

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
June 1, 2020

June 1, 2020  
9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting  
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for June 1, 2020: County Employee Cafeteria Plan Mid-year Adjustments. 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 Jerry Montagne joined the meeting and updated Commissioners on the current jail inmate counts and department activities. He also introduced Deputy AJ Elmer as the new D.A.R.E. Officer who will begin training this summer.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for May 18, 2020 and May 28, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Vice Chairman Loomis began the Public Hearing for a request by applicant Marvin Johnson to approve SU Case #2020-02, Vista Hills Subdivision located ½ mile East of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on the North side of Pioneer Road. Chairman Becker recused himself due to a conflict of interest. John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator joined the meeting to review and report on the case and to request signatures on the Final Plat. The case was approved by the Planning Board at their March 16, 2020 regular meeting. Following discussion and remarks by Anne Parkins, attorney representing Lantz Tolson who is opposing the subdivision, and Michael Montoya, attorney representing Mr. Johnson, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to accept and sign the Final Plat documents as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Commissioners Kueser and Loomis voted aye. Chairman Becker abstained.**

At 9:17 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request for the Chairman's signature on the previously approved agreement with L&M Contractors, Inc. for the guardrail replacement project on Bridge #220119 at 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Iron Horse Road. **Chairman Becker signed copies of the Agreement as presented.**
- B. A request to purchase a replacement cutter/plotter for the sign shop. Following a review of quotes, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase from Gregory in an amount not to exceed \$9,650.50. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Bryan Little as a Part-time Seasonal Maintenance Worker effective June 1, 2020. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m., Kim Romero, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN for the promotion of Danielle Gerbrandt to a Field Appraiser I, in-training, effective May 31, 2020. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for May 29, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable, and checks and claims for June 1, 2020, and payroll for pay period ending May 30, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager addressed the Commissioners regarding approval from the IRS to allow mid-year changes for dependent child care deductions from County Employee Cafeteria plans due to COVID-19 concerns. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to allow the adjustments as presented.

At 10:30 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