

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
August 2, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

12:30 p.m. Tour of Health Department

All Present

1:30 p.m. Continuation of Regular Meeting at the County Building

All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented for August 2, 2021. 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.

Keith Johnston, RWD #4 Treasurer, joined Public Input and asked for information regarding the application process to receive Relief Act Funds, as well to express RWD #4 water concerns. Doug Getz, Wilson & Company Consultant addressed the concerns and district improvements.

Nick Reinecker, Inman, joined Public Input with questions and concerns regarding County budgeted items at the jail, and the possibility of returning to a COVID mask mandate within the County.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for July 12, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for July 26, 2021 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell voted aye. Commissioner Kueser abstained due to his absence at the July 26, 2021 meeting.**

At 9:15 a.m., Rose Mary Saunders, Ranson Financial Group L.L.C., joined the meeting and requested sponsorship for application by RWD #1 Roxbury for CDBG funds in the amount of \$250,000 toward the Water System Improvement Project. Chairman Becker opened the public hearing. Doug Getz, Operations Manager for Wilson & Company Inc. Engineers, spoke about the water projects and requested sponsorship for RWD #1 Roxbury for CDBG funds. Chairman Becker closed the public hearing. Ms. Saunders presented a request for signature on Resolution 2021-18, certifying McPherson County's legal authority to apply for the 2022 Kansas Small Cities Block Grant Program. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the resolution as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.** Ms. Saunders presented a request for signatures on Resolution 2021-19, assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce that funds will be continually provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to the water system to be financed with CDBG funds. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the resolution as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.** Related documents were signed by Chairman Becker which included: Statement of Assurances and Certifications, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report, Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, and the Kansas Department of Commerce CDBG Program Determination of Level of Review. It was a consensus among Commissioners that the two Agreements between the owner and Wilson Engineering as well as Ranson Financial Group L.L.C. will be signed by RWD #1 rather than the Commissioners.

Ms. Saunders presented three (3) items for signature regarding the RWD #1 Roxbury Lift Station Project Grant Award:

- A. The State of Kansas Department of Commerce Grant Agreement No. 21-IT-0001 for \$314,118 and Certification Regarding Lobbying. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the

documents as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** An additional \$2,000 will be received from the Water District for administrative activities.

- B. The Standard Form of Agreement for Professional Administrative Services which will be provided by Ranson Financial Group, L.L.C. Consultants, for an amount not to exceed \$12,000. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Agreement as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Goetz presented the Wilson & Co. Contract for Engineering Services regarding the Roxbury Wastewater Lift station Improvement Projects. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the contract for services in an amount not to exceed \$46,618.00 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:15 a.m. Shalei Shea, County Health Department Director joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Sierra Behrens, LPN, effective August 8, 2021. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:50 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request for approval of a cell phone allowance of \$12.00 per pay period for the new Public Works Project Engineer, Curtis Mader. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to rent an oil distributor truck from Circle C Paving for \$18,000 per month and a high loader from Foley Equipment for \$2,300 per week from Foley equipment. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to advertise for a Diesel Mechanic to fill an upcoming retirement vacancy. Following discussion Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory status for Darren Moore, Maintenance Worker III effective August 8, 2021. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to sign a Quit Claim Deed to the Lindsborg Old Mill and Swedish Heritage Museum Inc. for the Old Mill Museum, and related parcels. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the KCAMP Amended By-Laws and Interlocal Agreement, as well as Resolution #2021-20 which authorizes McPherson County to participate in and to form a municipal self-insurance pool for the insurance coverage for certain liabilities. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 11:35 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess for lunch and reconvene at 12:30 p.m. at the County Health Department for a tour until 1:30 p.m. when they would recess and reconvene at the County Building Commission Room. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioners discussed a request by Ms. Shea to approve the following remodel projects to be completed by Randa's Construction LLC: Health Department lobby, clerk area, nurse station and WIC office, and repairs to the exterior windows. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve all projects as presented for a total amount not to exceed \$35,000 and to be completed by December 31, 2021. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the 2022 Proposed Budget.

At 5:15 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser 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