

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
September 17, 2018

September 17, 2018  
9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting  
All Present

Commissioner Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the agenda for September 17, 2018. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on the current jail count and recent department activities.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for September 10, 2018. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., John Worden, McPherson Hospital, joined the meeting to update Commissioners on the progress of the McPherson Hospital physician's office building project which is expected to be completed by the end of December 2018.

At 9:25 a.m., John Hawk, MASWU, joined the meeting to request approval of the County and Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, with one change regarding a new HHW facility at 1682 Limestone Road. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to accept the plan with recommended changes. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Keith Birkhead, President of MIDC, joined the meeting to request approval of an EDX tax abatement application on behalf of Hospira/Viega with regard to a proposed expansion project on the northwest side of the existing facility. Roger Luebbe, Hospira/Pfizer representative, further reviewed the proposed project and answered questions from Commissioners. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the application contingent upon approval of BOTA and the condition that the valuation of the currently valued parcels shall not be reduced below the current 2018 taxable assessed valuation throughout the duration of the EDX. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented on behalf of the County Attorney, a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Joseph Uhlman as a new Assistant County Attorney to fill a vacancy effective September 17, 2018. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a Release of Mortgage on a HOME Program Grant home in Inman, KS for Sheri Gayle Plett. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to sign the release as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to appoint Chairman Becker as the voting delegate and Commissioner Loomis as the alternate at the annual KCAMP meeting to be held October 15, 2018 in Overland Park, KS. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented information regarding the BCBS Employee Health/Dental Insurance renewal plan. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to accept the premium amounts as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented Resolution 2018-19 which allows the modifying and supplementing of Resolution 2017-12 regarding commercial wind energy projects. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign the resolution as

presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a request from Kasi Morales, MIDC Executive Director, to contribute \$4,000 to the Export Plan Funding for year four (4). Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners, to approve the request as presented for the current year only.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Becker adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

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Keith Becker, Chairman

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Linus Linaweaver, Vice Chairman

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Ron Loomis, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk