

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
June 7, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

June 8-10, 2021

5:00 p.m. Annual KCCA Meeting, Liberal, Kansas

Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell - Present

Commissioner Kueser - Absent

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. One item was added to the agenda for June 7, 2021: Public Works, Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner O'Dell 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.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for May 24, 2021. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m. Kim Romero, County Appraiser joined the meeting with a request to fill her Full-time Office/Field Appraiser vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:07 a.m. Julie McClure, joined the meeting to present her 2022 Emergency Management/911 Communications Budget Proposals.

At 9:40 a.m. Teresa Nelson, joined the meeting to present her 2022 Treasurer/MVL Budget Proposals.

At 9:50 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to amend the working status of Camen Nordstrom from a Temporary Clerk I, to a Full-time Clerk I, effective June 14, 2021, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. An update on poll worker wages within the County.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Becker began the public hearing for Case ZA2021-01; an application by Jerald V. and Diane Larson regarding their property at an unaddressed location. They are requesting a change in zoning district classification on an existing parcel from A-2 Agricultural Transition to B-2 Highway Business. Chairman Becker asked John Verssue, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator to review the case, including conditions, findings, and factors. The application was unanimously approved by the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals at their May 17, 2021 meeting. Randy Flickinger, agent for the applicants, spoke briefly. Chairman Becker closed the public hearing and presented options for Commission Board action. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board to pass Case ZA2021-01 and to sign Resolution #2021-14 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., Chairman Becker began the public hearing for Case SU2021-04; an application by James and Kristina Pinto, regarding their property located at 328 Plum Avenue, Inman, Kansas. They are requesting a special use for a second residential unit in addition to an existing residential structure on an existing parcel in the A-1 Agricultural District. Chairman Becker asked Mr. Verssue to review the case, including conditions, findings, and factors. The application was unanimously approved by the Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals at their May 17, 2021 meeting. Chairman Becker closed the public hearing and presented options for Commission Board action. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the recommendation of the

Planning Board to pass Case SU2021-04 and to sign Resolution #2021-15. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

Commissioners reviewed information regarding the cost of obtaining flood insurance for areas of the Public Works Department and Law Enforcement Center properties. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to decline the purchase of flood insurance. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:25 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting and requested fifteen (15) minutes of executive session, including Rick Witte, County to discuss non-elected personnel in the Public Works 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.**

Following executive session, Mr. Kramer requested approval of a PCN to hire Curtis Mader as a Licensed Professional Engineer, effective June 28, 2021. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 12:30 p.m., Commissioners recessed until June 8, 2021, when they reconvened at 5:00 p.m. in Liberal, Kansas to attend the two-day Annual KCCA Meetings. At 10:40 a.m. June 10, 2021, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye. Commissioner Kueser was absent from the KCCA Meetings.**

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