

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

11:45 a.m. Work Session at Public Works

All Present

3:30 p.m. Vote Canvass at County Clerk's Office

All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. One item was added to the agenda for June 14, 2021: County Clerk, Vote Canvass for Special Election. 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.

At 9:05 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting and requested approval to process 64 provisional ballots from the Special Election held June 8, 2021, and to meet later in the day to canvass votes. It was a consensus among Commissioners to approve the request.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for June 7, 2021. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:08 a.m., Captain Arlo Blevins joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Andrea Turner, Corporal Correctional Officer, effective July 25, 2021. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:12 a.m., Cynthia Peterson presented the 2022 McPherson Airport Budget Proposal.

At 9:30 a.m., Rebecca Lock presented the 2022 McPherson County Humane Society Budget Proposal.

At 9:42 a.m., Under Sheriff Skyler Christians joined the meeting to request approval to purchase a security camera system for the Jail. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase as requested from HCI in an amount not to exceed \$15,746.00 which includes equipment and labor. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:48 a.m., Austin Regier presented the 2022 STEP MC Budget Proposal.

At 10:02 a.m., Kim Ratzlaff presented the 2022 Safe Hope Budget Proposal.

At 10:15 a.m., Kim Romero, County Appraiser, joined the meeting and requested ten (10) minutes of executive session including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss non-elected personnel in the Appraiser's 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.**

At 10:35 a.m., Shalei Shea, County Health Department Director, joined the meeting with a COVID-19 update and a request to approve a revised contract for professional services provided by Datha Lindburg, Physician's Assistant with a 3% wage adjustment to her hourly rate of pay. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the revised contract as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:46 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve the purchase of new tires for the JD Mowing Tractor #87. Following a review of quotes, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase from Rod's Tire and Service in an amount not to exceed \$2,330.25. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Troy Schroeder, Maintenance Worker IV, effective June 27, 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 accounts payable and encumbrances for June 14, 2021, and payroll for pay period ending June 12, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a PCN for approval on behalf of the County Attorney to hire Candace James as a Trial Assistant, effective June 14, 2021. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request and for the Chairman to sign the PCN once corrections are made to the position start date. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented a resolution authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for the calendar year 2021. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #2021-16, with a \$0.00 dollar allocation regarding matching payments (Section 7). Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and directly reconvene at the Public Works department for a work session. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 3:20 p.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and directly reconvene in the County Clerk's office of the Courthouse to canvass votes. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 3:41 p.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk