

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 29, 2018

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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 October 29, 2018. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on the current jail count as well as recent and upcoming department activities. Joe Hoffman was recognized for his retirement following 40 years of service in law enforcement with McPherson County.

Several rural county residents joined Public Input to express their concerns regarding the possibility of commercial wind energy projects (CWEP) within McPherson County.

At 9:20 a.m., Fern Hess, County Health Department Director joined the meeting to request approval of the purchase and installation of a Mini-Split AC System for the Immunization Storage and Preparation Room at the Health Department. Following discussion and a review of bids, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the bids from McPherson Quality Air and Hedlund Electric at a total cost of \$3,986.43. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Greg Benefiel, County Attorney, joined the meeting to present an update on new office software and department activities.

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the minutes for October 22, 2018. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a request for chemical purchases on behalf of the Noxious Weed department. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the purchases at unit prices from Van Diest Supply as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Mervyn Quastad, Maintenance Worker III (16B), effective November 4, 2018. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.** Mr. Kramer updated Commissioners regarding surplus County equipment to be placed for auction on Purple Wave.

Mr. Witte presented a PCN on behalf of the County Treasurer, to hire Jennifer Crouch as an MVL Clerk (8A), effective November 5, 2018 to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Chairman Becker opened discussion on a proposed resolution for a CWEP moratorium. The resolution was read aloud, and discussion took place including input from several County residents and property owners. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve Resolution #2018-14 as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

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

Minutes recorded by Rick Witte.

Keith Becker, Chairman

Linus Linaweaver, Vice Chairman

Ron Loomis, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk