BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA
July 31, 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
F. Castle Township Board Appointment
G. Approval of County Representative to the McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility
H. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:10 a.m. Lewis Newberry, CEO - McPherson Hospital
Aaron Herbel, Administrator - Mercy Hospital Moundridge
Larry Van Der Wege, Administrator - Lindsborg Community Hospital

Quarterly Reports & Sales Tax Question

9:25 a.m. Tanner Wealand, CFO - McPherson EMS
Dara Reese, Executive Director of Nursing/Acute Care - McPherson
Will Moore, EMS Director - McPherson

Updates

9:40 a.m. Laurie Wiziarde, County Register of Deeds -

Non-elected Personnel - Executive Session

9:55 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator -

A. Resolution for a fee schedule for charges for proceedings - zoning & subdivisions regulations
B. September 2023 Proclamation - National Service Dog Month

10:05 a.m. Tom Kramer, Public Works Director -

A. Approval of quote for additional asphalt aggregate from APAC
B. Approval of quote from Truck Center Co. for the Atlas Tire repair equipment
C. Approval of quote from Concrete accessories for reinforcing steel

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

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for July 31, 2023. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:03 a.m., during Public Input, Sheriff Montagne reported on weekly arrests, current jail counts, and department activities.

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

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for July 24, 2023. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Commissioners Kueser and O'Dell voted aye. Chairman Becker abstained due to his absence at the July 24, 2023 meeting.**

At 9:04 a.m., Lewis Newberry, CEO of McPherson Hospital, joined the meeting to update Commissioners on recent hospital activities including the hiring of permanent nursing and physician staff, resulting in the reduction of the number of high paid contract staff. Mr. Newberry also discussed possible options regarding specific dates to place the half cent sales tax question on the ballot. He explained reasons for possibly delaying the question beyond the November 2023 ballot. Next, Aaron Herbe, Administrator for Mercy Hospital of Moundridge, joined the meeting and also discussed similar reductions in need for contract labor. He reported data from previous years and changes which have taken place to date regarding operating expenses, revenue, labor costs, non-labor expenses, and patient volumes. Mr. Herbel mentioned the possibility of converting to an alternative hospital model, which will be determined at some point in the future. The final presenter was Larry Van Der Wege, Administrator for the Lindsborg Community Hospital. Mr. Van Der Wege updated Commissioners on the addition of new holistic pain management services and increases in patient volume.

At 9:23 a.m., Will Moore, EMS Director for McPherson City, joined the meeting and reported run numbers on call-ins from the previous year and up to the present month. He also updated Commissioners on new equipment and its benefits to EMT when treating patients more efficiently during cardiac emergencies.

Chairman Becker presented a letter from the Castle Township Board, notifying the Commissioners of a board resignation as well as an appointment to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to accept the resignation of Randall Kaufman, Board Treasurer, and the appointment of Mary Bailey to fill the vacancy, to complete the term as Township Board Treasurer. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Laurie Wiziarde, County Register of Deeds, joined the meeting and requested ten (10) minutes of executive session, to include herself and Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.** Ms. Wiziarde then addressed Commissioners and requested to advertise to fill a full-time Clerk vacancy in the Deeds office. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to present a resolution establishing a fee schedule for charges for proceedings governed by the zoning regulations and subdivision regulations of McPherson County, Kansas, including sanitation fees. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2023-10 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

Mr. Kinsey requested approval of a proclamation designating the month of September 2023 as National Service Dog Month. He presented and read the Proclamation. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Proclamation as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve adds and abates for July 28, 2023, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Chairman Becker presented a request to approve David E. Schmidt, McPherson County's representative to the McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility, to serve an additional three-year term beginning September 1, 2023. Mr. Schmidt is willing to serve another three-year term. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:54 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

A. A request to approve a quote for additional asphalt aggregate from APAC -Kansas to complete projects. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase of an estimated quantity of 1,000 tons of each material: screenings at $26.02 per ton, and rocks at $34.70 per ton, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. A request to approve the quote from Truck Center Co. for the Atlas Tire repair equipment. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase of the Atlas Platinum Combo Set for a total amount of $7,344.64 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
C. This item was postponed for additional quotes.

Chairman Becker reported briefly on his recent KAC Directors Meeting and the Annual NACO Conference.

At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith V Becker

Keith Becker, Chairman

David D O'Dell

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

Hollie D. Melroy

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk