

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
May 18, 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. Approval of Appointment to the McPherson County Advisory Committee at Prairie View
- *G. Approval of Quote for Moving Services, Maintenance Supervisor
- H. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Hopp, Public Works Project Engineer - (Public Works Item A)

Public Hearing for Resolution to fence and gate a section of road known as 7th Avenue

9:10 a.m. April Davis - McPherson County Fair Association 2027 Appropriation Request

9:30 a.m. Angela Brunk - STEP MC 2027 Budget Presentation

9:50 a.m. Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/911 Communications -

- A. Non-elected Personnel
- B. Approval to pay invoice for plumbing services

10:00 a.m. Chuck Laughlin - County Extension 2027 Budget Presentation

10:20 a.m. Angela Schepmann - Safe Hope 2027 Budget Presentation

10:35 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

- A. Public Hearing for fencing & gating a portion of 7th Avenue
- B. Non-elected Personnel
- C. Non-elected Personnel
- D. Non-elected Personnel
- E. Award the Bids for the 2026 Traffic Paint
- F. Award the Bids for the 2026 Traffic Beads
- G. Approval of Change Order regarding bridge project at Comanche Road and 10th Avenue
- H. Approval of pay request regarding the bridge project at Comanche Road and 10th Avenue
- I. Non-elected Personnel

11:00 a.m. McPherson County Sheriff's Dept./Corrections 2027 Budget Presentation

WORK SESSION: Public Works

1:00 p.m. Fuqua Construction, Inc.

2:00 p.m. McPherson County Building Department Head Meeting

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9:00 a.m. - Regular Commission Meeting & Work Sessions (Fuqua Construction, Inc., Courthouse Department Heads, Sheriff Dept. Budget Proposal)

All Present

11:00 a.m. - Prime Craftsman Homes Innovative Affordable Housing Solution Discussion, Moundridge
Chairman Becker & Commissioner O'Dell - Present; Commissioner Kueser - Absent

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. One (1) item was added to the agenda for May 18, 2026: Quote to hire moving company for relocation services. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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.

At 9:03 a.m. Nick Vontz, county resident, expressed his concerns regarding the data centers moratorium.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for April 27, 2026 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. All voted aye.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for May 11, 2026 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell abstained due to his absence at the May 11, 2026 meeting.**

At 9:14 a.m., Commissioners began a public hearing to consider a resolution presented by Elizabeth Hopp, Project Engineer for McPherson County Public Works. Ms. Hopp reviewed the proposed resolution regarding the fencing and gating of a portion of 7th Avenue, commencing approximately 400 feet south of K-4 Highway, then south on 7th Avenue approximately one (1) mile, to the intersection of 7th Avenue and Smoky Valley Road. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2026-13 to fence and gate a certain section of road known as 7th Avenue within McPherson County, Kansas; and provisions regarding the construction and maintenance pursuant to K.S.A. 68-126, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 9:17 a.m. Representatives of the McPherson County Fair Association presented their 2027 Appropriations Request.

At 9:30 a.m., Representatives of STEP MC presented their 2027 Appropriations Request.

At 9:40 a.m., Joshua Pimentel, Maintenance Supervisor, joined the meeting to request approval of a quote from McPherson Movers for services related to the relocation of county departments to the McPherson County Building. Following a review of the quote and discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the quote, approving the request as presented for an amount not to exceed \$39,800.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. Commissioner O'Dell amended his motion to also include a potential fee not to exceed \$750.00 for possible additional charges. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:47 a.m., Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Amber Poore as a Communications Technician (13E), effective June 8, 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 the payment of an invoice to Jim's Plumbing for the replacement of a rooftop AC unit. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the payment for an amount not to exceed \$4,251.07 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:55 a.m., Chuck Laughlin, McPherson County Extension, presented their 2027 Appropriations Request.

At 10:10 a.m., Safe Hope Representatives presented their 2027 Appropriations Request.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve a request for the appointment of JD Bowman to the Prairie View McPherson County Advisory Committee and for the Chairman to sign the appointment document as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:25 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with eight (8) items:

- A. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory status for Daryl Otte, Maintenance Worker III (16F), effective May 24, 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 for the promotion of Martin Speer to a Maintenance Worker III (16D), effective May 24, 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 advertise to fill a vacant Maintenance Worker position. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. A request to award the bids for the 2026 traffic paint. Following a review of bids and discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the bids for white and yellow striping paint to Allstates Coatings at a total cost not to exceed \$65,900.00, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- E. A request to award the bid for the 2026 traffic beads. Following a review of bids and discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the bid for traffic beads to McConnell & Associates at a cost not to exceed \$40,920.00 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- F. A request to approve Change Order #2 from L&M Contractors regarding the replacement of Bridge #100080 at Comanche Road and 10th Avenue. The Change Order reflects the cost of additional pile splice, and extra rock removal. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the Change Order for the two (2) additional items at a total cost not to exceed \$4,310.60 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- G. A request to pay Voucher #2 for Bridge #100080 to L&M Contractors. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the voucher payment for a total amount not to exceed \$254,832.46, and to sign related documents as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- H. A request to approve a PCN to hire Austin Wentling to fill a Part-time seasonal Maintenance Worker I position (12A), effective May 19, 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.**
- I. Department updates on current and upcoming projects and activities.

At 10:48 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion for a ten (10) minute recess and to then reconvene for work sessions with Fuqua Construction, Inc., Department Heads, and the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 3:30 p.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and to reconvene on May 29, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in Moundridge to attend the Prime Craftsman Homes Innovative Affordable

Housing Solution Discussion. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 1:10 p.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell voted aye. Commissioner Kueser was absent from the Housing Solutions event.**

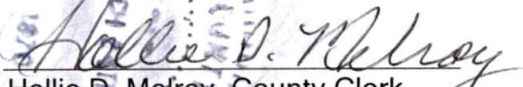
Minutes Prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

