

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2020

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

March 5, 2020

9:00 a.m.

County Health Meeting, 5th Floor Large Commission Meeting Room, County Building

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for March 2, 2020: Community Foundation Grant Discussion. 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 and Captain Arlo Blevins updated Commissioners on current jail counts, monthly arrest and jail stats/data, and department activities.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for February 24, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:02 a.m., Dan Schrag, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to approve the 2019 Weed Eradication Annual Report. Following discussion Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign the report as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve the auction sale of the current older model agency ATV. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve the 2020 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to sign the plan as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) from the County Attorney to hire Kelsey Clark as a Trial Assistant effective March 16, 2020, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager recommended a change in the BCBSKS County Health Policy, which would require a full calendar month of employment for new hires before insurance coverage may begin. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the recommendation, which will take effect March 2, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte asked Commissioners to consider the option of allowing the Old Mill Museum grant application for the Swedish Pavilion repairs and maintenance to be submitted to the Community Foundation for an at-large grant. Following discussion, Commissioner

Loomis made a motion to approve the submission as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m., Board members and residents of Harper Township revisited the subject of defining and posting signage of minimum maintenance roads. Following discussion and input from Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to table the item until consultation with the County Counselor is obtained regarding the minimum maintenance road designation. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye. The item will be placed on the March 23, 2020 agenda at 9:30 a.m. for further discussion.**

At 10:15 a.m., Shalei Shea, County Health Department Director, joined the meeting to request the purchase of a vehicle to replace the current nonfunctioning agency vehicle. Following a review of bids and discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to allow Ms. Shea to search for a used sedan model at a maximum cost of \$16,000.00.

At 10:25 a.m., Ms. Shea addressed Commissioners as the Board of Health, and updated and discussed current data regarding the coronavirus and invited Commissioners to attend a related special organizational meeting including county emergency response agencies on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the 5th floor large meeting room of the County Building. At 10:38 a.m., Commissioners ended the Board of Health portion of the meeting.

At 10:40 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve the purchase of a permanent roadway right-of-way at 1403 Chisholm Road at a total cost of \$2,940.00 as well as a temporary construction easement at a total cost of \$510.00 from Matthew and Emily Ayers. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve the purchase of a temporary construction easement at 605 14th Avenue at a total cost of \$200.00 from Randy and Nancy Case. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene on March 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the 5th floor large meeting room of the County Building to attend a County Health Meeting. At 11:30 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