

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
July 27, 2020

July 27, 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 July 27, 2020. 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.

Also, during Public Input, Dr. Sheila Gorman joined the meeting to present current information and data regarding COVID-19 and the effectiveness of face coverings in slowing the spread of the virus. Dr. Gorman requested that the Commissioners reconsider implementing a County-wide mask mandate.

At 9:35 a.m., Kim Romero, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory status of Jolyn Johnston-Myers, Commercial/Industrial Appraiser, effective August 23, 2020. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:40 a.m., Christiana Stocks, McPherson County Health Department Billing Specialist, joined the meeting to request the write off of uncollectible debt from the quarter ending June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$1,148.50. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m., Sue Schlegel, Prairie Trail Scenic By-way Coordinator, joined the meeting to request funding to help cover costs of advertising the By-Way in various publications. Following discussion, Commissioner Becker made a motion to approve \$500.00 in funding to the By-way organization. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for July 13, 2020 and July 20, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for July 24, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve accounts payable for July 27, 2020 and payroll for pay period ending July 25, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:00 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to fill a position due to an upcoming retirement. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a proposal from Earles Engineering, for the plan review of the Channel improvement project on Cherokee Rd. East of Inman. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the proposal, approving the request, at an estimated cost between \$4,000 and \$6,400. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to accept a proposal by Earles Engineering for inspection services on the three (3) RCB Projects at a total estimated cost of \$65,702.50. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the proposal as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented on behalf of Community Corrections, a request to approve adjustments to the KDOC Division of Juvenile Services FY2020 Quarterly Report ending June 30, 2020, in a total amount of \$28,229.67. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioners discussed CARES Funding including input from Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator.

At 11:15 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