

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
December 21, 2020

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Regular Meeting  
9:00 a.m.  
Commissioner Loomis - Absent

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Loomis was absent. One item was added to the agenda for December 21, 2020: SPARK COVID-19 Relief Funding. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on jail counts and department activity.

At 9:05 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to seek bids on a new motor grader. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to purchase an AutoFlagger with camera systems from Safety Technologies for a cost not to exceed \$27,995.00. Following a review of bids and discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for December 18, 2020. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the following Notices to Township and CMB Licenses: Rolling Acres Golf Course, New Gottland Township; Lindsborg Golf Course, Smoky Hill Township; 365 Sports Complex, LLC, Superior Township; and Canton Grocery, LLC, Canton Township. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to sign Resolution #2020-17 granting tax exemptions and tax incentives to Viega, LLC which was approved at the March 12, 2018 regular County Commission meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye.**

Commissioners discussed options for unused SPARK fund dollars returned by County entities. Following discussion and a recommendation by Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, Commissioner Kueser made a motion that the surplus dollars be returned to the McPherson County Community Foundation and allocated as follows: 25% to non-profit entities 75% to for-profit entities, and increasing the maximum limits for non-profits to \$35,000 and for-profits to \$25,000, with a 5% administration fee to the Community Foundation. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:55 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht

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Keith Becker, Chairman

**ABSENT**  
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Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk