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**BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA**

for
September 15, 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. Employee Health & Dental Insurance Premiums for 2026
- *G. Cost-of-Living Allowance Discussion
- *H. Update on McPherson County Building Renovation Project
- I. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Sheriff Montagne -

Non-elected Personnel

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

Non-elected Personnel

9:15 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

- A. Non-elected Personnel
- B. Approval of Resolution establishing the location of certain road signs
- C. Project Updates
- D. Request to purchase railcar for bridge project

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9:30 a.m. Work Sessions -

*Planning/Zoning/Environment - Boundary Line Adjustments and Comprehensive Plan 2025-2045

*Lori Bower - County Seal Discussion

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
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9:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting & Work Sessions

All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the meeting. Four (4) items were added to the agenda for September 15, 2025: Review of 2026 Employee Health & Dental Insurance Premium Increases, Cost-of-Living Allowance Discussion, Purchase Request for Public Works Department, and Update on McPherson County Building Renovation Project. 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. He then presented two (2) items:

- A. Request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to promote Jeffrey Schmidt to Captain Deputy Sheriff (23F), effective September 14, 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.**
- B. Request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Taylor Ayres-Piros, Office Deputy (12B), effective September 14, 2025. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for September 8, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve all accounts payable, a void and reissued Frontline check acquired by Target Solutions Learning, and jury checks for September 15, 2025, and payroll for pay period ending September 13, 2025.

At 9:10 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Nicole Settrini, Clerk II (10C) effective September 14, 2025. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:13 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with five (5) items:

- A. Request to seek applications to fill a vacant Maintenance Worker position. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Request to approve a proposed resolution establishing yield signs on Frontier Road at the intersection of 29th Ave. and Frontier Road for east and west bound traffic. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #2025-19 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**
- C. Introduction of Elizabeth Hopp, a recently hired Project Manager.
- D. A request to approve the purchase of a rail car for the Bridge #020255 repair project in Marquette at Smoky Valley Road and 2nd Avenue. Mr. Bohnenblust also requested approval of an additional \$5,000.00 for related expenses. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase of the rail car as well as an additional \$5,000.00 for related expenses as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- E. Updates on plans for repairs of Bridge #27250 south of Roxbury where work is being done on the low water crossing, and Bridge #235210 located between 23rd Avenue and 24th Avenue.
- F. General Public Works Department updates.

At 9:30 a.m., Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, reviewed the BCBSKS 2026 plan year rate increases for employee health and dental premium costs beginning December 1, 2025. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the new detailed rates as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioners discussed a Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA) wage increase for all County employees which would in part offset the increased monthly health and dental insurance premium costs. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve a three percent (3%) COLA increase for all County employees, effective October 26, 2025. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

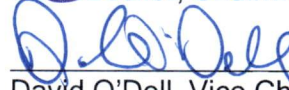
Commissioner O'Dell reported on the recent McPherson County Building Renovation Committee meeting with representatives from Fuqua Construction, Project Contractor. Details regarding the status of each of the five (5) floors were discussed. Commissioner O'Dell also noted that the new address for the County Building is 200 N. Maple, McPherson, KS. The anticipated date for certificate of occupancy is expected by the end of March or early April 2026.

At 9:42 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess for a ten (10) minute break and to then reconvene for a work session with the Planning/Zoning/Environment Department, and a work session with Lori Bower regarding the County Seal. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 11:50 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell 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