

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

10:30 a.m. Work Session at Public Works

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At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. Commissioner O'Dell took a moment to thank those present as well as all members of the community who expressed their condolences to him and his family with the sudden loss of his wife, Jaymie O'Dell, who died of an aortic dissected aneurism on September 1, 2021.

One item was added to the agenda for September 13, 2021: Public Works, Request for Stormwater Material Purchase. 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. Sheriff Montagne then requested approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Tamara Krehbiel as a new Correctional Officer, effective September 19, 2021, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. All voted aye.

Also during Public Input, Darryl McKinney, Moundridge, expressed his concerns regarding Public Works road construction projects in his area.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for August 30, 2021. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., David Stewart, County Maintenance, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve the bid from Hutton Facility Services to repair/replace stair treads on the concrete stairs at the west entrance of the courthouse for \$3,423.00.
- B. A request to approve the bid from Hutton Facility Services to install a drainage project at the Health Department for \$29,624.00.

Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the projects in amounts not to exceed bid amounts as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable for September 3, 2021 and payroll for pay period ending September 4, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for September 17, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:25 a.m., Curtis Mader, Project Engineer at Public Works, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to purchase bridge loading software from AASHTOWare. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase as presented in an amount not to exceed \$5,600.00. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to purchase stormwater drainage material from ASP Enterprises. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase as presented in an amount not to exceed \$5,400.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Dan Schrag, Noxious Weed Department Director, joined the meeting to request the purchase of chemicals for the fall/spring program from Nutrien Solutions. Following discussion of bids, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase in an amount not to exceed \$50,671.20 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m., Greg Benefiel, County Attorney, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A review of the August 2021 Case Filings Report.
- B. A request to approve a PCN to hire Torrance Parkins as an additional Full-time Assistant County Attorney effective September 2, 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 and sign the 2022 Indigent Defense Agreement in which the County will pay specified attorneys for representation in certain cases for indigent defendants, respondents and others as provided by law. The Board of County Commissioners have budgeted a total amount of \$158,742.92 for the calendar year 2022. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:06 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene directly to Public Works for a work session. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 1:45 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