

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign an \$8.00 per pay period Cell Phone Allowance Request Form for the new Noxious Weed Department Director, effective May 11, 2025, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign a Crestwood Memorial Park Garden A Quit Claim Deed for Kevin Johnson for the sum of \$125.00. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:20 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to propose allowing gateway signs, which are located outside of the city limits within McPherson County, on land owned by the landowner, to be island annexed into the respective cities. Ownership will be retained by the landowners, and individual agreements will be negotiated between the city and landowner regarding the variance, and management of the signs, in order to comply with KDOT/state rules. Following discussion, Commissioners agreed by consensus to allow island annexations for city gateway signs outside of their city limits.

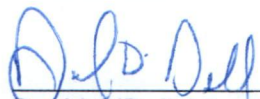
At 9:28 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to discuss Enterprise Products' pipeline repair and maintenance issues near CR 1961 (Old 81) and Navajo Road. Matthew Baker and Burell Barnes, representatives of Enterprise Products, joined the discussion to clarify the necessary repair/maintenance process and access options, as well as the timeline for project completion. It was a consensus among Commissioners to table and delay official action on the item until a future Commission meeting.

At 9:56 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session, including all Commissioners and Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager for fifteen (15) minutes, to discuss the potential sale of County property. No action was taken in executive session. Following executive session, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to request a follow-up signed agreement with the USD 418 Special Education Coop no later than June 30, 2025. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

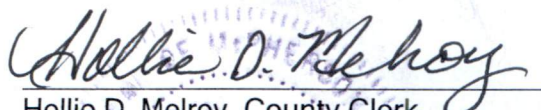
At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and to reconvene at 5:30 p.m. on May 20, 2025 to attend the Annual McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility (MASWU) Meeting at the McPherson Community Building. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Commissioner Kueser and Commissioner O'Dell voted aye. Chairman Becker was absent from the MASWU meeting.**

Minutes Prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk



MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2025

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9:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting

All Present

May 20, 2025

5:30 p.m. - Annual McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility Member Meeting, McPherson Community Bldg.

Commissioner Kueser & Commissioner O'Dell - Present

Chairman Becker - Absent

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the meeting. Two items were added to the agenda for May 19, 2025: Crestwood Memorial Park Quit Claim Deed; and Executive Session for Discussion of Potential Sale of County Property. 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 joined the meeting and updated Commissioners on recent arrests, current jail counts, and department activities.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes from May 12, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Chairman Becker noted that there would be no regular County Commission meeting the following week, which begins with the observance of the May 26, 2025 Memorial Day holiday. He then made a motion to authorize the Chairman to approve/release checks and claims for May 27, 2025, and payroll for pay period ending May 24, 2025. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:04 a.m., Stacy Hubbard, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of an amended job description from an Office/Field Assistant to a Field Appraiser I in Training (Grade 9), as well as a request to advertise to fill the position. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to accept the job description amendments and to allow Ms. Hubbard to seek applicants to fill the position, due to an upcoming vacancy. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:07 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, and Ms. Hubbard, both joined the meeting to request the purchase of a new Megamat Office Vertical Carousel for each of their respective offices once the renovation of the County Building is complete. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase, installation, and 5-year extended warranty of a Model 125-1411S for the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$49,629.57, and the same model for the County Appraiser's office in the amount of \$50,277.35 through Kardex Remstar LLC, as presented. The total charges will be paid from the Capital Equipment Fund for the Renovated County Building. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:13 a.m., Ms. Melroy requested approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Tabitha Sander, Clerk I (8B), 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.**

At 9:14 a.m., Cord Nestor, owner of the Whiskey Wagon, joined the meeting to request approval to sell alcoholic beverages at the McPherson Saddle Club Rodeo from 6:00 p.m. to midnight on June 20th and 21st 2025. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the abates for May 16, 2025 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

*Amended

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA
May 19, 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 - Cell Phone Allowance Request for Noxious Weed Director
- *F. Quit Claim Deed
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Stacy Hubbard, County Appraiser -

Non-elected Personnel

9:10 a.m. Hollie Melroy, County Clerk & Stacy Hubbard, County Appraiser -

Proposal for Lektrievers for County Building

9:20 a.m. Hollie Melroy, County Clerk -

Non-elected Personnel

9:25 a.m. Cord Nestor, Whiskey Wagon -

Request to sell alcoholic beverages for the McPherson Saddle Club Rodeo

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

McPherson City Island Annexation

9:35 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

Discussion regarding Enterprise pipeline issues near CR 1961 (Old 81) and Navajo Road

*9:55 a.m. Executive Session -

Regarding potential sale of County Property