

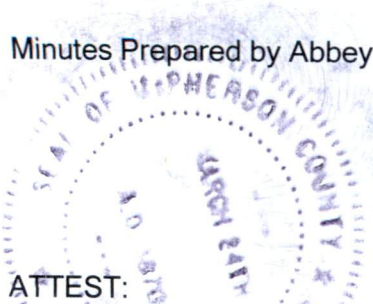
to provide a background report on the case and recommendation of the Planning Board. The case was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Board during their regular meeting on May 12, 2025. Following the report, Nick Schmidt, Garber Surveying and agent spoke on behalf of the applicant to clarify the request and offered to respond to any questions from the County Commissioners. There were none. There were no further comments or questions from the public. Chairman Becker then closed the public portion of the hearing and asked if Commissioners had any further questions for clarification. There were none. Chairman Becker began deliberations by reviewing the options for Board action on the case and called for a motion. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adopt the findings, factors and recommendation of approval by the Planning Board and to sign the final plat for Case SD-2025-0105. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. There was no further Commission discussion on the motion. Chairman Becker asked the secretary for a roll call. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.** Chairman Becker noted that persons aggrieved by the final decision of the Board on this would have 30 days following today's hearing, to appeal to the District Court.

- H. Chairman Becker called the public hearing for Case SU2025-0102, a request by Shelby Unruh, for approval of a special use permit for a commercial house moving business (Unruh House Moving Inc.) and to store equipment indoors on the subject property located in the A-1 Agricultural District at 682 22nd Avenue, Galva, Kansas. Chairman Becker confirmed that no protest petition of objection to the request had been filed, no Commission Board members intended to disqualify themselves from the case, and that ex parte communication had not taken place. The Chairman also verified that all Commissioners had received copies of the Planning Board's final report and unapproved minutes which summarized the hearing on the case. The applicant affirmed that he felt he had received a fair and impartial Planning Board hearing. The Chairman noted that proper notice of publication in the McPherson Sentinel was given, and proper mailing notices of the hearing were sent to the applicant and real property owners of record in the area of notification, in the required timely manner. Chairman Becker then called on Mr. Kinsey to provide a background report on the case and recommendation of the Planning Board. The case was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Board during their regular meeting on May 12, 2025. Following the report, Mr. Unruh joined the meeting to clarify his request and offered to respond to any questions from the County Commissioners. There were none. There were no further comments or questions from the public. Chairman Becker then closed the public portion of the hearing and asked if Commissioners had any further questions for clarification. There were none. Chairman Becker began deliberations by reviewing the options for Board action on the case and called for a motion. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adopt the findings, factors and recommendation of approval by the Planning Board on Case SU-2025-0102 and to sign Resolution #2025-07 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. There was no further Commission discussion on the motion. Chairman Becker asked the secretary for a roll call. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.** Chairman Becker noted that persons aggrieved by the final decision of the Board on this would have 30 days following today's hearing, to appeal to the District Court.

At 2:27 p.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

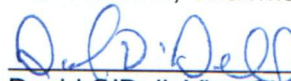
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ATTEST:



Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

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- F. Chairman Becker called the public hearing for Case SD-2025-0104, a request by applicant, Clark Nightingale, for approval of a small tract final plat of the Nightingale Subdivision, at 2189 Dakota Road, Galva, KS in the A-1 Agricultural Residential District. Chairman Becker confirmed that no protest petition of objection to the request had been filed, no Commission Board members intended to disqualify themselves from the case, and that ex parte communication had not taken place. The Chairman also verified that all Commissioners had received copies of the Planning Board's final report and unapproved minutes which summarized the hearing on the case. The applicant affirmed that he felt he received a fair and impartial Planning Board hearing. The Chairman noted that proper notice of publication in the McPherson Sentinel was given, and proper mailing notices of the hearing were sent to the applicant and real property owners of record in the area of notification, in the required timely manner. Chairman Becker then called on Mr. Kinsey to provide a background report on the case and recommendation of the Planning Board. The case was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Board during their regular meeting on May 12, 2025. Following the report, Nick Schmidt, Garber Surveying and agent spoke on behalf of the applicant to clarify the request and offered to respond to any questions from the County Commissioners. There were none. There were no further comments or questions from the public. Chairman Becker then closed the public portion of the hearing and asked if Commissioners had any further questions for clarification. There were none. Chairman Becker began deliberations by reviewing the options for Board action on the case and called for a motion. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adopt the findings, factors and recommendation of approval by the Planning Board and to sign the final plat for Case SD-2025-0104. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. There was no further Commission discussion on the motion. Chairman Becker asked the secretary for a roll call. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.** Chairman Becker noted that persons aggrieved by the final decision of the Board on this would have 30 days following today's hearing, to appeal to the District Court.
- G. Chairman Becker called the public hearing for Case SD-2025-0105, a request by applicants, John and Jill Esping for approval of a final plat of the John's Field Subdivision, 00000 16th Avenue, Lindsborg, KS in the A-1 Agricultural Residential District. Chairman Becker confirmed that no protest petition of objection to the request had been filed, no Commission Board members intended to disqualify themselves from the case, and that ex parte communication had not taken place other than Commissioner O'Dell who previously contacted Mr. Kinsey for clarifications regarding certain details of the case. The Chairman also verified that all Commissioners had received copies of the Planning Board's final report and unapproved minutes which summarized the hearing on the case. The applicants affirmed that they felt they had received a fair and impartial Planning Board hearing. The Chairman noted that proper notice of publication in the McPherson Sentinel was given, and proper mailing notices of the hearing were sent to the applicant and real property owners of record in the area of notification, in the required timely manner. Chairman Becker then called on Mr. Kinsey

KS in the A-1 Agricultural Residential District. Chairman Becker confirmed that no protest petition of objection to the request had been filed, no Commissioners intend to disqualify themselves from the case, and that ex parte communication had not taken place, other than Commissioner O'Dell who previously contacted Mr. Kinsey for clarifications regarding certain details of the case. The Chairman also verified that all Commissioners had received copies of the Planning Board's final report and unapproved minutes which summarized the hearing on the case. The applicant affirmed that he felt he received a fair and impartial Planning Board hearing. The Chairman noted that proper notice of publication in the McPherson Sentinel was given, and proper mailing notices of the hearing were sent to the applicant and real property owners of record in the area of notification, in the required timely manner. Chairman Becker then called on Mr. Kinsey to provide a background report on the case and recommendation of the Planning Board. The case was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Board during their regular meeting on May 12, 2025. Following the report, Nick Schmidt, Garber Surveying and agent, spoke on behalf of the applicant to clarify the request and offered to respond to any questions from the County Commissioners. There were none. There were no further comments or questions from the public. Chairman Becker then closed the public portion of the hearing and asked if Commissioners had any further questions for clarification. There were none. Chairman Becker began deliberations by reviewing the options for Board action on the case and called for a motion. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adopt the findings, factors and recommendation of approval by the Planning Board, and to sign the final plat for Case SD-2025-0102. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. There was no further Commission discussion on the motion. Chairman Becker asked the secretary for a roll call. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.** Chairman Becker noted that persons aggrieved by the final decision of the Board on this would have 30 days following today's hearing, to appeal to the District Court.

- D. Chairman Becker called the public hearing for Case SD-2025-0103, a request by applicants, Jack and Christyna Reifschneider for approval of a small tract final plat of Reifschneider Acres, at 622 5th Avenue Ave., Inman, KS in the A-1 Agricultural Residential District. Chairman Becker confirmed that no protest petition of objection to the request had been filed, no Commission Board members intended to disqualify themselves from the case, and that ex parte communication had not taken place. The Chairman also verified that all Commissioners had received copies of the Planning Board's final report and unapproved minutes which summarized the hearing on the case. The applicant's agent, Nick Schmidt, Garber Surveying, affirmed on behalf of the applicants that they felt they had received a fair and impartial Planning Board hearing. The Chairman noted that proper notice of publication in the McPherson Sentinel was given, and proper mailing notices of the hearing were sent to the applicant and real property owners of record in the area of notification, in the required timely manner. Chairman Becker then called on Mr. Kinsey to provide a background report on the case and recommendation of the Planning Board. The case was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Board during their regular meeting on May 12, 2025. Following the report, Mr. Schmidt spoke on behalf of the applicant to clarify the request and offered to respond to any questions from the County Commissioners. There were none. There were no further comments or questions from the public. Chairman Becker then closed the public portion of the hearing and asked if Commissioners had any further questions for clarification. There were none. Chairman Becker began deliberations by reviewing the options for Board action on the case and called for a motion. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adopt the findings, factors and recommendation of approval by the Planning Board on Case SD-2025-0103. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. There was no further Commission discussion on the motion. Chairman Becker asked the secretary for a roll call. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.** The final plat will be signed at a later date by Commissioners. Chairman Becker noted that persons aggrieved by the final decision of the Board on this would have 30 days following today's hearing, to appeal to the District Court.
- E. Chairman Becker called the public hearing for Case SD-2025-0104, a request by applicant, Clark Nightingale, for approval of a small tract final plat of the Nightingale Subdivision, at 2189 Dakota Road, Galva, KS in the A-1 Agricultural Residential District. Chairman Becker confirmed that no protest petition of objection to the request had been filed, no Commission Board members intended to disqualify themselves from the case, and that ex parte communication had not taken place. The Chairman also verified that all Commissioners had received copies of the Planning Board's final

At 9:50 a.m., Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Elise Sanders as a Communications Technician/Dispatcher (13A), effective June 9, 2025, 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 9:54 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, presented her proposed 2026 budget.

At 10:07 a.m., Stacy Hubbard, County Appraiser presented her proposed 2026 budget .

At 10:15 a.m., Derek Moos, Mapping, presented his proposed 2026 budget.

At 10:20 a.m., Mr. Witte requested ten (10) minutes of executive session, including all Commissioners and himself, for non-elected personnel discussion in the Administration department. 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.**

At 10:30 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Director of Public Works, joined the meeting with five (5) items:

- A. Request to approve updated job descriptions for Engineering Techs I - IV, Roadway Maintenance Foreman, and Bridge and Drainage Maintenance Foreman. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Request to approve a PCN to hire Layne Hiebert as an Engineering Tech II (14E), effective June 23, 2025. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve a PCN to hire Wiyanna Burge as an Engineering Tech II (14D), effective June 9, 2025. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request to approve a PCN for the promotion of Troy Schroeder to Roadway Maintenance Foreman (22I), effective June 8, 2025. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- E. Discussion regarding the repair and maintenance by Enterprise Products of their pipeline on 14th Avenue south of Navajo Road. Mr. Bohnenblust recommended the project be completed through boring under the road rather than digging/removing a portion of the road to reach the pipeline. Burell Barnes, representing Enterprise Products, joined the meeting to further clarify and describe the process of both options and to request to complete the project by digging through the road rather than boring underneath it. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the repair and maintenance by Enterprise Products through the boring option. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:02 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess for a 20-minute break. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:25 a.m., representatives from the County Conservation District presented their 2026 proposed budget.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene at 1:15 p.m., to continue the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 1:15 p.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator joined the meeting with seven (7) items:

- A. A department report of case cost summary for the month of May 2025, including permits issued, case types, and fee totals.
- B. A request to approve minutes from the May 12, 2025 joint meeting of the County Commissioners & Planning Board. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes including a correction of one clerical error. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. Chairman Becker called the public hearing for Case SD-2025-0102, a request by applicant, Justin Holm, for the approval of a small tract final plat of Holm Subdivision, at 1817 19th Ave., McPherson,

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2025

June 2, 2025
9:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting
All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the meeting. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for June 2, 2025 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Montagne joined the meeting and updated Commissioners on recent arrests, current jail counts, and department activities. He also presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Derek Britting as a Deputy Sheriff (17A), effective May 27, 2025, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** Sheriff Montagne introduced Deputy Britting to Commissioners.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes, including all Commissioners, Sheriff Montagne, Under Sheriff Bergstrom, and Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager to discuss non-elected personnel in the Sheriff's department. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for May 19, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for May 30, 2025, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve accounts payable May 28, 2025, tax distribution for June 5, 2025, and payroll for pay period ending May 24, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Chairman Becker reviewed the various topics of discussion during his recent attendance at the NACO WIR Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota.

At 9:23 a.m., Sunny Milleeson, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections joined the meeting with two (2) items.

- A. A request for signature on the fiscal workbook regarding the movement of dollars from Juvenile Intake to Juvenile Intensive Supervision to cover the third quarter personnel costs in the amount of \$66,734.00. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to sign the document as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to preauthorize funding up to \$36,000 for the purchase of a new agency vehicle at the end of their fiscal year, which will replace the current aging vehicle. Following discussion and a review of vehicle bids, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Kasi Morales, Executive Director of MIDC, joined the meeting to review the annual MIDC Report. Ms. Morales presented information and statistical data regarding suggestions and recommendations from a contracted site consultant to improve and build a local workforce, and to encourage potential employees to relocate to McPherson County. Topics covered by Ms. Morales included building better partnerships and providing manufacturing/industrial related course work and internships with local colleges, industrial capital investment, employment growth over the past several years, labor market wages, job availability, and labor import from surrounding counties.

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA
June 2, 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
- F. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Sheriff Montagne -

- A. Non-elected Personnel - PCN
- B. Non-elected Personnel - Executive Session

9:25 a.m. Sunny Milleson, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections -

- A. Approval of Grant Workbook
- B. Approval of Agency Vehicle Purchase

9:30 a.m. Kasi Morales, MIDC Executive Director -

MIDC Updates

9:45 a.m. Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications -

Non-elected Personnel - PCN

9:50 a.m. **2026 Budget Presentation - County Clerk**

10:10 a.m. **2026 Budget Presentation - County Appraiser**

10:35 a.m. **2026 Budget Presentation - Mapping**

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

- A. Approval of updated job descriptions
- B. Non-elected Personnel - PCN
- C. Non-elected Personnel - PCN
- D. Non-elected Personnel - PCN
- E. Discussion of Enterprise Products pipeline repair on 14th Ave. south of Navajo Rd.

11:30 a.m. **2026 Budget Presentation - Soil Conservation District**

RECESS - BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:15 p.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator -

- A. Approval of Minutes from Joint Meeting of Commissioners & Planning Board (May 12, 2025)
- B. Hearing for Case SD-2025-0102 Holm Subdivision
- C. Hearing for Case SD-2025-0103 Reifschneider Acres
- D. Hearing for Case SD-2025-0104 Nightingale Subdivision
- E. Hearing for Case SD-2025-0105 John's Field Subdivision
- F. Hearing & Resolution for Case SU2025-0102 Unruh House Moving Request