

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
November 16, 2020

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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 November 16, 2020: David O'Dell, Commissioner Elect. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:00 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Jennifer Crouch, Clerk II, effective November 1, 2020. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request for approval to open and hand count provisional ballots regarding the November 3, 2020 general election. It was a consensus to approve the request.

During Public Input, Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on the current jail counts and recent department activities. Also, Nick Reinecker, Inman, KS resident presented his concerns regarding the current County Mask Ordinance, restrictions, and related data.

At 9:17 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested thirty (30) minutes of executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, for Attorney/Client Privilege to discuss current and ongoing litigation matters. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for November 9, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:50 a.m. Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a PCN to hire Darren Moore as a Maintenance Worker I, effective November 23, 2020, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Discussion regarding the replacement of the totaled power broom. It was a consensus among Commissioners that Mr. Kramer contact the insurance company for further clarification regarding the reimbursement amount.

At 10:00 a.m. Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. An update and discussion regarding cell tower sites, coverage and testing, and the radio project. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to adjust the deadline for Law Enforcement radios for moving to Phase II and Encryption, to be ready by cutover in 2021 (originally January/February 2021); and to adjust the Fire/EMS deadline for moving to Phase II and Encryption to be ready by February 1, 2022 (originally July 1, 2021). Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a PCN to hire Drake Langshaw as a Communications Technician effective November 30, 2020, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve two (2) proposed change orders for the County Building Improvements/Remodel Project from Randa's Construction, LLC in the amounts of \$10,236.00 and \$12,486.00. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve accounts payable and COVID distribution checks for November 16, 2020, and payroll for pay period ending November 14, 2020. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the Participating CDDO Agreement FY 2020 as presented. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve a 3% Cost of Living Allowance for all County employees effective November 29, 2020. Commissioner Loomis seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:50 a.m., David O'Dell, Commissioner Elect, joined the meeting and expressed his appreciation for the service of retiring Commissioner Ron Loomis and expressed his eagerness to begin working in his new position as County Commissioner in January 2021.

Ms. Melroy returned to the meeting to conduct the official County Vote Canvass and reviewed results. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to sign the two (2) election canvass documents as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 1:02 p.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