

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2020

March 30, 2020
9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
Remote Live Stream
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for March 30, 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 March 23, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for March 25, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes from March 27, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Shalei Shea, County Health Department Director, joined the meeting to update Commissioners regarding the three (3) positive cases of COVID-19 within the County, and noted that she is in the process of generating an FAQ document for the public, to be posted on the Health Department website.

At 9:15 a.m., Kim Romero, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of a purchase agreement with Eagle View/Pictometry International Corp. for a total cost of \$127,320.00, divided into 3 equal payments of \$42,440 and spread over a 3-year period beginning in the summer of 2021, when the single-flight aerial photos would take place. Following discussion, Chairman Becker made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted nay.**

At 9:41 a.m., Dan Schrag, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting to request the purchase of chemicals for the spring spraying season from Van Diest Supply Company, for a total amount not to exceed \$25,256.10. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Schrag also discussed concerns regarding the process of the sale of the older model ATV, due to the mandated COVID-19 restrictions. It was a consensus among Commissioners to delay the sale of the ATV for a few months.

At 9:52 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Lynell Hiebert as a Maintenance Worker I, to fill a vacancy, effective date pending testing results. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager recommended that the 2020 All Schools Day Holiday, would now be used as a floating holiday for all County employees, due to the cancellation of the event. The floating holiday must be used by December 31, 2020. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Chairman Becker read and presented for approval, a Proclamation on behalf of CASA, recognizing April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Proclamation as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte also requested, on behalf of Ms. Shea, that she be granted permission to hire transport personnel for purposes of delivering COVID-19 hospital tests to Topeka labs at a round trip cost of \$220 per transport for the month of April 2020. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loomis 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