

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2018

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

11:30 a.m. Annual County Employee Appreciation Luncheon

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Commissioner Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for September 10, 2018: IT Firewall Replacement. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on recent department activities.

At 9:05 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator joined the meeting to request approval of Case VAC2018-03, a proposed vacation of property on behalf of applicants Dylan and Courtney Warden. Chairman Becker opened the public hearing and asked Mr. Verssue to review the case which involves approximately 5 acres along the South US Highway 81 Bypass. The applicants requested approval to purchase the land from the County. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to ask for a review of the case and the purchase request by the County Counselor.

At 9:15 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting to request the purchase of 7 Express Vote System machines from Election Systems & Software, for a total cost of \$25,167.50 including maintenance and support. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.** Funding by the County will be reimbursed through the technology fund over the next several years.

At 9:25 a.m., Under Sheriff Christians joined the meeting and updated Commissioners on the arrests and current jail count. He then presented the following three (3) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Shawn Gallagher as a new deputy (15D), effective September 17, 2018, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Jacob Willems, Deputy (15E), effective September 9, 2018. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve a cell phone allowance request for a new deputy at \$4.00 per pay period. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the request as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request approval to purchase replacement firewall appliances for the County Courthouse. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion approve the purchase of two (2) Sonic Wall NSA Appliance units from Nex-Tech for a total amount of \$14,796.26 which includes the hardware, software, services and support for three (3) years. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.** The purchase will be funded through the IT capital outlay budget.

At 9:35 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request for signature on an agreement with the City of McPherson for the maintenance of a crosswalk for the bicycle trail at Avenue A and Centennial. According to the agreement the City will maintain the crosswalk. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. The extension of the bids on the aggregate for asphalt (CS-1 & CS-2) and chip sealing (CM-K). Following

- discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to continue into 2019, with the 2017 Harshman Co. materials prices and Knight Trucking hauling prices. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to purchase a new distributor truck. Following a review of bids and discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to allow the purchase of a new "Summit" 2020 model Volvo VHD 648300 in an amount not to exceed \$112,395.00 including freight and warranty. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request to purchase an oil distributor tank. Following a review of bids and discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the purchase of the Mauldin model in an amount not to exceed \$107,298.00 from Berry Tractor. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.** Funding for the truck and tank will be provided through the Public Works budget and the capital equipment reserve fund.

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve checks and claims for September 10, 2018 and payroll for pay period ending September 8, 2018. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:13 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested twenty (20) minutes in executive session for attorney/client privilege, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.** At 11:33 a.m., Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to extend executive session for an additional fifteen (15) minutes. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

In open session at 11:48 a.m., Mr. Bina requested that the County fund an additional \$3,750.00 allotment for special defense costs. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Bina recommended that a County owned 5.086 acre tract of land along South 14th Avenue and Old Highway 81 be sold to Dylan and Courtney Warden for a total amount of \$3,750.00. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sell the land as recommended. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioners recessed and reconvened in the large meeting room for the Annual County Employee Appreciation Luncheon. At 1:15 p.m., Chairman Becker adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Keith Becker, Chairman

Linus Linaweaver, Vice Chairman

Ron Loomis, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk