

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
August 18, 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. Discussion of Bid for Heated Sidewalk Area at the McPherson County Building
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:10 a.m. McPherson County Drug Court Team - Update

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

9:45 a.m. Sales Tax Resolution

10:00 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment (PZE) Administrator -

- A. Resolution -Temporary Moratorium on Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems
- B. Discussion - Minimum Maintenance Roads

10:15 a.m. Work Sessions -

Public Works
PZE

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
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9:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting & Work Session (Public Works & Planning/Zoning/Environment)

All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the meeting. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for August 18, 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 introduced Deputy Buterakos who recently began employment with McPherson County.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for August 11, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:04 a.m., Harvey County Judge Jason Layne of the McPherson/Harvey County 9th Judicial District joined the meeting to review the process and progress of the implementation of the Drug Court Program in McPherson County. The Drug Court Program has been successfully operating in Harvey County since 2021. Judge Layne also introduced several members of the Drug Court Team who have been training and preparing to begin selecting cases to be processed through the program as an alternative to the conventional procedures involved in drug related convictions. The Drug Court program typically takes up to 18 months depending on the progress of the individual receiving the rehabilitative services and treatments which include mental health, Court Services and Community Corrections staff, as well as other recovery service providers.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve accounts payable, election worker wages, mileage checks, and juror checks for August 18, 2025, and payroll for pay period ending August 16, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for August 15, 2025 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:27 a.m., Kasi Morales, MIDC Executive Director, joined the meeting to present the Quarterly Director's Report, ending August of 2025. Her report included statistics and information regarding labor statistics in McPherson County as compared to other surrounding counties, labor sources and where they reside, labor market information regarding mainly the manufacturing industries, and weekly wages in McPherson County as compared to other counties statewide, which reflected McPherson County as 8th among the top 10 highest weekly wage earning counties. Ms. Morales presented updates on workforce initiatives and plans for continued collaboration of manufacturing companies with local colleges in order to attract future workers to remain in McPherson County following their completed education.

At 9:45 a.m., Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, reviewed the final proposed Sales Tax Special Election Question Resolution, which has been discussed and revised at previous Commission meetings. Commissioner O'Dell read the proposed resolution aloud. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-16; **Authorizing and providing for the calling of a special question on the November 2025 election ballot in McPherson County, Kansas, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the County the question of imposing a one-half percent (1/2%) County retailers' sales tax for the purpose of funding certain improvements to the capital equipment and facilities and general operating expenses of emergency medical services (ambulance services) for McPherson City, Lindsborg City, Moundridge City, Rural Fire District #1 Ambulance and Rural Fire district #2 Ambulance.** Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.** The entire resolution is attached to these minutes for public viewing purposes.

At 10:02 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment (PZE) Administrator, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A proposed resolution to change the end date (point #8) on Resolution 2025-13 regarding Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems, to March 1, 2026; as well as the addition of point #7, declaring that this proposed resolution will repeal Resolution 2025-13 upon becoming fully effectuated. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-17 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve recommendations by the Planning Board, at their August 11, 2025 meeting regarding Minimum Maintenance Roads (MMR). Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the recommendation of approval by the Planning Board declaring 13th Avenue between Pioneer and Pueblo Roads as a MMR (Resolution 2025-08). Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the recommendation of disapproval by the Planning Board of declaring Overland between 12th Avenue and 15th Avenue as well as 12th Avenue between Pawnee and Overland as MMRs (Resolution 2025-09). Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Kueser made a motion to accept the recommendation of approval by the Planning Board declaring Pueblo between 12th Avenue and 13th Avenue as a MMR (Resolution 2025-09). Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. An update regarding the progress of the scanning and indexing projects taking place in the PZE department.

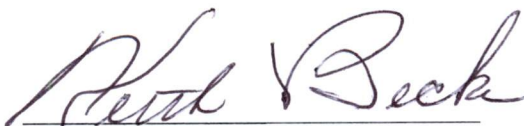
At 10:17 a.m., Commissioners discussed the Fuqua Construction, Inc. proposal for a heated sidewalk on the west side of the McPherson County Building at 200 N. Maple Street, McPherson, KS. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the project bid by McPherson Quality Air for a total amount of \$16,908.00 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell presented an update from the monthly County Building renovation project meeting with the contractors. The full renovation project is reported to be 59% complete.

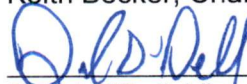
At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess for a ten (10) minute break and then return to reconvene for work sessions with Public Works and PZE. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 2:45 p.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

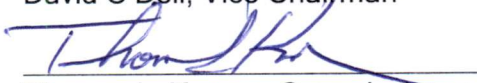
Minutes Prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht



Keith Becker, Chairman



David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

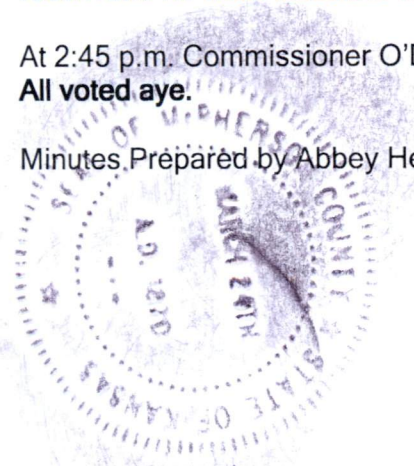


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk



MCPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 2025 ELECTION BALLOT IN MCPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF IMPOSING A ONE-HALF PERCENT (1/2%) COUNTY RETAILERS' SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (AMBULANCE SERVICES) FOR MCPHERSON CITY, LINDSBORG CITY, MOUNDRIDGE CITY, RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1 AMBULANCE AND RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #2 AMBULANCE

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., as amended, (the "Act") authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of McPherson County, Kansas (the "County") to submit to the electors of the County the question of imposing a County retailers' sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County hereby deems it advisable to fund certain improvements to the capital equipment and facilities and general operating expenses of emergency medical services (ambulance services) for McPherson City, Lindsborg City, Moundridge City, Rural Fire District #1 Ambulance and Rural Fire District #2 Ambulance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF MCPHERSON, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Public Purpose. It is hereby deemed necessary and advisable and in the best interests of the citizens of the County to proceed with the Emergency Medical Services Tax.

SECTION 2. Implementation of Emergency Medical Services Tax. Collection of the Emergency Medical Services Tax, if approved by the electors of the County, shall commence on April 1, 2026 or as soon thereafter as may be permitted by the Act, and shall terminate five (5) years after its commencement.

All proceeds of the Emergency Medical Services Tax shall be applied solely for the purposes set forth herein.

SECTION 3. Question Election. It is hereby authorized, ordered and directed that a question election shall be and is hereby called to be held in the County on November 4, 2025, at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall McPherson County, Kansas be authorized to impose a one-half percent (.5%) County-wide retailers' sales tax, the proceeds of which shall be divided between and paid forty-nine percent (49%) to McPherson City, eighteen percent (18%) to Lindsborg City, fifteen percent (15%) to Moundridge City, ten percent (10%) to Rural Fire District #1 Ambulance and eight percent (8%) to Rural Fire District #2 Ambulance, and used (1) by any recipient to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping and furnishing certain alterations, modifications and improvement to their capital equipment and facilities and

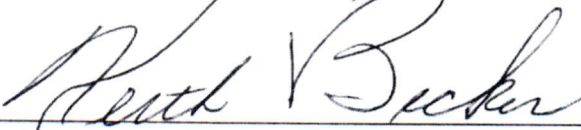
(2) to support the general operating expenses of any recipient. The collection of the Sales Tax is to commence on April 1, 2026 and to expire five (5) years after its commencement; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., as amended.

SECTION 4. Question Election Procedures. The votes at said question election shall be by ballot, and the proposition stated above shall be printed on the ballots, together with voting instructions as provided by law. The County Clerk shall cause the McPherson County election officer to give notice of the election as provided by law. The form of the Notice of Question Election shall be prepared or approved by the County Attorney and submitted to the McPherson County election officer in a timely fashion in order to provide for such publications.

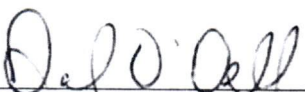
SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF McPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS,
this 18th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MCPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS



Keith Becker, Chairman

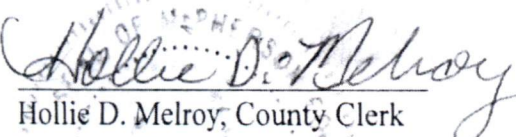


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