

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2019

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8:00 a.m. Vote Canvass for Moundridge Special Election, County Clerk's Office

All Present

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting, 5th Floor County Building

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Commissioners convened in the County Clerk's Office at 8:00 a.m. to canvass votes for the recent Moundridge Special Election. Following the canvass, Commissioners recessed and reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on the 5th floor of the County Building. Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for August 5, 2019. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

No one spoke during Public Input at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for July 8, 2019. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for July 22, 2019. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser abstained due to his absence at the July 22, 2019 meeting.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for July 29, 2019. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner Loomis abstained due to his absence at the July 29, 2019 meeting.**

At 9:10 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications joined the meeting to request approval for an upgrade of the Equature System for the Harris Radio Project. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the purchase of VNIC Radio Integration and 25 RoIP Licenses for a total cost of \$36,003.80 as well as maintenance at an annual cost of \$12,800.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented two (2) items on behalf of the County Attorney:

- A. A Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Catherine Wilson as a Full-time Trial Assistant to fill a vacancy, effective August 5, 2019. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A PCN to hire Christine Whitfield as a Part-time Temporary File Clerk effective August 5, 2019. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented the CDDO SFY 2019 Subcontracting Report/Policy Manual for approval. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to accept the documents as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented the Participating CDDO Agreement with KDADS for signature. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to authorize Mr. Witte to sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented for signature five (5) Cereal Malt Beverage Notices to Townships: Lonestar Investments LLC (Superior Township); 365 Sports Complex LLC (Superior Township); Canton Grocery LLC Store #2 (Canton Township); Lindsborg Golf Course (Smoky Hill Township); and Rolling Acres Golf Club, Inc. (New Gottland Township). Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the notices as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioners began the 2020 Budget Hearing. Mr. Witte presented the budget noting that expenditures for 2020 amount to a total of \$28,057,874; assessed valuation for the County increased by 5.3% to \$474,915,678; and the mill levy increased to 31.93 mills which is approximately a 0.5 mill increase from last year. Following the budget review, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to sign budget documents as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m. Murray McGee, Moundridge Economic Development Director, joined the meeting seeking approval of a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan/Interlocal Agreement for a certain area of the city of Moundridge through rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment in order to protect the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the city. According to the agreement between the city of Moundridge and McPherson County, certain incentives will be used for the acquisition and/or the removal of abandoned structures and a tax rebate incentive will be available for certain improvements within the area according to a 5-year term. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Vice Chairman sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Commissioners Kueser and Vice Chairman Loomis voted aye. Chairman Becker abstained due to his position on the MKC Board.**

At 9:50 a.m., Janet Cagle, Director of Community Corrections, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Stephen Gillet, ISO I, effective August 11, 2019. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:55 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the public hearing for Special Use Case SU2019-01, an application for a Special Event Space at 2951 13th Avenue, Lindsborg, KS in the A1 Agricultural District by Peterson Farm Brothers LLC. The case was previously approved by the Planning Board at their June 17, 2019 meeting. John Verssue, County Planning/Zoning, Environment Administrator, reviewed the case. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the case and sign Resolution #2019-09 as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

Chairman Becker opened the public hearing for Case SD 201901, a request by Lola F. Fishback, agent Shon Buster, for a 4-lot subdivision (Busterville) located on Mohawk Road. The case was previously approved by the Planning Board at their March 18, 2019 meeting. Following a review of the case by Mr. Verssue, and discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve and sign the Busterville final plat as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

Chairman Becker opened the public hearing for Case SD 2019-02, a request for a subdivision (Frontier Subdivision) by applicants Dylan and Courtney Warden in the M-2 Heavy Industrial District at 1391 Frontier Road and 1095 14th Avenue. The case was previously approved by the Planning Board at their July 17, 2019 meeting. Mr. Verssue reviewed the case. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve and sign the Frontier Subdivision final plat as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

At 10:20 a.m., Sheriff Montagne and Captain Anderson (Investigator/D.A.R.E Coordinator) joined the meeting to request the continuation of the D.A.R.E. program for the 2019/2020 school year with a full-time officer. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners that the Sheriff may re-allocate funds within his 2020 budget to assist in funding the D.A.R.E. program.

At 10:50 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Darren Moore, Maintenance Worker II, effective August 11, 2019. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for August 5, 2019. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser abstained.**

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes, including Kim Romero, Appraiser, and Mr. Witte to discuss non-elected personnel in the Appraiser's Office. **No action was taken in executive session.**

Four (4) items were presented with regard the Appraiser's Department:

- A. A request to approve a letter of resignation by Ryan Janzen, County Appraiser. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to accept the resignation as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted Aye.**
- B. A written proposal by Mr. Janzen requesting to continue as a Commercial Appraiser for McPherson County. It was a consensus among Commissioners to approve the proposal as presented.
- C. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to appoint Kim Romero as the County Appraiser to complete the 4-year term by signing Resolution #2019-10 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**
- D. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN for the promotion of Kim Romero to the position of McPherson County Appraiser, effective August 12, 2019. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis nominated Commissioner Kueser to be considered for service on the KCAMP Board of Trustees.

At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loomis 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