

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2022

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

12:00 a.m. Budget Presentations

All Present

3:45 p.m. Tour of Sprout House, Lindsborg, KS

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Three (3) items were added to the agenda for May 16, 2022: HVAC Unit Purchases for third and first floors of the County Building; ARPA Funds Discussion; Tour of Sprout House. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Jerry Montagne joined the meeting and presented an update on the current jail count and recent department activities.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for May 9, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m. Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications joined the meeting for discussion regarding decommissioning of pagers, and siren repeaters. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to delay action for a future meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:07 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting to request approval to seek applications to fill an upcoming Clerk I vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve checks and claims and witness checks for May 16, 2022, and payroll for pay period ending May 14, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve adds (no abates submitted) for May 13, 2022. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:13 a.m., Jeff Butler, County IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request approval to purchase an Intrusion Wireless Alert System for the Courthouse, County Building, and County Attorney's office. Following a review of quotes, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase, including installation from INA for the total cost of \$22,612.96. The purchase will not include the monthly monitoring fee, as there will be direct messaging to County Dispatch. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:20 a.m., Captain Arlo Blevins joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the promotion of Thomas Massa to Corporal Correctional Officer, effective May 15, 2022, 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.**

At 9:22 a.m., Under Sheriff Skyler Christians joined the meeting to request approval to purchase ten (10) new ballistic helmets. Following a review of bids, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to allow the purchase of the AVON F90 helmets from Mallory for a total amount not to exceed \$6,440.00. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager requested the purchase of a new HVAC unit to replace the failed unit on the 3rd floor of the County Building. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Carrier system from RC for an amount not to exceed \$16,493.72. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell began a discussion regarding ARPA funds to be allocated to the Rural Water Districts. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to allocate \$10,000 to each district (located within the County) as a base grant, then additional various amounts for each district according to their total number of McPherson County customers/connections. Regarding dollars allocated beyond the base amount, the County will cover expenses at 75% with the remaining 25% funded by the individual districts. The total allocation of ARPA funds among all districts will not exceed \$310,000 and must be spent within the County by the end of the calendar year 2025. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** Mr. Witte will send out ARPA fund allocation notifications to all County Rural Water Districts.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene at 12:00 p.m. for department budget session including Sheriff's Department, IT Department, ROD Department, PZE Department, and the Appraiser's Department. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Following budget presentations, Mr. Witte requested the replacement of a failed HVAC system for the first floor of the County Building. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase of a new unit and installation from RC. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 3:00 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene at the Sprout House in Lindsborg, KS at 3:45 p.m. for a guided tour. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 4:30 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

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk