

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
March 22, 2021

March 22, 2021  
9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting  
All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda for March 22, 2021 as presented. 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 15, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:15 a.m., Tara Carlile, CASA, joined the meeting to request approval of a Proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ms. Carlile read the Proclamation aloud. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the document as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve accounts payable and encumbrances for March 22, 2021, and payroll for pay period ending March 20, 2021. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:25 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting with a request by three (3) County Fire Districts to allow the Great Bend, KS Motorola Shop access to the radio encryption key. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with a request to contact Kirkham Michael regarding an Engineering Study for future planning at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Mohawk Road. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:40 a.m., Shalei Shea, McPherson County Health Department Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. COVID-19 Update and information regarding Phases III and IV of vaccinating.
- B. A request to apply ELC Expansion Grant funds to the following expenses: an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at a cost of \$1,315.00 for the Health Department Building; a one-time salary adjustments for the Health Department staff including \$5,000 adjustments for each of two (2) staff members with the greatest number of COVID-19 response over-time hours since March of 2020 and \$3,000 adjustments for each of the remaining seven (7) staff members with substantial COVID-19 response over-time hours since March of 2020; and two (2) Door Access Security Systems for the Health Department Building at a total cost of \$5,627.11. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve an AED for the Health Department and to include one additional AED for the County Building, Door Access Security Systems for the Health Department, and one-time salary adjustments as presented with an amendment to one (new) staff member who will receive \$500 rather than \$3,000, for a total Grant fund expense of \$36,757.11. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht.

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Keith Becker, Chairman

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David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

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Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk