

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2021

May 17, 2021

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

May 18, 2021

5:30 p.m. Annual MASWU Meeting, Sundstrom Conference Center, Lindsborg

Commissioners Becker & Kueser - Present

Commissioner O'Dell - Absent

May 21, 2021

3:00 p.m. Groundbreaking Event for the Oak Harbor Housing Development, 400 S. Oak St.

All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. One item was added to the agenda for May 17, 2021: County Clerk, Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:02 a.m., Sheriff Jerry Montagne joined the meeting and updated Commissioners on the current jail counts and recent department activities. Sheriff Montagne was joined by Jail Captain Arlo Blevins regarding a misplaced cell phone following an arrest. Following discussion, it was decided that the purchase cost of a new replacement phone in the amount of \$949.99 would be split between the Sheriff's office and the Jail.

At 9:05 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Camen Nordstrom as a Temporary Special Elections Clerk for a three (3) week period, effective May 18, 2021. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for May 10, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:12 a.m., Greg Benefiel, County Attorney, joined the meeting and requested ten (10) minutes of executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

At 9:25 a.m., John Verssue, County Planning/Zoning/Environment (PZE) Administrator, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to move Jared Curtis from Intern status to Full-time Temporary Maintenance Worker status, effective June 1, 2021. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:28 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting to request approval of a resolution to transfer ownership of the McPherson County Old Mill Museum and Park to Lindsborg Old Mill and Swedish Heritage Museum Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, effective August 1, 2021. Mr. Bina read the resolution aloud. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2021-12 with a correction on page 3; amending the legal publisher to the McPherson News Ledger. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m., Bruce Chladny, Executive Director for the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) joined the meeting to update Commissioners on several current Kansas House and Senate Bills and KAC activities.

At 10:25 a.m., Kim Romero, County Appraiser, presented her 2022 Department Budget.

At 10:40 a.m., John Verssue, PZE Administrator, presented his 2022 Department Budget.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve checks and claims and encumbrances for May 17, 2021 and payroll for pay period ending May 15, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for May 14, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioners recessed for a lunch break and reconvened in the Commission Meeting Room at 1:00 p.m.

At 1:00 p.m., Under Sheriff Skyler Christians and Jail Captain Blevins presented their 2022 Department Budgets.

At 1:45 p.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to approve PCNs to hire Brenda Hammar and Bryan Little, as Part-time Seasonal Help, effective June 1, 2021. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCNs as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a PCN to hire Kyle Taliaferro as a Part-time Seasonal Engineer Tech II, effective June 1, 2021. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN, with a correction to the job application. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve the quote for fuel system repairs at the fuel island. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the repair request to be completed by Hoidale, including equipment & installation, in an amount not to exceed \$5,351.88. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 2:10 p.m., Greg Benefiel, County Attorney, presented his 2022 Department Budget.

At 4:00 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene on May 18, 2021 at 5:30 at the Lindsborg Sundstrom Conference Center for the MASWU Annual Meeting. Commissioner O'Dell was absent. At 8:00 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene at 3:00 p.m. on May 21, 2021 at 400 S. Oak to participate in the ground breaking ceremony for the new Oak Harbor housing development . Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.** All Commissioners were present for the Oak Harbor ground breaking. Following the event, Chairman Becker adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk