BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA

July 28, 2025

Commission Meetings are being held at the Public Works Dept. Meeting Room
1115 W. Avenue A, McPherson, KS during the renovation project at the County Building

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 - Non-elected, County Appraiser
F. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:10 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator -

Resolution for a temporary moratorium on commercial battery energy storing system (B.E.S.S.)

9:20 a.m. Julia Jensen, Billing Specialist - McPherson County Health Department -

Request to write off uncollectable debt for quarter #2 of 2025

9:30 a.m. Heather Poorman, The Arnold Group (TAG)

Classification & Compensation Study Proposal

10:15 a.m. Burell Barnes, Enterprise Products -

Approval of permit for pipeline repairs on portion of 14th Avenue south of Navajo Road

11:00 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

A. Discussion and approval to purchase various tires for inventory
B. Approval of Kirkham Michael Agreement for Engineering Services FAS & Off-System Bridge Inventory and Appraisal

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting & Budget Work Session
All Present
July 30, 2025
6:00 p.m. Planning/Zoning/Environment Appreciation Dinner at County Extension Building
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for July 28, 2025 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:03 a.m., during Public Input, Sheriff Montagne presented weekly arrest numbers, jail counts, and recent department activities.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes from July 21, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to request approval of a resolution for a temporary moratorium on commercial battery energy storage systems, to allow the County to conduct a thorough and comprehensive review of the impact of such storage systems in the unincorporated areas, and to determine the necessity of amending the zoning regulations. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2025-13, providing for a temporary moratorium on commercial battery energy storage systems including activities involving such systems for storage, related production or generation, distribution, and related activities within the unincorporated areas of McPherson County, effective from the time of its adoption and publication through January 1, 2028. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Julia Jensen, Health Department Billing Specialist joined the meeting to request approval to write off eligible debt for the second quarter of 2025 ending June 30, 2025. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request as presented in the amount of $22.50 to KDRS and that $62.50 be removed from the KDRS per KSA 60-511 statue of limitations for medical debt, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented a request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Stacy Hubbard, McPherson County Appraiser. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:15 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director and Mike Evans, Shop Foreman, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

A. A request to approve and sign a two-year agreement, for the period of May 2026 through July of 2027, with Kirkham Michael & Associates Engineering Services, for a one-time inspection of 460 County bridges (40 bridges per month). Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request for a total amount not to exceed $193,200.00 over a 2-year period and for the Chairman to sign the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. A request to approve the purchase of semi tires and trailer tires for inventory. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase of semi tires from Smoky Valley Tire for an amount not to exceed $7,123.00, and the purchase of trailer tires from Galva Tire for an amount not to exceed $1,026.00, plus $50.00 in freight costs, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Phillip Hayes, Vice President of The Arnold Group (TAG) joined the meeting to present a proposal for a comprehensive classification and compensation study. Mr. Hayes reviewed the benefits of the study and outlined the scope, process, cost and timeline for completion. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the total compensation study including a 3-year annual support option, as well as the job description review/update for a total amount not to exceed $60,114.00 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m., Burell Barnes, Land Manager for Enterprise Products, joined the meeting to request approval and signatures on the final revised Memorandum of Understanding with McPherson County to proceed with pipeline repairs on 14th Avenue, south of Navajo Road. Following discussion of final revisions, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:48 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for a ten (10) minute break and to then reconvene for a budget work session. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 11:20 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and to reconvene at 6:00 p.m. on July 30, 2025 to attend the Planning/Zoning/Environment Appreciation Dinner at the County Extension Building. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 7:15 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith Becker
Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell
David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas Kueser
Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Hollie D. Melroy
Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

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