

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA March 14, 2022

Meetings held on the 1st floor in the Commission Meeting Room at County Building, 122 W. Marlin

9:00 a.m. The following items will be discussed as time permits -

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Approval of Checks and Claims & Payroll
- D. Approval of Adds and Abates
- E. Personnel, County Appraiser PCN & Resolutions of Appointment
- F. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:10 a.m. Christopher Stipe, President/CEO - McPherson Memorial Hospital &
Aaron Herbel, Administrator - Mercy Hospital of Moundridge

Updates

9:35 a.m. Neal Schierling -

McPherson County Fire Chiefs -

Updates

9:50 a.m. Teresa Nelson, County Treasurer -

Non-elected Personnel

9:55 a.m. Captain Arlo Blevins, Corrections -

Non-elected Personnel

10:10 a.m. Curtis Mader, Public Works Project Engineer -

- A. Truck Purchases
- B. Non-elected Personnel
- C. Discussion of fuel surcharge for aggregate hauling

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2022

March 14, 2022
Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m.
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for March 14, 2022 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. All voted aye.

During Public Input at 9:05 a.m., Sheriff Jerry Montagne joined the meeting and updated Commissioners on current jail counts and recent department activities

Clinton Sides, McPherson, joined Public Input regarding a McPherson USD 418 recall election of three (3) school board members.

Nick Reinecker, Inman, also joined Public Input regarding his concerns with emergency response radio encryption.

At 9:10 a.m. Chris Stipe, President/CEO of Memorial Hospital, McPherson, and Aaron Herbel, Administrator of Mercy Hospital, Moundridge joined the meeting to update Commissioners on recent hospital upgrades and staffing shortages during COVID-19. Both expressed their support for a proposed sales tax to continue hospital operations and to enhance County hospitals. Commissioners discussed the formula used to determine funding distribution to hospitals from the tax.

At 9:35 a.m., Neal Schierling, RFD #5 Chief, joined the meeting representing other county rural fire district chiefs, also present, to discuss their opposition to radio encryption with regard to fire services.

Chairman Becker asked the fire chiefs about the idea of implementing a burn ban for the County. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to declare a burn ban effective immediately, by approving Resolution 2022-03. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye. The Commissioners will revisit the ban, which continues indefinitely, on a weekly basis or if sufficient moisture occurs, a special meeting of the Commissioners will be called to lift the ban.

At 9:53 a.m. Teresa Nelson, County Treasurer, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the department change and promotion of Chanda Avery to the tax office, effective March 20, 2022. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. All voted aye.

At 9:57 a.m., Captain Arlo Blevins, Corrections, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN for the promotion of Trey Schmidt to Sergeant Correctional Officer effective March 20, 2022, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. All voted aye.

At 10:00 a.m., Curtis Mader, Public Works Project Engineer, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to purchase two (2) trucks to replace trucks #40 and #42. Following discussion and review of bids, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign the bids from Kenworth, to purchase two (2) trucks for an amount not to exceed \$143,404.00 each. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. All voted aye.
- B. A request to approve a PCN to hire Noah Schroeder as a Maintenance Worker III, effective March 15, 2022 to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign

the PCN as presented with a 6-month end of introductory evaluation only, with no wage adjustment. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. All voted aye.

- C. Discussion regarding a trucking surcharge to Knight Trucking for aggregate hauling. It was a consensus among Commissioners to postpone action and revisit the topic at the March 29, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for March 7, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. All voted aye.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the adds and abates for March 11, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. All voted aye.

Chairman Becker presented two (2) PCNs regarding the hiring of Joseph Pennycuff, as a new County Appraiser to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN, for an interim appointment of Mr. Pennycuff for three (3) weeks, effective March 15, 2022. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. All voted aye. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN for the regular appointment of Mr. Pennycuff effective April 4, 2022. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. All voted aye.

Chairman Becker presented two (2) Resolutions related to the County Appraiser interim and regular appointments:

- A. Resolution 2022-04 for the interim appointment of Mr. Pennycuff through April 3, 2022. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to sign the resolution as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.
- B. Resolution 2022-05 for the regular appointment of Mr. Pennycuff through the term ending June 30, 2025. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to sign the resolution as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. All voted aye.

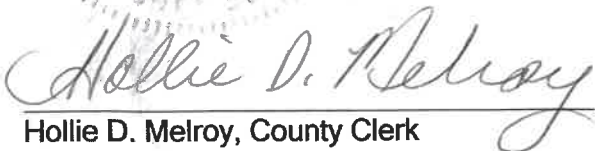
Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner




Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk