

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2020

March 23, 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 March 23, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Jeff Chambers, Lindsborg resident, joined the meeting to express his concerns regarding a McPherson County Health Department billing discrepancy.

Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on current jail counts and department activities and presented two (2) items for action:

- A. A request for approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Jerome Montagne as a Partial Part-time On-call Patrol Deputy. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. Commissioners Loomis and Kueser voted aye. Chairman Becker abstained due to a conflict of interest.
- B. A request to approve PCNs for wage adjustments, increasing one Grade, for all hourly Correctional Officers, and hourly Sheriff's Deputies effective April 5, 2020. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:25 a.m., Lorna Nelson, Old Mill Museum Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Matthew Hanson as a Part-time Maintenance Worker, effective March 25, 2020, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:32 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications joined the meeting to request approval of PCNs to hire Abigail Carr and Cassidy Church as new Communications Technicians, effective April 6, 2020 to fill vacancies. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:48 a.m., Commissioners heard comments from Gary Peterson, Harper Township Board Member, and several Harper Township residents regarding the proposed minimum maintenance road designation with regard to certain Township roads. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to adopt the decision by the Planning Board to deny the request for minimum maintenance road designations in Harper Township. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:05 a.m., Kim Romero, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to discuss a Pictometry Agreement with Pictometry International Corporation. Following discussion, it was a consensus among the Commissioners to re-visit the item at the next regular Commission meeting in order for Ms. Romero to obtain additional updated information regarding the Agreement.

At 10:15 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the public hearing for a tax abatement request. Keith Burkhead, President of MIDC, introduced Roger Kampling, owner of RK Concrete Construction,

DBA S&R Warehouse, located at 1442 N. Centennial. Mr. Kampling reviewed the history of his business and requested a tax abatement for purposes of a \$742,219.00 expansion project (100% for 10 years). Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request for tax incentives effective January 1, 2021, and to sign Resolution 2020-02 as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**

At 10:20 a.m., Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections, joined the meeting to request signature on a letter of support for a commitment to assisting in operationalizing and sustaining the proposed Juvenile Service Center evening programming in Sedgwick County, as a risk/need response and an alternative to detention, for our County. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the letter as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for March 9, 2020. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner Loomis abstained due to his absence at the March 9, 2020 meeting.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for March 2, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:27 a.m., Peggy Stucky, Director of MCKIDS, joined the meeting for discussion of the MCKIDS Program. Following discussion and recommendation by Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, Ms. Stucky will be authorized to notify the State to change the MCKIDS lead agency from McPherson County to another agency, by July 1, 2020, or no later than December 31, 2020, with the stipulation that she will remain on the County payroll until January 1, 2021. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:35 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request to award bids for the 2020 Roadway Maintenance Materials (traffic striping paint and beads). Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the paint purchase from Ennis-Flint Inc. and the beads from McConnell & Assoc. in unit prices as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to purchase a used 2000 model BOMAG pneumatic roller including a heat shield kit from Berry Tractor for an amount not to exceed \$17,915.00. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the purchase as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to replace the outdated portable heated pressure washer used at the asphalt plant with a demo unit including a full warranty, from Professional Cleaning Systems, for an amount not to exceed \$6,495.00. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request to approve a PCN to hire Jared Bushnell as a Maintenance Worker I, effective March 30, 2020, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator joined the meeting to update and discuss the possibility of adjusting the work status of a current staff intern.

Mr. Verssue also discussed the subject of subdivision regulations regarding protest petitions.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve witness checks, jury checks, encumbrances, and checks and claims for March 23, 2020, and payroll for pay period ending March 21, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for March 20, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:40 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