

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2019

April 8, 2019
9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Becker also introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Tom Kueser. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the agenda for April 8, 2019. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:10 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on current inmate counts at the jail and department activities.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for April 1, 2019. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Kris Severs, County resident, joined the meeting to discuss options for a damaged septic tank at the property of Phyllis Severs. Following discussion and input from John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to eliminate the PZE staff recommendation to install driveway risers and allow the system to be left as is, as well as to allow the installation of a new fiberglass tank behind the property. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Stephanie Huntzinger, Billing Specialist at the McPherson County Health Department, joined the meeting to request the write off of uncollectible debt in the first quarter of 2019 totaling \$1,754.11. Following discussion Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:20 a.m. Dan Schrag, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting to request approval to purchase chemicals for the 2019 spring spraying season from Van Diest Supply Company in unit prices as presented for a total cost of \$20,524.15. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the purchase as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Shane Eck, MKC, joined the meeting to request a partial IRB property release (Marquette, KS) of Lot #16 on a parcel of land located in the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty-Three (23), Township Seventeen (17) South, Range Five (5) West of the 6th Principal Meridian in McPherson County, Kansas, in order to sell the lot to an individual. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to proceed with the legal process to release the partial IRB property as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with five (5) items:

A. A request to approve Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) to hire Bryan Little (12C), effective May 28, 2019, and Jacob Hemenway (12A), effective May 13, 2019, as Temporary/Seasonal Part-time Maintenance Workers. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

B. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Gary Williams, Maintenance Worker I (12B), effective April 7, 2019. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

C. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Jason Christiansen, Maintenance Worker III (16G), effective April 7, 2019. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

D. A request to award bids to Ergon for chip seal oil (not to exceed \$798,966.00) and tack oil (not to exceed \$23,443.00); and to Valero Energy Corp. for award HMA oil (not to exceed \$1,262,500.00) in estimated quantities as presented. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the bids as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

E. A review of the MCPW Annual Report and County Engineer's Annual Report for the State of Kansas. No action was taken.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve checks and claims for April 8, 2019 and payroll for pay period ending April 6, 2019. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented two (2) items:

- A. A PCN for a salary adjustment for Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, effective April 7, 2019
- B. A PCN to end the introductory period for Lisa Koehn, Accountant II (13B), effective March 24, 2019.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a letter from the City of Lindsborg with regard to splitting the cost of hiring of a consultant concerning future plans for the Old Mill Museum. The total cost to be shared amounts to \$5,000 with McPherson County contributing \$2,500. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Loomis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Keith Becker, Chairman

Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk