

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 26, 2018

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

All Present

November 28, 2018

CHS Open House

1:30 p.m. @ Safety Center

All Present

December 1, 2018

County Employee Christmas Banquet

Holiday Manor

6:00 p.m.

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Two items were added to the agenda for November 26, 2018: MIDC Letter; Cost of Living Increase. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners regarding current jail counts and department activities.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for November 5, 2018. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for November 19, 2018. Chairman Becker seconded. Chairman Becker and Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver abstained due to his absence at the November 19, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve Cell Phone Allowance Requests on behalf of the Sheriff, for Jason Achilles at \$8.00 per pay period, and Dean Scott at \$12.00 per pay period. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the 2019 Official County Holiday Schedule as Resolution 2018-26. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented the proposed Resolution 2018-27, and supporting documents authorizing the assignment and transfer of the tenant under certain taxable industrial revenue bonds with regard to the Prairieland Partners Project IRBs (Resolution 2015-01) now amended to PLP/CTI Real Estate, LLC. Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Loomis abstained due to a conflict of interest.**

At 9:12 a.m., Greg Benefiel, County Attorney, joined the meeting to update Commissioners on current and upcoming department activities, request a line item transfer of funds for personnel and proposed remodel projects in the County Attorney's office. Mr. Benefiel presented the following Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) for approval:

- A. A promotion/step increase for Amy White, to a Trial Assistant (12C), effective November 19, 2018.
- B. A promotion for Kylie Schmidt to a Trial Assistant (12B), effective November 19, 2018.

C. The hire of Laura Hendricks as a Trial Assistant (12B), effective November 19, 2018 to fill a vacancy.

Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve the funds transfer and for the Chairman to sign the three (3) PCNs as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:50 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request for signature on a Waste Water System Waiver for Ashley McAllister, 2002 Pawnee Road. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the waiver as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve the proposed Resolution 2018-28, amending Article 4 of the Zoning Regulations regarding the 40-acre requirement as presented. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Linaweaver voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter to Kasi Morales, Executive Director of MIDC, stating that the McPherson County Commissioners are declining to participate in funding infrastructure improvements on private property owned by Johns Manville. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign the letter as presented. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte updated Commissioners on options for a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for all County employees. Following discussion, Commissioner Linaweaver made a motion to approve a 3% COLA for all County employees effective the pay period beginning December 2, 2018. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Loomis made a motion to recess until 1:30 p.m. November 28, 2018 to attend the CHS Open House at the Safety Center. Commissioner Linaweaver seconded. All voted aye. Following the Open House, Commissioners recessed until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 1, 2018 to attend the annual County Employee Christmas Event at the Holiday Manor. At 8:30 p.m. Chairman Becker adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith Becker, Chairman

Linus Linaweaver, Vice Chairman

Ron Loomis, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk