

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

11:00 a.m. Work Session at Public Works

All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. Meeting reports by Commissioner O'Dell were added to the agenda for March 8, 2021. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for March 1, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Chairman Becker began the public hearing for a Special Use Case (#2021-01); a request by Richard and Janet Monson, applicants and property owners, to add a second residential unit to an existing residential structure on an existing parcel with an existing residential unit in the A-1 Agricultural District. The property is located at 871 Pioneer Road, McPherson, KS. Chairman Becker asked John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, to provide a review of the findings, factors and conditions of the case, which was approved by the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals at their February 15, 2021 meeting. Mr. Monson spoke regarding the use of the proposed second unit. Chairman Becker closed the public hearing and reviewed options for Commission action. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adopt the findings and factors of the Planning Board on Case SU#2021-01 and to sign Resolution 2021-06 as presented. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 9:15 a.m., Shalei Shea, Health Department Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. An update on the County COVID-19 case counts and vaccine distribution.
- B. A request to approve applications to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the following SFY 2022 Grants: Family Planning, Immunization Action Program, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, and State Formula. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the application for grants as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** Ms. Shea also announced that the Health Department will receive a KDHE ELC COVID-19 Infrastructure Expansion 2021-2023 Grant. The total ELC Grant Award for McPherson County amounts to \$242,058.

At 9:37 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Amber Clerk, Communications Tech, effective March 7, 2021. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Ms. McClure requested ten (10) minutes in executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss non-elected personnel in her department. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve checks and claims and encumbrances for March 8, 2021, and payroll for pay period ending March 6, 2021. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:06 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Paul Leicht, Maintenance Worker, effective March 21, 2021. Commissioner Kueser

made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the adds and abates for March 5, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell reported on information from various meetings he has recently attended and noted upcoming area events.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and directly reconvene at Public Works for a work session. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 2:30 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. All voted aye.

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk