

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
March 16, 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. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:10 a.m. Michele Cullen, CKC

Invitation to attend trail opening

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

- A. Fee schedule for cell towers
- B. Change Finder

9:25 a.m. Joshua Pimentel, Maintenance Supervisor -

Bid for elevator door sensors at the Law Enforcement Center

9:30 a.m. Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications

Non-elected Personnel (3)

9:35 a.m. Cassie Anderson, County Treasurer -

Non-elected Personnel

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

- A. Non-elected Personnel
- B. Non-elected Personnel
- C. Mike Evans - Request to purchase end dump trailer
- D. Mike Evans - Approval of repairs on the Caterpillar Loader
- E. Discussion of Kansas Pipeline Association 2026 KPA Attendance donation
- F. County Public Works Updates

10:30 a.m. Commission tour of Data Center

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9:00 a.m. - Regular Commission Meeting

All Present

11:00 a.m. - Data Center Tour

All Present

5:00 p.m. - KDOT Meeting at the Galva Community Room, RE: Highway 56 Changes

All Present

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Becker opened the meeting. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for March 16, 2026. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:02 a.m., Sheriff Montagne shared updates on recent arrests, current jail counts, and department activities.

Also, during Public Input, Jill Curren, County Attorney's Office Manager, introduced Valerie Hansen who is beginning her position as a Assistant County Attorney for McPherson County.

At 9:06 a.m., Michele Cullen of the Central Kansas Conservancy (CKC), joined the meeting to extend an invitation to Commissioners for the Meadowlark Trail Grand Opening; a celebration of National Rails to Trail Day 2026. The Meadowlark Trail is now complete and connects Lindsborg and McPherson with the 12.4-mile trail. The event will take place at 11:00 a.m. on April 25, 2026 at the Meadowlark Trail entrance off Quivira Road.

At 9:13 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. Discussion of KSA 66-2019, and a request to create a county resolution for the charging of fees to cell operators which would include a \$150.00 fee for a tower zoning permit. It was a consensus among Commissioners to approve the drafting of a resolution according to KSA 66-2019 as presented.
- B. A request to approve the proposal from Eagleview for the KSMCPH25 - Change Finder project. Following discussion, including the benefits of the Change Finder fly-over project to multiple County departments, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request in an amount not to exceed \$7,380.00 for the project, which will reflect comparisons between the years 2018 through 2024, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:25 a.m., Joshua Pimentel, Maintenance Supervisor, joined the meeting to request repairs to the elevator door sensors at the Law Enforcement Center. The doors are currently not functioning. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the repairs by Schindler Elevator Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$7,455.76. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:32 a.m., Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Austin Welch as a Communications Technician (13B), effective March 30, 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 approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Jacob Quested, Shift Supervisor (15G), effective March 29, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

- C. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Shauna Pirl, Tech/QA (14G), effective March 15, 2026. 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., Cassie Anderson, County Treasurer, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Jennifer Allison, Clerk (8D), effective March 15, 2026. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:38 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with six (6) items:

- A. A request to advertise to hire two (2) Part-time Temporary Summer Maintenance Workers. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to advertise to hire a Full-time Engineering Technician to fill a vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. A request by Mike Evans, Fleet Maintenance Foreman, to purchase a 2024 CTS, Model S96, 28' half round quarter frame steel belly end dump trailer to be used to haul materials. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase from Bruckner Truck Sales, Inc., Salina, for an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00, which includes a \$10,500.00 trade-in allowance. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request by Mr. Evans to approve repairs made on the forward hydraulic drive motor on the #82 Caterpillar Loader. Repairs include travel, tech labor, hydraulic labor, and a Reman motor. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the repairs by Foley Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$10,944.38 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- E. Discussion regarding the Kansas Pipeline Association 2026 KPA Attendance donation. Mr. Bohnenblust is requesting the \$1,000.00 award/prize, which does not include any taxpayer dollars, be used toward funding the Annual Public Works Employee Golf Tournament, taking place at Turkey Creek Golf Course on an undetermined future Saturday. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- F. Updates including current and upcoming department activities and projects.

At 9:55 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene at 11:00 a.m. for a tour of a data center. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and to reconvene at 5:00 p.m. to attend a KDOT Meeting at the Galva Community Room, regarding Highway 56 changes. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

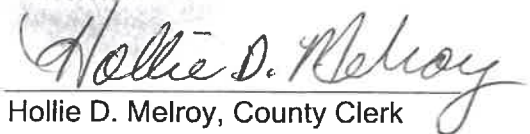
Minutes Prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

