

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2022

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

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

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Two items were added to the agenda for January 10, 2022: Subdivision Applications; and County School of Choice Week Proclamation. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to elect Chairman Becker to continue serving as Commission Chairman, and Commissioner O'Dell to continue serving as Commission Vice Chairman for the year 2022. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m. during Public Input, Sheriff Jerry Montagne joined the meeting to update Commissioners on the current weekly jail count and department activities.

Also, during Public Input, Dr. Sheila Gorman joined the meeting to report and provide updates on the COVID-19 case rates which are rapidly surging. Dr. Gorman noted the concerns regarding the limited patient rooms available at McPherson Hospital and commended the medical staff for their dedicated efforts. Dr. Gorman asked for a countywide mask mandate that she believes would significantly slow the spread of the illness.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for January 7, 2022 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Tim Gadde, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request to approve Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) to end the introductory period for Danielle Shea, Secretary, effective January 9, 2022; and to increase working hours and wages for Stephanie Helming, Juvenile Intake Worker, effective January 9, 2022. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the two (2) PNCs as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request for a \$12.00 per pay period cell phone allowance for Tim Gadde and to end the cell phone allowance for Janet Cagle, ISO I, effective January 3, 2022. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for Chairman Becker to sign both requests as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for January 3, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:38 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve the contract with Kirkham Michael for preliminary engineering design services on the HRRR project 59C-5137-01 for the culvert extension and grading of 27th Avenue from Navajo Road to Pawnee Road. The County will be responsible for 10% of the

total cost of engineering and construction of the project. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to sign the contract as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

- B. A request to approve a PCN to hire Jordan Gagnebin as a Maintenance Worker I, effective January 18, 2022. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m., Captain Arlo Blevins, Corrections, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory status for Greg Baranowski, Corporal Correctional Officer, effective January 23, 2022. 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 change order from Hutton, for the LEC window tinting project with an additional \$2,427.00 above the original quote. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the change order as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve checks and claims for January 10, 2022 and payroll for pay period ending January 8, 2022. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to sign a Proclamation for McPherson County School of Choice Week (January 23 - January 29, 2022) , raising awareness of the need for effective educational options within the County. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Regarding changes in subdivision requirements, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to not accept residential subdivision applications for review or action until August 1, 2022, unless rescinded at an earlier date. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene directly at the Public Works Department for a work session. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 3:40 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