

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
August 10, 2020  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING - SPARK Funding Allocation & Vote Canvass Discussion  
August 13, 2020

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

11:00 a.m. Work Session at Public Works

All Present

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9:00 a.m. Special Meeting - SPARK Funding Allocation Update & Vote Canvass Update

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for August 10, 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.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 3, 2020 regular meeting, and the August 5, 2020 SPARK Funding Work Session. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for August 7, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., John Verssue, County Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator joined the meeting for approval of Special Use Case #2020-03, a request for the operation of a campground in the A-1, Agricultural District located near 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Pueblo Road, on behalf of Raymond Williams, applicant and property owner. Chairman Becker opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. Mr. Verssue reported on the specifics of the case which was approved by the Planning Board at their July 20, 2020 meeting. Following discussion, Chairman Becker reviewed options for action. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the case and Resolution #2020-09 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**

Mr. Verssue continued with a request for approval of Zoning Amendment #2020-02, a request to change a zoning district classification on a portion of an existing property from A-1, Agriculture/B-1 to B-2 Highway Business District, located near 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Cherokee Road, on behalf of Justin Johnson, applicant, and Florence Rock, LLC, property owner. Chairman Becker opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. Mr. Verssue reported on the specifics of the case which was approved by the Planning Board at their July 20, 2020 meeting. Following discussion, Chairman Becker reviewed options for action. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the case and Resolution #2020-10 as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented the proposed 2021 County Budget with a mill levy of 31.112, an assessed valuation of \$489,965,183 and a total budget of \$28,654,391. Mr. Witte also included proposed 2021 Budgets on behalf of District Court, County Extension, and Soil Conservation. Following discussion Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the 2021 County Budget and the additional three (3) Budgets as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve checks and claims for August 10, 2020 and payroll for pay period ending August 8, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a proposal from Randa's Construction LLC in a total amount of \$21,948 for improvements to the County Building, as well as a carpet allowance not to exceed \$24,000. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m., Mr. Witte led discussion regarding SPARK Funding updates. It was a consensus among Commissioners to schedule the approval of the SPARK Allocation Funding final proposal at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2020.

At 10:00 a.m., Larry Sharp, KCAMP Member Services Representative, joined the meeting to present the annual usage review and report for McPherson County.

At 10:30 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval to purchase six (6) new tires for motor grader #74. Following a review of bids, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the bid from Canton Services for six (6) Michelin XHA2 tires for a total amount not to exceed \$9,637.20 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:45 a.m., Chairman Becker made a motion to recess and reconvene directly at Public Works for a work session. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 1:35 p.m., Chairman Becker made a motion to recess and reconvene at 9:00 a.m., August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the County Building for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election Vote Canvass, and the final approval of SPARK Funding Allocations. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2020, Chairman Becker opened the Special Meeting. One item was added to the agenda: MASWU Board Appointment. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting to request approval for the election committee to open and count a total of 136 provisional ballots from the August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Primary Election. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** Ms. Melroy also reviewed the provisional ballot breakdown and explained the necessity to postpone the official Vote Canvass until Monday, August 17, 2020 due to an audit delay.

At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Witte presented the final summary of SPARK Funding Allocation requests from various City, County, USD's and non-profit entities, including requests for reimbursements, direct aid, and transfers. A request by Bluestem Pace for rapid testing equipment in the amount of \$32,000 was removed from the proposal. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to submit the final allocation requests to the state as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to reappoint E. David Schmidt to an additional 3-year term on the MASWU Board as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

**At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Loomis 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