and abates for November 17, 2017. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign a Cereal Malt Beverage Notice to Township document for Rolling Acres Golf Club in New Gottland Township. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:40 a.m., Laurie Wizarde, County Register of Deeds joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to promote Lisa Koehn to a Clerk II (8B), effective December 3, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m., Kim Romero, Interim County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Kim Buster as a Field Appraiser I (12B), effective November 27, 2017 to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented information regarding Crestwood a 5-year water well lease renewal for Rolling Acres who obtains the water through Crestwood Cemetery. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to not increase acreage coverage as requested by Rolling Acres, and to leave the maximum per gallon at 9.1 acres. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:50 a.m., Julie McClure joined the meeting to discuss Tusa updates regarding the proposed emergency radio system upgrade/4-site option. Following discussion and input from a Tusa representative, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to allow Tusa to continue negotiations on the upgrade project. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Ms. McClure also requested to use a prize award of \$1,000, which she won at a first responders pipeline awareness training consortium, to purchase exercise equipment for the 911 office for personnel use. She also requested to use the award to host a holiday party for County employees who work shifts at the Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for Ms. McClure to use the \$1,000 as requested. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:35 a.m., Captain Arlo Blevins joined the meeting to request the purchase of a new replacement freezer for the jail kitchen. Following discussion of repair and purchase options, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to allow up to \$7,000 for the purchase of a new freezer. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:45 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request to purchase office furniture for the IT Department in an amount not to exceed \$3,690.00. Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:50 a.m., Teresa Nelson, County Treasurer, joined the meeting to request approval of PCNs to end the introductory period for Kim Lewis, State Certified Clerk II/Kcovrs (9D), and for Jennifer VanAshe, Clerk I (6B). Both will be effective November 19, 2017. Commissioner Becker made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:20 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Ron Estus, Maintenance Worker I (9B), effective November 19, 2017. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Becker seconded. **All 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