

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
December 6, 2021

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

6:30 p.m. Annual County Extension Meeting, County Extension Office

All Present

December 9, 2021

10:00 a.m. KCCA/KAC Legislative Advocacy Meeting, Topeka, KS

Chairman Becker & Commissioner O'Dell - Present

Commissioner Kueser - Absent

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for December 6, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:05, Sheriff Jerry Montagne joined the meeting to update Commissioners on the current weekly jail count and department activities. Captain Arlo Blevins, Corrections, also joined the meeting to request approval of Phase II of the window tinting project at the LEC jail. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the project by Hutton, including installation, for an amount not to exceed \$10,089.00 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Dr. Sheila Gorman also joined Public Input and presented an update on current COVID-19 data/cases within the County and discussed prevention and treatment measures.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes from November 22, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., following discussion with Kim Romero, County Appraiser regarding an abatement correction, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve adds and abates for December 3, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the promotion of Jared Bushnell to a Maintenance Worker II, effective December 12, 2021. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:46 a.m., Nick Schmidt, Garber Surveying, requested signatures on the final plat for Lone Tree Acres Subdivision. Chairman Becker withdrew from discussion due to a conflict of interest. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to sign the plat as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. Commissioner Kueser and Commissioner O'Dell voted aye. Chairman Becker abstained.

At 9:50 a.m., Kay Quinn, Executive Director for the Lindsborg Old Mill Swedish Heritage Museum, and Museum Board member Les Sperling joined the meeting to update and share highlights of the museum and a proposal for administrative expenses. Following discussion Commissioner Kueser made a motion to allocate \$23,174.00 for calendar year 2022 to maintain County historical records. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:05 a.m., Rose Mary Saunders, Ranson Financial, joined the meeting to request approval for the payment of CDBG funds /invoices regarding the Roxbury Lift Station project, to Wilson and Company Engineering and to reimburse to the County the amount which has already been paid.

Jacob Allen and Joe Ryan, Wilson Engineering Co., also joined the meeting to discuss the bid opening for the Roxbury project which was awarded to Middlecreek Corporation. According to the Notice of Award document, the contract price of the awarded contract is \$255,100.00 (base bid) plus Alternate #3 (-\$4,000.00) for adjustments/change orders. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Notice of Award as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Agreement between McPherson County (owner) and Middlecreek Corp. (contractor) for the construction contract (at stipulated price) as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Request for Payment of CDBG Funds (invoices) expended for engineering design services, in a total amount of \$24,639.00 as presented by Ms. Saunders. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN to hire Gina Bell as the Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, effective December 20, 2021 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to appoint Chairman Becker as the voting delegate and Commissioner Kueser as first alternate for the KAC Special Election Virtual Vote on January 5, 2022. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:20 a.m., Dominic Eck, Gilmore & Bell, P.C. joined the meeting to request approval of IRBs for the AMD Distribution Inc. Project, a resolution authorizing the issuance of taxable industrial revenue bonds (series 2021) not to exceed \$2,500,000. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request and to sign Resolution #2021-28 and supporting documents as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and reconvene at 6:30 p.m. to attend the Annual County Extension Meeting at the Extension office. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 8:30 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene December 9, 2021 to attend a 10:00 a.m. KCCA/KAC Legislature Advocacy Meeting in Topeka, Kansas. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 2:05 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell voted aye. Commissioner Kueser was absent from the KCCA/KAC Meeting.**

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