

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2020

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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 November 2, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input, Katie Reinecker and Nick Reinecker, Inman, KS residents, as well as Darryl McKinney, Moundridge, KS resident addressed Commissioners with concerns regarding COVID-19 within the County, the use of masks, and quarantine regulations.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for October 26, 2020 as amended. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Shalei Shea, Health Department Director, joined the meeting to present an update on current COVID-19 cases within the County and data regarding mask wearing and other precautions to control the spread. Ms. Shea also explained the process of contact tracing and suggested the necessity of additional staff to assist with tracing and nursing duties, as cases continue to rise.

At 9:55 a.m., Under Sheriff Skyler Christians joined the meeting to request approval of Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) to adjust the wages of the Road Deputy Sheriff staff by one grade level, effective November 15, 2020. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign thirteen (13) PCNs as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:00 a.m., Captain Arlo Blevins joined the meeting to request approval of a quote from Hutton for the exercise yard painting project at the LEC in an amount not to exceed \$5,291.00. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable including a mini batch, COVID payments, and encumbrances for November 2, 2020, and payroll for pay period ending October 31, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a proposal to contract with Surency Flex to serve as a third-party administrator for the County Employee Section 125 Cafeteria Flexible Spending Account Plan. The cost amounts to \$4.65 per participating employee per month for an estimated annual cost of \$2,511.00. The effective date for the Plan would be December 1, 2020. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the proposal as presented including the additional option with Surency, to allow up to \$500 of an employee's contributions to be carried over for use in the following year. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye. Commissioner Loomis abstained due to his upcoming retirement from the Board.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the following letters of support to the Federal Transit Administration and KDOT:

- A. Grant application by McPherson County Council on Aging for Section 5311 funding regarding public transportation service costs for FY2022
- B. Grant application by Disability Supports of the Great Plains, Inc. for Section 5310 funding regarding transportation operating costs for FY2022

Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the proposed 2021 County Holiday Schedule as Resolution #2020-13. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve a one-time extra pay of \$150.00 per each County Employee, in lieu of the annual 2020 County Employee Appreciation Luncheon and Holiday Dinner, which were cancelled due to COVID-19. This will be effective as soon as can be processed by payroll and is to be paid by the employee's respective department salary line item. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:35 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