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BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA
December 27, 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
- F. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:10 a.m. Brian Bina, County Counselor -

Attorney/Client Privilege - Executive Session

*Discussion regarding Bearcat Vehicle

*Discussion regarding County Building Windows Project

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Two (2) agenda items were added for discussion: Bearcat Vehicle; and County Building Windows Project. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for December 27, 2022 as amended. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Jerry Montagne presented current jail counts, weekly arrests, and department activities. Sheriff Montagne also introduced new staff members; Sage Sheets, Correctional Officer, and Brandon Lawson-Archuleta, new Sheriff's Patrol Officer.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for December 19, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested fifteen (15) minutes of executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, for attorney/client privilege with pending litigation. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.** Next, in open session, Mr. Bina announced that he had received a letter of resignation from Gina Bell, County Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator. He requested that the Commissioners accept the resignation of Ms. Bell. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve checks and claims, and an encumbrance for December 27, 2022, and payroll for pay period ending December 24, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Kuser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for December 23, 2022 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioners discussed a request from the Sheriff's Department, to purchase a Bearcat vehicle and split the cost between McPherson County and McPherson City, which amounts to @ \$150,000 per entity. Commissioner Kueser commented that he would need additional evidence to support the need for a Bearcat, and that a new building would also be necessary for storage of the vehicle. He, as well as the other Commissioners agreed that they would rather wait until the 2024 budget hearings and revisit the request at that time. Commissioner O'Dell mentioned that if the City would be interested in funding the entire vehicle purchase, the County could possibly rent the vehicle on an as needed basis. It was a consensus among Commissioners to discuss the funding during the 2024 budget hearings.

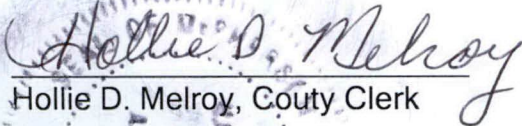
It was a consensus among Commissioners that a small batch of final, end of the year accounts payables, will be approved by the Chairman, as there will be no Commission meeting during the week of January 2, 2022.

Discussion was held regarding the County Building windows project with regard to the shade coverings. The determination will be made by the next regular Commission meeting on January 9, 2023.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

ATTEST:


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

