

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
May 3, 2021

May 3, 2021  
9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting  
All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for May 3, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for April 26, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve checks and claims and encumbrances for May 3, 2021 and payroll for pay period ending May 1, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve adds and abates for April 30, 2021. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) on behalf of the County Attorney for the promotion of Katherine Holliday to a Diversion Coordinator/Trial Assistant as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:30 a.m., Sheriff Jerry Montagne updated Commissioners on current jail counts and recent department activities.

At 9:55 a.m. Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested fifteen (15) minutes of executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss the transfer of real property owned by McPherson County. 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.**

At 10:10 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the Public Hearing for the transfer of the Old Mill Museum property to a volunteer nonprofit organization. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the public in attendance. Britt Colle, McPherson, Jim Toews, Inman, Les Sperling, Lindsborg, and Ron Peters, McPherson addressed Commissioners and shared ideas regarding the naming, setup and implementation of the nonprofit organization as well as the process of obtaining funding, timeline for the transfer, and other related issues. Chairman Becker closed the Public Hearing and asked Mr. Bina to clarify the status of the Old Mill Museum. Mr. Bina stated that the transfer will include 5 specified parcels (as well as all items contained in them). He then requested approval from the Commissioners to continue with the transfer process and to draft a resolution for the completion. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request and to move forward with the disposition of the Old Mill Museum property. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** The next step will take place at 9:30 a.m. during the May 17, 2021 regular County Commission meeting.

At 12:20 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