

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA April 24, 2023

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 - Non-elected E-911
- F. Release of Mortgage
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Sheriff Montagne -

Non-elected Personnel

9:10 a.m. Christiana Stocks, County Health Department Billing Specialist -

Uncollectible Debt Write-off

9:15 a.m. Mckenzie Murphy, McPherson Public Library -

Proclamation for National Library Week

9:20 a.m. Joseph Pennycuff, County Appraiser -

Non-elected Personnel (executive session)

9:30 a.m. Tom Kramer, Public Works Director -

- A. Non-elected Personnel
- B. Discussion on the closing of the low water bridge on Pioneer Road west of 27th Ave.

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

April 25, 2023 - April 26, 2023

Kansas County Commissioner Association's Annual Conference, Hays, KS

Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell Present

Commissioner Kueser - Absent

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda for April 24, 2023 as presented. 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.

At 9:03 a.m., Sheriff Montagne presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Under Sheriff Bergstrom, effective April 30, 2023. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for April 17, 2023 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:06 a.m., Christiana Stocks, Billing Specialist at the McPherson County Health Department, joined the meeting to request approval to write off uncollectible debt for the quarter ended March 31, 2023. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to write of uncollectible debt in an amount not to exceed \$838.39. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Mckenzie Murphy, McPherson Public Library, joined the meeting with a request for signature on a proclamation designating the week of April 23, 2023 through April 29, 2023 as National Library Week. Ms. Murphy represented all six (6) of the McPherson County Libraries. Commissioner Kueser read the proclamation aloud. Commissioner Kueser then made a motion for the Chairman to sign the proclamation as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:13 a.m. Joseph Pennycuff joined the meeting to notify Commissioners that two (2) Appraiser staff members will be taking one-week of full-day classes and testing online, working from home. This would save on travel costs and related expenses as well as allow them to be free from workplace distractions. No executive session was needed for this agenda item. Mr. Pennycuff also took questions from Commissioners related to the appeal/protest process and current progress related to the change of valuation and personal property notices which were mailed out in March and May 2023.

At 9:20 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a PCN to promote Barry Sisson to a Maintenance Worker III, effective April 30, 2023. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Discussion regarding some safety/liability concerns related to the closing of the low water bridge crossing at 27th Avenue and Pioneer Road. Commissioners discussed the progress of the gate installation to block entrance to the bridge. Mr. Kramer explained the delay in the gate installation has been due to the need to first complete another road project. Following discussion, Chairman Becker requested that Mr. Kramer notify the Commissioners once the gate project is completed.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN from E-911 Communications for the change in work status of Cassidy Church, Communications Tech, from Full time to Part time effective April 16, 2023. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

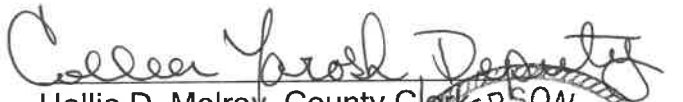
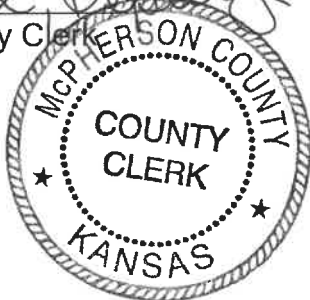
Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to sign a Release of Mortgage for a HOME Investments Partnership Program Rehabilitation Grant home located at Lots 4,5 and 6, Block 16, Canton Improvement Company's Addition to Canton, McPherson County, KS. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

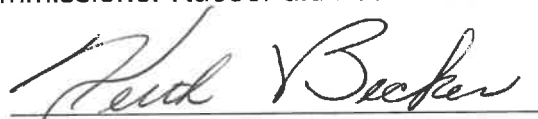
Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager received notice from Chris Goodson, McPherson Housing Coalition Inc., that they had received their grant funding. McPherson County had allotted an amount toward the organization's project before the status of the grant funding had been received. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to request to receive back the full funding allotment previously committed by McPherson County to the Housing Coalition.

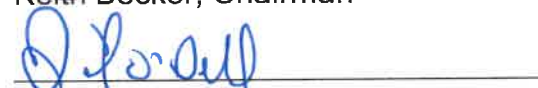
At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 to attend the 2023 Kansas County Commissioner Association's Annual Conference in Hays, KS. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** On Wednesday, April 26 at 2:30 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.** Commissioner Kueser did not attend the Conference.

Minutes recorded by Rick Witte

ATTEST:


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk



Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner