

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
February 9, 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. 9th Judicial District Nominating Commission Appointments
- *G. McPherson County Building Progress Report
- H. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Sheriff Montagne & Captain Blevins -

Non-elected Personnel

9:10 a.m. Sunny Milleson, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections -

- A. Non-elected Personnel (3)
- B. Lease Agreement

9:20 a.m. Cord Nestor, Owner of the Whiskey Wagon -

Approval to serve alcoholic beverages at the Annual McPherson County Rodeo Arena June 2026

9:25 a.m. Emily Yates, Director of McPherson County Emergency Management/Communications -

Approval for repair of Roxbury tower

9:30 a.m. Jeff Butler, County IT Coordinator -

Security System Equipment and Configuration

9:35 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator -

Department Updates and Meeting Reminder

9:40 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

- A. Approval to purchase mowing tires and tracks for inventory
- B. Approval to purchase broom cores for three (3) road brooms
- C. Approval to advertise for a Part-time Bridge Construction Inspector for Bridge Project
- D. Non-elected Personnel

10:00 a.m. WORK SESSIONS: Sheriff's Department, Mapping Department, Register of Deeds, Noxious Weed
Department, Planning/Zoning/Environment, Public Works

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
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9:00 a.m. - Regular Commission Meeting & Department Work Sessions at Public Works: Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Mapping, Noxious Weed, P/Z/E, Public Works

All Present

February 10, 2026

11:30 a.m. - Kansas Pipeline Safety Meeting, Community Building

All Present

February 12, 2026

1:00 p.m. - Emerging Technologies Public Meeting & Discussion, Cedars Event Center

All Present

February 19, 2026

6:30 p.m. - GOP Quarterly Meeting, Cedars Event Center

All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the meeting. One item was added to the agenda for February 9, 2026: McPherson County Building Project Updates. 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 shared updates on recent arrests, current jail counts, and department activities. Sheriff Montagne then requested approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Deputy Buterakos (17C), effective February 15, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:04 a.m., Captain Blevins, Corrections, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request for approval of a PCN to hire Carter Turner (14A) as a new Correctional Officer, effective February 17, 2026, 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. A request to hire Clarissa Tuscan (14A) effective February 17, 2026, 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.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for February 2, 2026, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:07 a.m., Sunny Milleeson, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Star Stallings, Secretary (S18B), effective February 15, 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 Jacob Windholz, ISO I (S36B), effective February 15, 2026. 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 end the introductory period for Danielle Shea, ISO I (S36B), effective February 15, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request to approve the 5-year McPherson County Community Corrections facility lease agreement. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners that the County

Counselor amend the agreement to include information regarding availability of funding. Ms. Milleson will return to the next meeting with the revised agreement.

At 9:12 a.m., Cord Nestor, owner of the Whiskey Wagon, joined the meeting to request approval to sell alcoholic beverages at the annual Saddle Club Rodeo Arena taking place June 19 - 20, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request, contingent upon proof of insurance provided by Mr. Nestor prior to the event. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:14 a.m., Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting to request approval to purchase and install a new replacement thermostat, sensor, and refill coolant for the malfunctioning Roxbury generator. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchases, including labor and installation, from Central Power Systems & Services, in an amount not to exceed \$3,989.45 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager presented a request from the Supreme Court of Kansas for the McPherson County Commissioners to appoint/reappoint two (2) McPherson County non-lawyer members to serve on the 9th District Judicial Nominating Commission. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to reappoint David O'Dell, and to appoint Aaron Mayfield as a new member, replacing previous member Glen Snell, who is not requesting reappointment. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.** The Judicial Nominating Commission members will serve a 4-year term beginning March 2, 2026.

At 9:22 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting and updated Commissioners on his recent attendance at a Battery Energy Storage System meeting he attended in Wichita, KS. He also reminded Commissioners of the upcoming public meeting with discussion regarding energy storage systems to be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 12, 2026, at the McPherson Cedars Event Center.

At 9:25 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request the purchase of remote security system equipment and configuration for offices in the McPherson County Building, which is currently in the renovation process. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase from INA Alert in a total amount not to exceed \$3,378.32 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:29 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with five (5) items:

- A. A request by Mike Evans, Shop Foreman, to select a quote to purchase tires for the upcoming mowing season. Following discussion and a review of bids, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase from Smoky Valley Tire Service in an amount not to exceed \$10,524.00 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request by Mr. Evans to purchase a total of seven (7) broom cores for the three (3) road brooms. Following discussion and a review of bids, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase from United Rotary in a total amount not to exceed \$5,676.38 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request by Elizabeth Hopp, Project Engineer, to advertise to obtain proposals for a Part-time Bridge Construction Inspector for the Comanche Road Bridge (#100080) Project (Groveland). Ms. Hopp reviewed the advertisement including proposal requirements, scope of services, and selection criteria. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request by Mr. Bohnenblust to advertise for a Maintenance Worker to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- E. Department updates on current and upcoming projects, and calendar items by Mr. Bohnenblust.

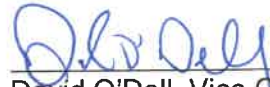
At 9:42 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell shared updates on the progress of the McPherson County Building renovation project after attending the recent monthly building committee meeting.

At 9:48 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess for a ten (10) minute break and to then reconvene for department work sessions. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 4:20 p.m., Commissioner

O'Dell made a motion to recess and to then reconvene on February 10, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. to attend the Kansas Pipeline Safety Meeting at the Community Building. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 1:27 p.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and reconvene on February 12, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. to attend an Emerging Technologies Public Meeting at the Cedars Event Center. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.** At 2:30 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene on February 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to attend the McPherson County GOP Quarterly Meeting at the Cedars Event Center. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 8:00 p.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

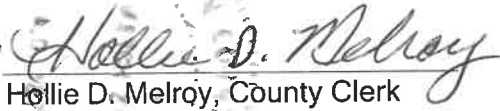
Minutes Prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

