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BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA March 27, 2023

**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. Adds & Abates
- E. Personnel
- F. Class A Club License for Signature
- *G. SCKEDD Report by Commissioner O'Dell
- H. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

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

Non-elected Personnel

9:15 a.m. Joseph Pennycuff, County Appraiser -

Non-elected Personnel

9:20 a.m. Holly Lofton & Kyler Crain, Lindsborg CVB -

Lighting Project

9:30 a.m. Dan Schrag, Director of Noxious Weed Dept. -

Chemical Purchase

9:35 a.m. Tom Kramer, Public Works Director -

- A. Discussion on closing the low water bridge on Pioneer Rd. west of 27th Ave.
- B. Continued discussion from previous meeting on grass seed purchase
- C. Approval of bids for 2023 season, asphalt oils
- D. Approval of bridge closure for two (2) structures on Winchester Rd. between 29th and 30th Ave.

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting & Tour of County Building

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for March 27, 2023: Commissioner O'Dell, SCKEDD Update. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on current arrests, jail counts and department activities.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for March 20, 2023 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve adds and abates for March 24, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Class A Club License for McPherson Country Club in the New Gottland Township. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:06 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes, including Ms. Melroy and Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss non-elected personnel in the Clerk's Department. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Ms. Melroy requested approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Bailey McClure, Clerk I (8B), effective April 2, 2023. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:18 a.m., Joseph Pennycuff, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Ashlie Stout (10B), effective April 2, 2023. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:20 a.m., Holly Lofton, Lindsborg CVB Director, joined the meeting to introduce Kyler Crain, a student at Smoky Valley High School who addressed Commissioners with a request to approve his proposed lighting project. The project would provide enhancements/modifications to the Valkommen Bridge in the City of Lindsborg. It would include the use of LED lighting which would be securely mounted on the bridge and controlled remotely by computers. The lighting would typically be used for holiday seasons and local festivities. Mr. Crain has calculated the total cost of the project to be \$13,000 for materials, equipment, and installation. He is counting on grant money and contributions from area community foundations to cover the project funding. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the project and allow Mr. Crain to meet with the County Engineer for a review and approval of the proposed bridge modifications. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:34 a.m., Dan Schrag, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting to request approval of bids for spring weed control chemicals. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve purchases from Van Diest Supply in an amount not to exceed \$50,118.08, and

Sims Fertilizer & Chemical in an amount not to exceed \$7,560.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:37 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

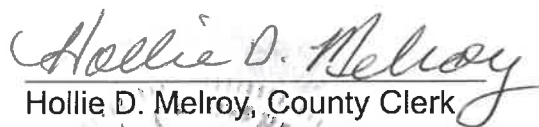
- A. A request to permanently close the low water bridge on Pioneer Road west of 27th Avenue. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the bridge closing including a gate located at the bridge, as well as warning signage of the closure on 27th Avenue. Commissioner O'Dell seconded.
- B. Discussion regarding the purchase of rye grass to plant for erosion control regarding the Pawnee Road shouldering project early this spring. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase of Mix #1 Rye Grass and Fertilizer as needed from various companies for the lowest cost and quantity, subject to availability for a total amount not to exceed \$11,025, which includes 25% added for availability and variation of seeding areas. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request for approval of bids for the 2023 season, asphalt oils. Following a review of bids, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the quotes for various chipseal and asphalt oils from Valero and Ergon per unit prices as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. Discussion of bridge closures for two structures on Winchester Road between 29th Avenue and 30th Avenue. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to table the item until the next regular work session on April 10, 2023. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell reported that he had learned at a recent SCKEDD meeting, that the organization will be undergoing a restructuring.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser 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

