

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
December 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. Furniture Proposal for McPherson County Building
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:10 a.m. Cord Nestor, Whiskey Wagon Owner -

Event Permit Approval Request

9:15 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator -

Vehicle Purchase

9:20 a.m. Jennifer Wyatt, County Attorney -

Non-elected Personnel

9:25 a.m. David Bohnenblust, County Public Works Director -

- A. Non-elected Personnel
- B. Non-elected Personnel
- C. Non-elected personnel
- D. Purchase of turbo with actuator for equipment #39, 2008 Volvo Semi Truck
- E. Department Project Updates

*9:35 a.m. Mike Benda, Noxious Weed Dept. Director -

Vehicle repair request

*9:40 a.m. Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator -

Vehicle replacement

*9:45 a.m. ***Work Session** -Lori Bower, Bower Comm, County Seal Update

***Work Session** - Courthouse Roof Discussion

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9:00 a.m. - Regular Commission Meeting & Work-Session - Public Works Meeting Room

All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the meeting. Two (2) items were added to the agenda for December 15, 2025: Noxious Weed Department, Vehicle Repair Request; and IT Department, Vehicle Purchase Request. A Work Session with two (2) items was also added including: Discussion and Updates on the County Seal; and Courthouse Roof Repair Options. 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 presented updates on recent arrests, current jail counts, and department activities.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for December 8, 2025 with one correction to a misspelled name. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Cord Nestor, Whiskey Wagon Owner, and Lindsey Helms, 2026 All Schools Day Chairperson joined the meeting to request approval to sell alcoholic beverages during a 2-hour Battle of the Bands event taking place February 21, 2026 in the 4H Building. Following discussion, it was a consensus of Commissioners to postpone official action for one week to obtain additional information.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for December 12, 2025 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:13 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment, joined the meeting with a request for approval to purchase a new Chevy Silverado to replace the current storm damaged 2009 Jeep Compass. Following discussion of quotes, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Chevy Silverado 1500 from Midway Motors in an amount not to exceed \$45,100.00, as well as the purchase of a decked bed drawer system from Truck Stuff in an amount not to exceed \$1,330.00 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:16 a.m., Jennifer Wyatt, County Attorney, joined the meeting to request approval of Personnel Change Notices (PCNs) regarding a 3% merit increase for each of three (3) members of her office staff. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes, including all Commissioners, Ms. Wyatt, and Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager for non-elected personnel discussion. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Ms. Wyatt presented 3% merit increase PCNs for staff including: Jill Curren, Office Manager/Trial Assistant (\$32.06/hr.); Dwila Busse, Victim Witness Coordinator (\$33.11/hr.); and Miranda Shirack, Trial Clerk/Discovery Coordinator (\$32.06/hr.). Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the three (3) PCNs as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:34 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with five (5) items:

- A. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Jordan Nolte, Maintenance Worker III (16D), effective December 21, 2025. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to end the introductory period for Layne Hiebert, Engineering Tech II (14F), effective December 21, 2025. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

- C. A request to approve a PCN to hire Renee Schowengerdt as a Temporary Part-time Clerk (5A), for a period not to exceed 500 total hours. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request by Mike Evans, Fleet Maintenance Foreman, to purchase a turbo with actuator for equipment #39, a 2008 Volvo Semi Truck. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the replacement Cummins ISX Turbo for an amount not to exceed \$3,049.00 as well as a Turbo with VGT Actuator Core Charge for an amount not to exceed \$800.00 from HD Turbo Re-manufacturing, plus freight/shipping bringing the total of both items to an amount not to exceed \$3,899.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- E. Mr. Bohnenblust reported and reviewed current and ongoing department projects.

At 9:50 a.m., Mr. Witte reported on the revised larger signage dimensions for the McPherson County Building, increasing the initial cost by an additional total amount of \$3,740.00. Together with previously approved revisions regarding specific exterior work on the building renovation project, as well as the signage change order, the exterior renovation proposal amounts to a total of \$399,460.00 (as of December 9, 2025). Commissioner Kueser made a motion to accept the revised proposal as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the quote for all interior office furniture, including installation, for the McPherson County Building for an amount not to exceed \$357,190.23 from Scott Rice Office Interiors/Office Plus of Kansas as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:03 a.m. Mike Benda, Director of the County Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting to request approval of a quote for the power stroke injector cup replacement repairs on the department's 2001 F250 pickup. Following discussion and a review of quotes, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request in an amount not to exceed \$3,763.05 from Flatland Diesel, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:07 a.m., Jeff Butler, County IT Coordinator, joined the meeting with a request to replace the storm damaged IT department vehicle, a 2019 Durango, with a 2025 Ford Bronco Sport Outer Banks. Following discussion Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase from Midway Motors for an amount not to exceed \$38,484.00 (with no trade-in) as presented, and to sell the damaged vehicle on Purple Wave Auction. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess for five (5) minutes and to reconvene for work sessions including discussion of the County Seal, and courthouse roof repair options. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:20 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

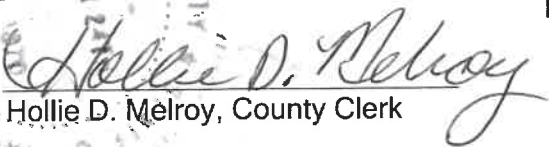
Minutes Prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

