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BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
August 4, 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. Signature on the Authorization of Services - The Arnold Group
G. Signature on the Road Use Permit Bond for Pipeline Repairs
H. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

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

Resolution for a temporary moratorium on data centers

* Monthly Department Update

9:15 a.m. Captain Blevins, Corrections -

Purchase of Dual Transport System

9:30 a.m. Sara Sipe, Landmark Architects -

Review of furniture proposal for the McPherson County Building

9:45 a.m. Discussion regarding ½ cent Sales Tax for Health Care & Ambulance Service

* Discussion regarding sale of County Property (executive session)

* Non-elected Personnel - Public Works (executive session)

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2025

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
All Present
August 7, 2025
6:00 p.m. STEP MC Graduation, First United Methodist Church
Chairman Becker & Commissioner Kueser - Present
Commissioner O'Dell - Absent

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Three (3) items were added to the agenda for August 4, 2025: Planning/Zoning/Environment Monthly Update; Public Works Non-elected Personnel; and Sale of County Property. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:01 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 28, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:04 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

A. A request for approval of a proposed resolution for a temporary moratorium on data centers, including systems for cryptocurrency mining and other related activities within the unincorporated areas of McPherson County, to allow sufficient time for the County Planning Board to review the current Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations with respect to data center projects. Several public comments were expressed regarding the proposed moratorium period, and section #3 of the proposed resolution stating that the establishment of any data centers and related activities in the unincorporated area of the County will be suspended and prohibited for as long as the resolution remains in effect. Following the recommendation by Commissioners, Mr. Kinsey amended the resolution by striking all of section #3, and amending the effective moratorium end date from January 1, 2028, to March 1, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2025-14, including the two amendments, providing for a temporary moratorium on data centers including activities involving such systems for cryptocurrency mining as well as related activities within the unincorporated areas of McPherson County; directing the Planning Board review of the McPherson County Comprehensive Plan with possible revisions to the McPherson County Zoning Regulations currently in effect, with respect to data center projects to insure effective regulation and enforcement in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**
B. Mr. Kinsey presented a review of the Case Cost Summary Report for the month of July 2025, including fee totals and case numbers.

At 9:27 a.m., Captain Blevins, Corrections, joined the meeting to request approval for the purchase and installation of a Durango dual prisoner transport system. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase and installation from Specialty Vehicle Source for an amount not to exceed $3,293.75 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve checks and claims for August 4, 2025, and payroll for pay period ending August 2, 2025, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., Commissioners discussed cost estimates of furniture and fixtures for the McPherson County Building. Board action on estimated totals will be tabled until a later meeting date once final clarifications of any additions and amendments are considered, and estimates of installation costs are obtained.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve abates for August 1, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the previously approved Authorization of Services agreement with The Arnold Group. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a Road Use Permit Bond (No.108283411) to McPherson County (Obligee), by Mid-America Pipeline Company, LLC and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, in the sum of $100,000 regarding pipeline repairs on a portion of 14th Avenue. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:58 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss the sale of County owned property. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

At 10:10 a.m., Commissioners discussed and reviewed a proposed ½ cent sales tax for County medical and mental health care ambulance service providers. No action was taken.

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes, including David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, and Mr. Witte, to discuss non-elected personnel in the Public Works department. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Mr. Witte presented a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to approve the end of introductory period for Mr. Bohnenblust, effective August 3, 2025. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:51 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and to reconvene August 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to attend the STEP MC Graduation at the First United Methodist Church. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 7:10 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell was absent from the STEP MC Graduation.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith V Becker

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L Kueser

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk