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BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
January 12, 2026

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. NRP Interlocal Agreement for Moundridge
G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Cassie Chick, County Treasurer -

Non-elected Personnel (2)

9:15 a.m. Stacy Hubbard, County Appraiser -

Non-elected Personnel (2)

* McPherson County Building Update - Commissioner O'Dell

9:30 a.m. Lori Bower, Bower Comm -

Final drawings for County Seal

9:40 a.m. Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications -

Non-elected Personnel (2)

9:55 a.m. Mike Benda, Director of Noxious Weed Department -

Non-elected Personnel

10:00 a.m. Kristi Fowler, Prairie Land REALTORS -

Discussion of McPherson County Resolution 2025-10 (Fee Schedule)

10:15 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Director of McPherson County Public Works -

A. Elizabeth Hopp, Project Engineer - approval of resolution establishing bridge weight limits and authorizing posting
B. Request to pay final statement of project cost for work performed under agreement with KDOT for curve reconstruction on 14th Ave., 0.1 miles north of Chisholm Rd.
C. Request to pay for CPR training for Public Works employees.
D. Request approval of letter to KDOT on proposed closing of a portion of Limestone Road

10:30 a.m. Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator -

McPherson County Health Department Security Upgrades

10:45 a.m. Department Work Sessions at Public Works

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9:00 a.m. - Regular Commission Meeting, Work Session, and McPherson County Building Tour
All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the meeting. One item was added to the agenda for January 12, 2026: McPherson County Building Update. 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., Captain Blevins joined the meeting and presented updates on recent arrests, current jail counts, and department activities.

Also, during Public Input, Terry Lacy, County resident, expressed his concerns regarding the possible closing of a portion of Limestone Road at 56 Highway.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for January 5, 2026, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m. Cassie Chick, County Treasurer, joined the meeting with two items:

A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the promotion of Tristin Rochelle to a Commercial Clerk in the MVL office (11F), effective January 19, 2026. 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 approve a PCN to hire Jessica Cooper as a Clerk in the MVL Office (8B), effective January 20, 2026, to fill a vacancy. 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 adds and abates for January 9, 2026, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign a previously approved Interlocal Agreement between McPherson County, USD 423, and the City of Moundridge, regarding a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, which was updated into a single document, with no other changes. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Stacy Hubbard, County Appraiser, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

A. A request to approve a PCN for the promotion of Hali River-Koehn to a Field Appraiser I (10B), effective January 18, 2026. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Jennifer Plantenga, Field Appraiser II (12E), effective January 18, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:13 a.m. Commissioner O'Dell presented an update on the renovation project of the McPherson County Building and noted that the project is now 78% complete.

At 9:20 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request approval of security camera updates around the exterior of the McPherson County Health Department. The upgrades would be installed by the

County IT Department. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase from CDW-G for a total amount not to exceed $8,705.72. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:23 a.m., Lori Bower, Bower Comm., joined the meeting to present final sketches/options for the County seal. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to select Option B, which will be placed in a specified location at the renovated County Building. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:32 a.m., Emily Yates, Director of McPherson County Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Victoria Totman as a Communications Technician, (13A), effective January 19, 2025, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:36 a.m., Mike Benda, Noxious Weed Department Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Kellie May, PT Administrative Secretary (12B), effective January 18, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:39 a.m., Kristi Fowler, owner of Horizon Real Estate, joined the meeting to share concerns and objections to the current county fee structure (Resolution 2025-10), and suggested repealing the resolution in order to restructure the fee schedule. Tiffany Floyd, owner of Four Seasons Realtors also joined the meeting to express similar concerns. Jon Kinsey, County Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator was also present to clarify the current fee schedule per the resolution. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to send the resolution to be reviewed and possibly modified, by the Planning Board.

At 10:08 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

A. A request by Elizabeth Hopp for approval and signature on a proposed resolution establishing bridge weight limits, and authorizing posting. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2026-04 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**
B. A request to pay the Final Statement of Project Cost for work performed under the agreement with KDOT for curve reconstruction on 14th Avenue, 0.1 miles north of Chisholm Road, Project 059 C-4928-01; C492(801). Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the payment of the outstanding invoice for $3,043.07 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
C. A request to approve payment for CPR training of Public Works field employees. The cost amounts to $65 per person, amounting to a total of $2,500.00. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented for the total amount not to exceed $2,500.00. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
D. A request for Commission signatures on a letter to KDOT in opposition to a proposed closure of County Road 1065 Limestone Road at its intersection with U.S.56 regarding the U.S. 56 Expansion Study. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to sign the letter as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess for ten (10) minutes and then to reconvene for work sessions with Public Works, Emergency Management, and Planning & Zoning, as well as a tour of the County Building. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 4:40 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

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST: Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk