

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA
December 11, 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, Planning/Zoning/Environment
- F. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Sheriff Montagne -

Non-elected Personnel

*9:07 a.m. Brian Bina, County Counselor - Executive Session regarding future and pending litigation

9:10 a.m. Austin Regier - STEPNC

Updates

9:30 a.m. Budget Amendment Hearing

9:40 a.m. Fuqua Construction Inc. -

County Building Remodel Discussion

11:00 a.m. Legislative Delegation Luncheon Meeting @ KNU

12:15 p.m. Work Session at Public Works

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

11:00 a.m. Legislative Delegation Luncheon Meeting at KMU

All Present

1:15 p.m. Work Session at Public Works

All Present

6:30 p.m. County Extension Annual Dinner/Business Meeting

Chairman Becker & Commissioner Kueser - Present; Commissioner O'Dell - Absent

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for December 11, 2023: Executive Session with County Counselor. 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., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on current arrests, jail counts, and department activities. He also introduced Drake Hall, a new Deputy Sheriff.

At 9:05 a.m., Sheriff Montagne requested approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Deputy Stephanie Kinsley (17C), effective December 24, 2023. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Also, during Public Input, Ronn Peters presented a report on the Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner and thanked those who volunteered as helpers. He distributed invitations, and information regarding volunteer helpers for the Annual Community Christmas Dinner on December 25, 2023.

At 9:07 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested fifteen (15) minutes of executive session, including himself and Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, for discussion of future and pending litigation matters. 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.**

At 9:23 a.m., Austin Regier, STEP MC, joined the meeting and thanked the Commissioners for the County's financial support of their program. Mr. Regier introduced a client who shared his background story, including drug-related crimes, and addiction. He also expressed his gratitude to the Commissioners for their support of STEP MC, and shared details of his recovery as a result of the positive impact that the program has made in his life.

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Becker called for the 2023 Budget Amendment Hearing. Mr. Witte reviewed the document which summarized amendments to the General Fund, Health Department, Community Corrections, and Landfill - Specials. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Max Fuqua, Fuqua Construction, Inc., joined the meeting to request signatures on a preliminary agreement between McPherson County and Fuqua Construction, Inc. (design - builder) for the renovation of the County Building. The agreement price includes complete architectural documents including preliminary work already accomplished, final drawings ready for permitting, and all architectural and engineering services. The fee for these services is based on the preliminary estimate of construction costs, less payment already made for preliminary work. The remaining total

amounts to \$276,200.00. Following discussion, it was a consensus among the Commissioners to postpone and reschedule action on the agreement until information is obtained from the County ARPA consultant.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes, including Mr. Witte and Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN to end the introductory period for Mr. Kinsey, effective December 10, 2023, as presented, as well as a wage increase of \$5,000 at the end of the first year of employment. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for December 4, 2023. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve checks and claims, voided and reissued checks, witness checks, and an encumbrance for December 11, 2023, and payroll for pay period ending December 9, 2023 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell also voted aye, but abstained on the check payable to SBDA, due to a conflict of interest.** Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve jury checks for December 11, 2023 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell voted aye. Commissioner Kueser abstained due to a conflict of interest.**

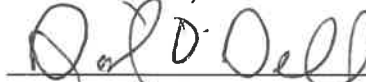
Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell reported on topics of interest during their recent attendance at the Annual KAC Conference in Wichita, KS.

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and directly reconvene at the KMP facility to attend a South-Central Legislative Delegation Luncheon Meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 1:00 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and directly reconvene at Public Works for a work session. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 4:05 p.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene at 6:30 p.m. for the Annual McPherson County Extension Business Dinner and Meeting at the County Extension Office. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.** At 7:38 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell was absent from the County Extension Dinner and Meeting.**

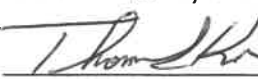
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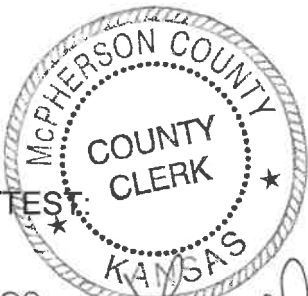
Keith Becker, Chairman



David O'Dell, Vice Chairman



Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner



Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk