

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

12:15 p.m. Work Session at Public Works

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At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as presented for August 16, 2021. 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 Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes as amended for August 9, 2021. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Jacob Qusted, Communications Tech, effective August 8, 2021. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Craig Helser and Jim Hollinger, Wray Roofing representatives, joined the meeting to present information and cost estimations to repair damages to county buildings resulting from the May 26, 2021 severe hail storm. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to table the item for one week to obtain additional information on insurance coverage.

At 9:45 a.m., Under Sheriff Skyler Christians joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Blake Nichols as a new Deputy, and to request a \$4.00 per pay period cell phone allowance for Deputy Nichols, effective August 30, 2021. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign both documents as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:48 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with a request to purchase signposts and related hardware from JA Traffic Products. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase in an amount not to exceed \$17,080.00. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented the revised McPherson County Employee Benefits Summary effective August 16, 2021. Updates included information regarding employee unpaid leave and prorated health/dental insurance payment responsibilities, unpaid leave/prorated PTO; clarification of minimum required hours for enrollment in KPERs; and paid county holidays. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the revisions as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:05 a.m., Members of the Commercial Solar Energy Committee were introduced, and discussion took place regarding Commission expectations and direction for their research and reporting duties.

At 12:05 p.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 3:55 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