

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the regular meeting. One item was removed from the agenda: Health Department Director, COVID 19 Discussion. One item was added to the agenda: Appraiser, Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for September 20, 2021 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.

Also during Public Input, concerns and suggestions were shared by County residents regarding COVID 19 mitigation measures within USD 418, as well as case and vaccination rates.

Additionally, Ronn Peters, McPherson resident, invited the Commissioners to the Prairie Trails Scenic Byway Committee meeting to be held September 23, 2021 in Ellsworth, KS.

Under Sheriff Skyler Christians joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Jordan Baxter, Detective (DTF), effective October 3, 2021. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Jared Kaufman, Sergeant Deputy Sheriff, effective October 3, 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 the minutes for September 13, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. All voted aye.

Kim Romero, County Appraiser, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A presentation and report on the annual statistical and procedural compliance review for the 2021 appraisal year to determine compliance within the County Appraiser's office. Ms. Romero noted that according to the state, the McPherson County Appraiser and office staff have successfully completed the appraisal cycle in a satisfactory manner. Commissioners commended Ms. Romero for efforts made by her staff in attaining compliance, and their accuracy in appraising properties.
- B. A request to seek and fill a vacancy for an Office/Field Assistant. It was a consensus among Commissioners to allow the request.

Janet Cagle, Director of Community Corrections for Harvey/McPherson Counties, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Katie Gihring, ISO I, effective September 19, 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 for September 20, 2021 and payroll for pay period ending September 18, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the CDBG Interlocal Agreement between the McPherson County Board of Commissioners and Rural Water District #1. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a Class A Club License for the McPherson Country Club, New Gottland Township, effective through October 3, 3022 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request for the Chairman to sign the Master License Agreement between McPherson County and USCOC Nebraska/Kansas, LLC regarding access of the right-of-way to construct new wireless support structures (cell towers/light posts) on Industrial Drive. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve the quote for the purchase of concrete pipe and RCB structures from McPherson Concrete regarding the Fall 2021 Culvert Program. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase in an amount not to exceed \$143,926.04. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to sign PCNs for salary adjustments and Cost of Living Allowances for County employees effective October 3, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Following a presentation of employee medical/drug/dental insurance options for the new plan year by BCBSKS Advisor, Claudio Faundez, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to accept plan changes recommended by Mr. Faundez as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Rick Witte

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk