

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
February 24, 2020

February 24, 2020  
9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting  
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for February 24, 2020. 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 Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for February 10, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Colleen Yarosh, Clerk I, effective March 8, 2020. 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 checks and claims, encumbrances, and jury checks for February 24, 2020, and payroll for pay period ending February 22, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:13 a.m., Under Sheriff Skyler Christians joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a PCN to hire Conner Davis as a Deputy Sheriff, effective February 25, 2020, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to purchase four (4) new patrol vehicles to replace current high mileage vehicles. Following a review of bids and discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the purchases from Midway Motors of three (3) new Dodge Durangos and one Dodge Ram Pick-up, totaling \$94,066.00 (including trade-in allowance) plus costs for necessary vehicle equipment and tear-down, totaling \$18,563.44 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Lindsborg Mayor Becky Anderson, joined the meeting to request that the Community Foundation grant application submitted by the Old Mill Museum for \$142,000.00 toward maintenance of the Swedish Pavilion, be withdrawn. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., Janet Cagle, Community Corrections Director joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire a Jeffrey Jensen as a Transport Driver, effective February 25, 2020, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:07 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to award bids for the 2020 Roadway Maintenance Materials (asphalt oils). Following a review of bids, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to accept bids from Ergon and Valero at an estimated cost of \$2,000,498.40, based on unit prices. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to go into executive session for five (5) minutes, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.** In open session, Mr. Kramer requested approval to fill two (2) vacant Maintenance Worker positions. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to advertise for bids to replace the 3 cast-in-place boxes, and the emergency guard rail project. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for February 21, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

**At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Loomis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

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Keith Becker, Chairman

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Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

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Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk