

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
January 4, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

Chairman Becker and Commissioner Loomis - Present

Commissioner Kueser - Absent

Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser was absent. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the agenda for January 4, 2021. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:00 a.m., during Public Input, Sheriff Jerry Montagne updated Commissioners on current jail counts and recent department activities.

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve accounts payable and COVID-19 payments for January 4, 2021. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve adds and abates for December 31, 2020. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:13 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the promotion of Jennifer Crouch to Deputy Clerk, effective January 10, 2021, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Loomis made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:15 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of bids for 2021 Roadway Maintenance Materials and Hauling. Following discussion and a review of bids, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the combined materials and hauling bids as requested. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Chairman Becker led discussion regarding nominations for the Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals vacancies. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to re-appoint Jeff Smith to represent District #3, and Raymond Williams to represent District #1. **All voted aye.** The three-year term appointments begin January 1, 2021. Commissioner Kueser will appoint the District #2 representative at the next regular Commission meeting.

Chairman Becker read a letter of resignation from Canton Township Board Clerk, Duane Walker, effective immediately. Commissioner Loomis made a motion to accept the resignation and to approve the appointment of Alan Prieb, Canton, KS, to fill the Clerk vacancy as requested by the Canton Township Board. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Chairman Becker led discussion regarding the selection of the Official County Newspaper for 2021. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve the McPherson News Ledger and to sign Resolution 2021-01 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

Chairman Becker led discussion regarding a resolution for the selection of Official Designated County Depositories for 2021. Following discussion, Commissioner Loomis made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Loomis voted aye.**

Chairman Becker acknowledged and thanked retiring Commissioner Loomis for his 14 years of service on the Board of McPherson County Commissioners and presented him with a plaque of appreciation from the County, as well as a plaque for his service on the Kansas Local Area 1 Elected Official Board.

Chairman Becker noted that there will be no regular County Commission meeting the week of January 18, 2021 due to the County observation of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Loomis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

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Keith Becker, Chairman

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Ron Loomis, Vice Chairman

ABSENT  
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Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk