

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2020

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

February 21, 2020

8:30 a.m. Annual Township Board Meeting, Municipal Utilities Building

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Two items were added to the agenda for February 10, 2020: Veterans Banner Project; and Health Department Vehicle.

Commissioner Kueser 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 on current jail counts and department activities.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for February 3, 2020.

Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:07 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested ten (10) minutes in executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, for attorney/client privilege regarding on-going litigation matters. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

At 9:20 a.m., John Worden, McPherson Hospital, joined the meeting to present the first quarter update. Mr. Worden reported on the Hospital Strategic Plan for FY2020-2022, including target areas and goals in patient care services, facilities improvements, hospital relations, professional staffing and financial strength. He also reviewed Medicare Hospital Comparison data from patient surveys.

At 9:38 a.m., Peggy Stucky, Infant Development Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a bid to finish the playground project. Following a discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the bid from Precision Dirt Work for a total amount not to exceed \$4,900.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:42 a.m., John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator joined the meeting to request approval of Zoning Case ZA 2020-01 on behalf of Evergy, with Jeff Zuercher, serving as Agent. Chairman Becker opened the public hearing and asked Mr. Verssue to review the background information regarding the case which is seeking a change in zoning district classification from A-1 Agricultural to M-2 Heavy Industrial at 1334 9th Avenue, McPherson, Kansas. Following discussion, Chairman Becker reviewed options for action. The case was previously approved by the Planning Board at their January 20, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the case and sign Resolution 2020-01. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**

Following the Public Hearing, discussion took place regarding Harper Township Minimum Maintenance Roads. Several Harper Township property owners were present and expressed

their concerns to Commissioners. It was a consensus among Commissioners to obtain additional information and re-visit the topic at the March 2, 2020 Commission meeting at 9:30 a.m., with further clarification and discussion regarding Minimum Maintenance Roads.

At 11:00 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval to advertise for bids for 2020 traffic paint and beads. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented information on the Veteran's Banner Project by the City of McPherson Park Department. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion for a \$3,000.00 appropriation toward the project. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** The dollars will come from the County's Special Parks and Recreation Fund.

Commissioners discussed options for replacement of the agency vehicle at the Health Department. It was a consensus to obtain additional information from the Health Department Director regarding vehicle usage and revisit the subject at a later date.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve checks and claims and witness checks for February 10, 2020, and payroll for pay period ending February 8, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for February 7, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Loomis made a motion to recess and reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on February 21, 2020 to attend the Annual McPherson County Township Board Meeting. At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Becker adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Keith Becker, Chairman

Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk