

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2020

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

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was removed from the agenda for November 9, 2020: Vote Canvass. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input, Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on the current jail counts and recent department activities.

Also, during Public Input, Ronn Peters, McPherson resident updated Commissioners on the Community Thanksgiving Dinner with details regarding adjustments due to COVID-19 and a request for volunteers to assist with the event.

At 9:10 a.m. Kasi Morales, MIDC Executive Director, joined the meeting to present the Quarterly Report which included information regarding labor statistics, unemployment data, growth in manufacturing project leads, and the Go McPherson Marketing Plan/Performance Recap.

At 9:22 a.m., Shalei Shea, Health Department Director, joined the meeting to request approval to hire an additional Public Health Nurse I. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.** Ms. Shea updated Commissioners on the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the County and requested returning to Phase II of Reopening Kansas. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request, effective immediately. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.** Additional discussion took place regarding the effectiveness and necessity of mask wearing. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to mandate a mask requirement in the unincorporated areas of McPherson County, effective November 11, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., with a review date of December 7, 2020, and to encourage all cities within the County to implement mask mandates in their own incorporated areas. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner Loomis voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted nay.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) to hire Carol Madron and Rhonda Hull as Temporary Seasonal Tax Office Clerks for the upcoming tax season. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Loomis made a motion to recess and directly reconvene at Public Works for a work session. Commissioner Kueser seconded. All voted aye. At 3:20 p.m., Chairman Becker adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Keith Becker, Chairman

Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk