

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
April 26, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting  
All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. One item was added to the agenda for April 26, 2021: Roxbury Improvement District, Approval of Application for Assistance. 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. Sheriff Montagne also presented a Request for Cell Phone Allowance in the amount of \$8.00 per pay period effective April 18, 2021 for Jared Kaufman, Sergeant Deputy Sheriff. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Also during Public Input, Ronn Peters, McPherson resident, shared information regarding specific County events during the month of May related to "Ride Your Bike Week" which takes place May 17 through May 21, 2021.

As the final Public Input item, Rodger Bashore, rural McPherson County resident, addressed commissioners with his concerns regarding an issue with his mail delivery and surrounding residences during the Public Works curve correction project on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

At 9:20 a.m., Keith Birkhead, MIDC President requested a tax abatement for AMD Distribution Inc. Mr. Birkhead introduced Aaron Kolling, President/Owner of REKK Properties, LLC/AMD Distribution, LLC, who reported on the proposed project including an additional building and future expansion. Sarah Steele, of Gilmore and Bell, P.C., and Bond Counsel for McPherson County, joined the meeting and presented further details regarding the process involved with IRB sales tax and property tax exemptions. Chairman Becker opened the Public Hearing for the tax abatement request and asked the public in attendance if they had any comments or questions. Chairman Becker closed the Public Hearing. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request and to sign Resolution 2020-08 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Chistianna Stocks, Health Department Billing Specialist, joined the meeting to request approval to write off uncollectible debt for the quarter ending March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,236.85. 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., Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Jeanne Drake as a Part-time Secretary, effective May 3, 2021, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:37 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve and sign Resolution 2021-09; the Kansas Homeland Security Region G. Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ms. McClure read the resolution aloud. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign the resolution as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**
- B. An update on the progress of the radio system project. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to delay the project's critical building and drive testing portions by two weeks.

At 10:10 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting for discussion on the KDOT High Risk Rural Road Grant for FY 2023. The grant will pay for box extensions from the north city limits of Canton to

Overland Road, with the County agreeing to pay a 10% match. Following discussion, Mr. Kramer requested signatures on the Programming Request confirming the County's participation in the project. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m. Joe Ryan, Roxbury Improvement District Board, and Rose Mary Saunders, Ranson Citycode Financial, joined the meeting to request Commission sponsorship/approval of their urgent need application to the state, as well as a Public Hearing related to the Roxbury Sewer District's need for emergency repairs to a lift station. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** The Public Hearing is scheduled at 9:15 a.m. during the regular County Commission meeting on May 10, 2021.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for April 19, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve adds and abates for April 23, 2021. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioners reviewed a request for the purchase of a McPherson Airport Easement by the City of McPherson, KS and the BPU for a new raw water line for their South Well Field Project as described in the Agreement for Conveyance of Utility Easement. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the County to accept the offer of purchase in the amount of \$2,323.00 and to donate the funds to the McPherson City/County Airport Authority. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve a request from the Gypsum Creek Township Board to appoint Stan Henne to fill the Treasurer vacancy left by Jeff Scott. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 12:00 p.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