BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA

January 2, 2024

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 - Election of Officers
B. Approval of Minutes
C. Approval of Checks and Claims & Payroll
D. Approval of Adds and Abates
E. Personnel
F. CDDO Fifth Amendment
G. Indigent Defense Agreement
H. McPherson RWD #1 CDBG Contractor's Application for Payment No.3
I. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Sheriff Montagne -

Non-elected Personnel - (2)

9:10 a.m. Lewis Newberry CEO, McPherson Hospital & Aaron Herbel Administrator, Mercy Hospital of Moundridge -

Discussion of Rural Hospital Innovation Grant

9:25 a.m. Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Mgmt/Comm -

Non-elected Personnel

9:30 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator -

Annual Department Statistics

9:40 a.m. Tom Kramer, Public Works Director -

A. Non-elected Personnel
B. Discussion of on-call testing services for asphalt aggregates and asphalt

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

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda for January 2, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioners elected officers for the year 2024. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for Chairman Becker to serve as Commission Chairman. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Kueser made a motion for Commissioner O'Dell to serve as Vice Chairman. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:02 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on current arrests, jail counts, department activities, and civil process data, including citations, warrants and PFAs for 2023.

At 9:05 a.m., Sheriff Montagne presented two (2) items for action:

A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Jacob Willems, Sergeant (19I), effective January 21, 2024. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. A request to approve a PCN to hire Casey Burke as a new Correctional Officer (14A), effective January 8, 2024. 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 December 18, 2023 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Aaron Herbel, Administrator of Mercy Hospital of Moundridge, and Lewis Newberry, CEO of McPherson Hospital joined the meeting. Mr. Herbel presented an update on Mercy Hospital's recent transition to a Rural Emergency Hospital Status, effective January 1, 2024. He further reported on the purpose for the new status and how it impacts their services. Mr. Newberry discussed the need for a new upgraded IT Electronic Medical Reporting system (EMR) which they hope to purchase through funding grants and donations. He explained the rationale for the necessary upgrade and the efficiency advantage of the new system for medical staff. He described the hospital's application for funding through the Sunflower Foundation Grant. Both Mr. Herbel and Mr. Newberry are applying for a Rural Hospital Innovation Grant (RHIG) to be administered by the Secretary of KDHE. The application deadline is September 30, 2024. Funds received through the grant are to be used at a hospital for the transitional assistance related to changing a hospital's current healthcare delivery model to one more appropriate for the community that the hospital serves, in a variety of ways outlined in the application.

At 9:30 a.m. Jullie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Domenic Rabone II as a new Communications Tech (13A), effective January 7, 2024, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:33 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment (PZE) Director, joined the meeting to present the annual PZE department statistics in the areas of zoning and sanitation and sanitation permits.

At 9:37 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

A. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Gary Gosen, Maintenance Worker III (16I), effective January 7, 2024. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. A request to approve on-call testing services for asphalt and aggregates. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to postpone action sometime following their next Public Works work session.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve checks and claims, accounts payable, and witness checks for January 2, 2024, and payroll for pay period ending December 30, 2023. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kuser made a motion to approve adds and abates for December 29, 2023. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a Fifth Amendment to the Participating CDDO Agreement between the Secretary of the Department for Aging and Disability Servies and McPherson County CDDO. The amendment regards an increase in administration funds. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented the 2024 Indigent Defense Agreement approve by Judge Wilder, 9th Judicial District Administrative Judge, and each Attorney to the Agreement. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion for Commissioners to sign the agreement as presented for a total contract amount not to exceed $180,133.00. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Contractor's Application for Payment (#3) for the Roxbury RWD #1 Water System Improvements Project in the amount of $225,128.25, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith V Becker

Keith Becker, Chairman

D. O'Dell

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L Kueser

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk