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**BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA**

for
November 10, 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. Letter of Support for a McPherson County Council on Aging Transportation Grant Application
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator -

Planning Board Re-appointments

9:10 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, Mike Evans, Public Works Fleet Maintenance Foreman,
 & Kevin Erickson, Public Works Superintendent

- A. Non-elected Personnel
- B. Discuss and approve purchase of new diagnostic equipment for Public Works Shop
- C. Discuss cost adjustment for recently approved truck purchase
- D. Discussion and approval to purchase flashing red light units
- E. Request to purchase reinforced concrete boxes and materials to replace four (4) bridge structures
- F. Approval of opening an Amazon Business Account
- G. Approval of rock purchase for Maxwell Wildlife Refuge road
- H. Approval of 2026 Road & Bridge Plan
- I. Approval to assist New Gottland Township with engineering work to improve a minimum maintenance road

* Resolution to sell public property

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
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9:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting, Public Works Meeting Room

All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the meeting. One item was added to the agenda for November 10, 2025: Resolution Disposing of Public Property with a Value of More Than \$50,000.00. 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., Under Sheriff Bergstrom joined the meeting and presented updates on recent arrests, current jail counts, and department activities.

At 9:04 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to request approval of three (3) reappointments to the Planning Board: Shelby Shaw (Chairman Becker's District), Chris Goodson (Commissioner O'Dell's District), and Christina Reynolds (Commissioner Kueser's District). Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the reappointments as presented for the term beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Kinsey also distributed published copies of the McPherson County Comprehensive Plan to Commissioners.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes from November 3, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Publics Works Director, joined the meeting with ten (10) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Darren J. Moore as a Maintenance Worker II (14B), effective November 12, 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. Mike Evans, Fleet Maintenance Foreman, joined the meeting for approval to purchase diagnostic equipment and one year of the annual subscription, from AE Tools & Computers, for the Public Works shop. The equipment will allow Public Works to more accurately diagnose problems with semi-trucks, construction equipment, and ag equipment. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request for an amount not to exceed \$8,057.93 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. Mr. Evans updated Commissioners on the previously approved purchase of a 2026 Chevy Silverado pickup for \$45,790.00. Public Works recently learned that the salesperson had not been informed that the Midway Motors shop had earlier tinted the pickup windows and applied a paint sealer. These additions will increase the actual cost of the Chevy pickup by \$399.00. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to allow the additional amount to be added to the original quoted price as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. Mr. Bohnenblust requested approval to purchase a replacement flashing red light unit for a unit that had recently been shot out at the Arrowhead Road and 27th Avenue intersection, as well as the purchase of a spare unit for inventory. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Carmanah R237-MX flashing red light units from Gades Sales Co., Inc. for a total combined cost not to exceed \$5,430.00 plus shipping, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- E. A request to purchase reinforced concrete boxes and material from McPherson Concrete Companies to replace the following structures: Bridge #035200 at Pioneer Road and 4th Avenue; Bridge #090077 at Cimarron Road and 9th Avenue; Bridge #251230 at Rainbow Road and 25th Avenue; and Bridge #230083 at Comanche Road and 23rd Avenue. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchases for a total combined cost not to exceed \$175,092.62 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

- F. A request to open an Amazon Business Account for the Public Works Department so that purchases may be set up to invoice for payment, including the tax-exempt status. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- G. A request to approve the purchase of one load of rock from K&K Gravel Products, for Maxwell Wildlife Refuge Road. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase for an amount not to exceed \$761.37 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- H. A request to approve the 2026 Road and Bridge Plan. Following a review of projects outlined in the plan, and discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the 2026 McPherson County Public Works Road and Bridge Plan as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- I. A request for permission to assist New Gottland Township with engineering work to improve a minimum maintenance road. Following discussion including surveying work, contracting and payment options for townships requesting assistance, and the prioritizing of Public Works projects, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- J. Mr. Bohnenblust updated Commissioners regarding current ongoing and upcoming department projects.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the release of checks and claims, a reissued check to Target Solutions, a voided check to Front Line, a voided and a reissued check to Postmaster, and to hold the \$5,000.00 McPherson County Fair disbursement pending additional financial information regarding proof of liability insurance, for November 10, 2025, and payroll for pay period ending November 8, 2025 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Chairman Becker presented a letter of support on behalf of the McPherson County Council on Aging regarding their application to KDOT for a 5311 Transportation Grant. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign the letter of support as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a proposed resolution for the disposing of public property with a value of more than \$50,000.00, referred to as the McKIDS Building located at 1106 Hospital Drive, McPherson Kansas. According to the resolution, McPherson County may sell the property to Prairie View, Inc. via a contract to be determined in full later, and for a sales price of \$300,000.00. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2025-23 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 10:25 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

