BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
February 2, 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. Indigent Defense Agreement
G. Resolution for Sale of Real Property - McKIDS Building
H. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Sheriff Montagne -

Gun and Accessory Purchases for Sheriff's Department Reserves

9:10 a.m. Bob Griffin, Fuqua Construction, Inc. -

Additions and Updates

9:30 a.m. Joshua Pimentel, County Maintenance Supervisor -

Vehicle Purchase Request

9:35 a.m. Mike Benda, Director of Noxious Weed Department -

A. 2025 State Report
B. 2026 Management Plan
C. Equipment Purchases

9:50 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director & Kevin Erickson, Road Superintendent -

A. Discussion of purchase of deicing salt for winter treatment of County roads
B. Discussion of purchase of sign shop supplies for temporary signing repairs & replacements
C. Approval to purchase APAC asphalt millings to be used in asphalt mix
D. Approval of expense for guard rail repairs

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

A. Resolution for extension of temporary moratoriums: Battery Energy Storage Systems; Data Centers; and Hydrogen Energy Facilities
B. Resolution amending Article 4 of the Zoning Regulations regarding race tracks
C. Department Updates

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
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9:00 a.m. - Regular Commission Meeting & Work Session with Planning/Zoning/Environment
All Present
February 4, 2026
5:00 p.m. - TEAP Study Forum, Moundridge Library
Chairman Becker & Commissioner O'Dell - Present
Commissioner Kueser - Absent

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the meeting. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for February 2, 2026, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Montagne shared updates on recent arrests, current jail counts, department activities, and introduced a new Correctional Officer, Joseph Moreno. Sheriff Montagne then requested approval to purchase seven (7) new handguns as well as accessories to be used by Sheriff's Reserve Officers. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the gun purchases from GT Distributors, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed $3,003.00, as well as the purchase of accessories from USIQ Inc. for a total amount not to exceed $4,599.00 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:08 a.m., Bob Griffin, Fuqua Construction, Inc., joined the meeting with three (3) items:

A. Approval of a proposal for a water leak detection system, which was requested by Commissioners, for the McPherson County Building. Following discussion and a review of bids for all associated materials, labor and equipment, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the total proposed amount not to exceed $3,825.00 from McPherson Quality Air as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. Approval of a proposal requested by Commissioners and County IT, for the additional labor and data cabling to install all security cameras, data switches, projectors, UPS devices, repeaters, data for exterior signage, and power for the water detection system for the McPherson County Building. Following discussion and a review of the proposal for additional data items as listed, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the total cost in an amount not to exceed $49,250.00 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
C. Approval of a requested proposal for a new HVAC system in the penthouse for the McPherson County Building. A previously approved proposal for the repair of the existing system/unit (for $6,000) would be voided in exchange for the updated proposal, to replace rather than repair the unit. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the proposal from McPherson Quality Air to purchase a new Mitsubishi 12K BTU HVAC system for a total amount not to exceed $9,217.00 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for January 26, 2026, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:20 a.m., Joshua Pimentel, County Maintenance Supervisor, joined the meeting to request the purchase of a new department vehicle to replace the current 2002 Chevrolet Silverado which is experiencing mechanical and performance issues. Following discussion and a review of features, specs and the bid for a new 2026 GMC Sierra 1500 Pro 4WD, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase of the replacement vehicle from Midway Motors for an amount not to exceed $46,885.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:26 a.m., Mike Benda, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

A. A request for approval of the 2025 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report. Following a review of the report, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. A request for approval of the 2026 Annual Management Plan. Following discussion and a review of the Plan, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the document as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
C. A request for equipment purchase. Mr. Benda presented UTV options which would be designated for dual department use, by both County Maintenance for winter operations, and the Noxious Weed Department applications. He provided a comparison of bids and noted the benefit of attachments which could be added to the unit in the future. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to allow the purchase of the Can-Am Defender DPS Cab HD10 from Agri Center for a total amount not to exceed $22,222.80, which includes a tire trade in allowance of $400.00, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

A. A corrected previously approved resolution for the sale of real property known as the McKIDS Building, including real estate and personal property. The previous resolution (2026-05) had an incorrect legal description. Following clarification and discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #2026-06 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**
B. A Real Estate Sales Agreement between the County and Prairie View, Inc. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Agreement as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable, 2025 invoices, and encumbrances for February 2, 2026, and payroll for pay period ending January 31, 2026, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve adds and abates for January 30, 2026, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign the 2026 Indigent Defense Agreement, with the budgeted amount for the calendar year totaling $194,823.47. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:45 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with five (5) items:

A. A request by Kevin Erickson, Road Superintendent, to purchase 200 tons of deicing salt to treat County roads for the 2026 winter season. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase from Independent Salt at the delivered cost of $50.55/ton as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. A request by Mr. Erickson to purchase sign shop supplies for temporary signing repairs and replacements. Following discussion and a review of quotes, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase from J&A Traffic Products in an amount not to exceed $19,565.00 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
C. A request by Mr. Bohnenblust to purchase 2,000 tons of APAC asphalt millings for $17.50/ton to be used in asphalt mix. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase for a total amount not to exceed $35,000.00 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
D. A request by Elizabeth Hopp, Project Engineer, to approve the expense for four (4) guard rail repairs. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve an amount up to $13,000.00 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

E. Mr. Bohnenblust presented updates on current and upcoming projects.

At 10:03 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with five (5) items:

A. Approval of a resolution for the extension of a temporary moratorium on commercial battery energy storage systems within the unincorporated areas of McPherson County, Kansas. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2026-07, extending the moratorium on accepting/processing applications for any type of permits until September 1, 2026, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

B. Approval of a resolution for the extension of a temporary moratorium on data centers including activities involving such systems for cryptocurrency mining and related activities within the unincorporated areas of McPherson County, Kansas. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2026-08, extending the moratorium on accepting/processing applications for any type of permits until December 1, 2026, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

C. Approval of a resolution for the extension of a temporary moratorium on hydrogen energy facilities as well as related activities within the unincorporated areas of McPherson County, Kansas. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2026-09, extending the moratorium on accepting/processing applications for any type of permits until September 1, 2026, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

D. Chairman Becker called Case # ZA25-0104, a public hearing on behalf of the Planning Board to make amendments by resolution, to Article 4 of the McPherson County Zoning Regulations, Section 101 Agricultural District, B: Special Uses Regarding Racetracks. The Chairman verified that no protest petition had been received, and that no Commission members intended to disqualify themselves from the discussion and voting on the case due to conflicts of interest. No Commissioners received exparte communication regarding the case. All Commissioners confirmed they had received copies of the Planning Board Final Report and unapproved minutes from the Planning Board's regular meeting held January 12, 2026. Members of the Planning Board confirmed they felt they had received a fair and impartial hearing. Mr. Kinsey verified that the notice for this hearing was published, and that the real property owners of record received notification at least 20 days prior to this hearing date. Chairman Becker then called on the Administrator to provide a background report and review of the case. He clarified that it was a consensus by the Planning Board to send their recommendations to the County Commissioners; with each event being presented as an individual Special Use case according to predetermined standards. Following further discussion, the Chairman asked if there were any members of the public present who had comments or questions regarding the case. There were none. He then closed the public portion of the hearing and reviewed options for Commission action. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the Planning Board's recommendation on Case ZA #25-0104 and to sign Resolution 2026-10 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

E. Department updates were presented, including data and statistics for permits issued, case types, and fees collected during the month of January 2026.

At 10:47 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess for ten (10) minutes and to reconvene for a work session with the Planning/Zoning/Environment department. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 12:06 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and reconvene at 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2026 to attend the TEAP Study Forum held in Moundridge, Kansas. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 6:15 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye. Commissioner Kueser was absent from the TEAP Study Forum.**

Minutes Prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk