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BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA
May 31, 2022

Meetings held on the 1st floor in the Commission Meeting Room of the 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. HVAC - 1st Floor Meeting Room of County Building
- *E. ARPA Funds Consultant Services Letter of Understanding
- F. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:10 a.m. Hollie Melroy, County Clerk

Commission Vote Canvas of Special Election

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
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May 31, 2022
9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Two items were added to the agenda for May 31, 2022: Discussion of New HVAC Unit for Commission Meeting Room; Letter of Understanding for ARPA Consulting Services. 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., Stephanie Austin, McPherson County resident, expressed her concerns regarding the integrity of the County election equipment, and requested official state documentation certifying the voting equipment. Clinton Sides, McPherson County resident, also questioned the validity of the tabulation equipment and requested to conduct a ballot audit.

At 9:25 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting and requested approval to return to her office to open and count provisional ballots from the recent USD #418 School Board Member Recall Special Election. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for May 23, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve checks and claims, and witness checks, for May 31, 2022, as well as payroll for pay period ending May 28, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, joined the meeting to discuss a proposal for a new HVAC unit to replace the failed unit at the County Building first floor meeting room. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase of a Carrier HVAC unit from RC Heating and Cooling for an amount not to exceed \$27,092.74 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte also presented for approval, a letter of engagement for consulting services with Loyd Group LLC, regarding the utilization and reporting of federal ARPA funds. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign the document, with the understanding that the fees will be fixed at 3.52% of the County's ARPA allocation, not to exceed \$195,000 without prior approval from County Administration, also to approve an initial payment of 10% of the fixed fee, to cover administrative costs of the program setup. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:00 a.m., Ms. Melroy returned and reported on final election results. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the vote canvas as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** Ms. Melroy also made an unrelated request to seek applications to fill a Clerk I vacancy in the County Clerk's office. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

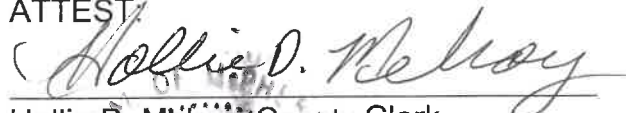
Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser

ATTEST


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

