

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2020

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

6:30 p.m. Soil Conservation Meeting/Dinner, 4-H Building

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Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for January 27, 2020. 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 January 13, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve checks and claims and encumbrances for January 27, 2020, and payroll for pay period ending January 25, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Austin Regier, Executive Director for STEP MC joined the meeting to update Commissioners on the STEP MC program and reviewed data regarding poverty rates in McPherson County as well as improvements made by program participants in areas of household income, employment status, housing status and education status.

At 9:20 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to update Commissioners on the Civic Discourse Leadership Project 2020 through Kansas 4-H and Kansas State University. The Kansas 4-H, McPherson County 4-H Chapter, and McPherson College have partnered together to bring the project to McPherson County and are encouraging students to participate in training sessions to enhance leadership skills. The program sessions will take place in the months of February, March, and April of 2020.

At 9:22 a.m. Under Sheriff Christians joined the meeting with two items:

- A. An announcement of the upcoming retirement of Sergeant Deputy Bill Blair. Under Sheriff Christians requested to seek to fill the vacancy as well as a current vacancy as soon as possible to allow time for training. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to purchase three (3) direction sensing radar units for department vehicles from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$8,755.00. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for January 24, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:37 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Megan Dauer as a new Communications Technician effective February 24, 2020. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

- B. A request to appoint Julie McClure as the representative for McPherson County on the South Central Region Homeland Security Council for January through December of 2020. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign the appointment letter as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m., Christianna Stocks, Health Department Billing Specialist, joined the meeting to request to write off \$700.57 of uncollectible debt for the quarter ending December 31, 2019. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:47 a.m., Kim Romero, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of an updated job description for a Commercial/Industrial Appraiser, and a job re-evaluation and wage adjustment PCN for Jolyn Johnston-Myers effective February 23, 2020. Commissioner Kueser made motion to approve the job description and for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:50 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to purchase three (3) RCBs and two (2) concrete pipes for existing structures from McPherson Concrete Products for a total amount not to exceed \$99,527.26. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve paint striping truck upgrades from EZ Liner: a guidance camera system assembly not to exceed \$8061.57; and a control system full upgrade, not to exceed \$12,649.36. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchases as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Loomis made a motion to recess until 6:30 p.m. to attend a Soil Conservation Meeting at the 4-H Building. At 8:30 p.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