BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
February 23, 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. Automated External Defibrillators for McPherson County Building
G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Sheriff Montagne

2025 Statistics/Review

9:10 a.m. Jeremy Johnson, Moundridge City Administrator

Interlocal Agreement/Resolution

9:15 a.m. Sunny Milleson, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections -

A. Lease Agreement
B. FY27 Adult & Juvenile Comprehensive Plans, Grant Financial Request Workbook, & Signature Forms

9:25 a.m. Under Sheriff Bergstrom -

A. Vehicle bids
B. Property Condition Assessment (Jail)

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

A. UTV discussion
B. Sprayer purchase
C. Spring Chemical Purchases

9:35 a.m. Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications -

A. Vehicle Purchase
B. Windom Tower Acceptance Letter
C. 2025 Department Statistics

9:45 a.m. Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator -

Trace out UPS circuit and electrical panels in the basement of the McPherson County Jail

10:00 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

A. Mike Evans (Fleet Maintenance Foreman) - approval to purchase mowing blades
B. Kevin Erickson (Road Superintendent) - Non-elected Personnel
C. Kevin Erickson - Non-elected Personnel
D. Mike Evans - Discussion of 2016 Loader mechanical issues

10:15 a.m. Hollie Melroy, County Clerk -

Lindsborg City Taxing District Abatement

10:20 a.m. Bob Griffin, Fuqua Construction Inc., Project Manager -

Proposal for Register of Deeds Storage Cabinets

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2026

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9:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting
Vice Chairman O'Dell & Commissioner Kueser - Present
Chairman Becker - Absent
February 27, 2026
8:00 a.m. - Annual Township Meeting at KMU Event Center
All Present

Vice Chairman O'Dell opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Becker was absent. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for February 23, 2026, as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:05 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on recent arrest numbers, citations, and current jail counts. He then introduced two recently hired Correctional Officers. Sheriff Montagne reviewed the 2025 Sheriff's Department Statistics including NTAs and warnings, accidents, cases and warrants, K9 Service dog status and activity, civil process, drone usage, the DARE program, as well as asset forfeiture distributions and expenditures.

At 9:15 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to provide an update on a public meeting regarding data centers, battery energy storage, hydrogen and nuclear power which was held February 12, 2026.

At 9:18 a.m., Jeremy Johnson, Moundridge City Administrator joined the meeting to request signatures on an amended, previously approved Moundridge City Resolution which contained incorrect legal description information (Resolution 2023-10). Following clarification of the corrected legal description changes, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to sign the updated Moundridge City Resolution #2026-05, to make certain findings approving the annexation of a tract of land, owned by TK Acquisition Real Estate, LLC, in the City of Moundridge as described in the resolution. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:22 a.m. Sunny Milleson, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

A. A request to approve a 60-month lease for the McPherson County Community Corrections office space at 121 N. Main McPherson, KS. The lease agreement has been amended by the County Counselor to include information pertaining to "loss of funding/termination." Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the amended lease agreement as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. A request for approval and signatures on both FY2027 Adult and Juvenile Comprehensive Plans and State Grant Funding Acceptance, to KDOC. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign the signatory approval forms as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Under Sheriff Bergstrom joined the meeting with two (2) items:

A. A request to approve bids for the purchase of three (3) Police Interceptor Utilities/Pursuit Vehicles. Following discussion and a review of bids, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the department by approving the purchase of three (3) Dodge Durango Pursuits from Midway Motors at $41,374.00 each, for a total cost not to exceed $124,122.00 as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. Discussion regarding two (2) fee proposal bids for a facility conditions assessment of the McPherson Count Sheriff's Office, including system condition evaluation, remaining useful life, and identification of deficiencies. Following a review of bids, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the bid from CGL Companies as presented for a total amount not to exceed $17,500.00. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:38 a.m., Mike Benda, Noxious Weed Department Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

A. A request to approve an amended, previously approved bid to purchase a CAN-AM Defender DPS CAB HD10. Following clarification of the updated bid and discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase as presented from Agri Center for a total amount not to exceed $22,909.55. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. A request to purchase a 100-gallon boomless sprayer for the Defender. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase as presented from Fairbank Equipment, for a total amount not to exceed $3,567.28. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
C. A request to approve spring chemical purchases for the 2026 season. Following discussion on two (2) bids, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the low bid purchase from Van Diest Supply Company as presented for a total amount not to exceed $32,097.70. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:50 a.m., Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/911 Communications, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

A. A request to purchase a new replacement emergency management agency vehicle. Following discussion and a review of three (3) quotes, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe, including additional equipment, from Superior Emergency Response Vehicles for a total amount not to exceed $65,695.50 as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. A request for approval and signature on the Customer Certificate Acceptance Letter regarding the L3 Harris Corporation Contract ID No. 00001648, which certifies the declaration of the Windom Tower site add-on to the McPherson P25 system, as accepted under the terms of the Agreement. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the document as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** Commissioner Kueser also made a motion to make the final payment on the Windom Tower, to L3Harris Corporation, for a total amount not to exceed $71,357.67 as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
C. A review of the 2025 Statistics for McPherson County Communications Dispatch. Ms. Yates highlighted various total calls as compared to the previous year, and summarized types of calls for service (CFS), key days and times when a higher number of CFS were taken, as well as the frequency of various responding agencies contacted.

At 9:57 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request approval of electrical work to be completed at the Law Enforcement Center regarding the tracing of multiple electrical branch circuits from the basement UPS to the two server rooms in the basement, and to label receptacles once the circuits are identified. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the project to be completed by Hedlund Electric Inc. for a total estimate, based on time and material, of an amount not to exceed $2,800.00 as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:02 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

A. A request by Mike Evans, Fleet Maintenance Foreman, to approve the purchase of three (3) sets of mowing blades for the three (3) mowing tractor rotary mower cutters. Following a review of bids and discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase, from SMS Powertrain & Hardware, at a total combined cost not to exceed $3,318.52 as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. Discussion by Mr. Evans regarding mechanical issues which have developed in the 2016 Caterpillar 938M Loader (#82). It was a consensus among Commissioners to have Mr. Evans pursue repair options including possible motor replacement if necessary.
C. A request by Kevin Erickson, Superintendent, to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Stan Lundin, Maintenance Worker II (14D), effective March 1, 2026.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

D. A request by Mr. Erickson to approve a PCN to hire Jamie Milleson as a Maintenance Worker I (12A), effective March 2, 2026, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Vice Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
E. Mr. Bohnenblust updated Commissioners on current and upcoming department activities and projects.

At 10:13 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting to discuss an issue resulting in the mailing out of unadjusted tax statements regarding the Lindsborg City Taxing District. This will lead to some taxpayers in the taxing district receiving a refund check for overpayment, or a letter, to those who have made partial payments, adjusting their new second half statement amount. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve abates and adjustments for February 23, 2026, in a total amount of $55,063.70 as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve a special accounts payable check to Tammy's Catering as presented. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Vice Chairman O'Dell made a motion to approve accounts payable for February 13, 2026, and payroll for the pay period ending February 14, 2026 (paid February 20, 2026). **All voted aye.**

Commissioners discussed the purchase of four (4) AED machines to be placed in the renovated McPherson County Building. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchases as discussed for a total combined amount not to exceed $6,008.00 from Cardio Partners. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and to reconvene on February 27, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. at the KMU Event Center to attend the Annual McPherson County Township Meeting. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 1:20 p.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye. All Commissioners were present for the Township Meeting.**

Minutes prepared by:
Abbey Heidebrecht, Commission Secretary

ABSENT
Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk