

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
June 1, 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 *Commissioner O'Dell, Non-elected Personnel (Executive Session)
- F. KCAMP Proof of Loss Statement for Signature
- G. Fuqua Construction, Inc. Change Order #2 for Signature
- H. KDADS CDDO Grant Dollars Documents for Signature
- I. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:00 a.m. Sheriff Montagne -

Non-elected Personnel (2)

9:10 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment (PZE) Administrator -

- A. Department Updates
- B. Resolution regarding Kansas SB 418 (2026) - accessory dwelling units/second residential units in unincorporated McPherson County; administrative permitting and draft zoning/subdivision amendments
- C. Resolution regarding approval of a Conditional Use Permit to establish an Adult Care Home facility for residents in the A-1 Agricultural District

9:30 a.m. Denise Becker, McPherson County Conservation District 2027 Appropriations Request

9:45 a.m. McPherson County Council on Aging 2027 Appropriations Request

10:00 a.m. Jon Kinsey, PZE Administrator -

- A. Resolution for Re-zoning Case #ZA-26-0103; to change from the A-2 Agricultural District to M-1 Light Industrial District for a single parcel of land
- B. Resolution for a Special Use - Case #SU-26-0102; to construct and operate a rural event venue/center in the A-1 Agricultural District

10:30 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

- A. Mike Evans, Fleet Maintenance Foreman - approval to purchase a surveying tool storage system for the Public Works surveying pickup
- B. Approval to purchase sign shop supplies for signing repairs and replacements
- C. Discussion of quote proposal from Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC - gas contract
- D. Approval to purchase a new computer
- E. Discussion of a letter to be sent to McPherson County Township Officials regarding on-staff Surveyor and fee structure for Township projects
- F. Project Updates

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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9:00 a.m. - Regular Commission Meeting & Work Session

All Present

June 5, 2026

9:30 a.m. - McPherson County Building Grand Opening/Open House

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Two (2) items were added to the agenda for June 1, 2026: Commission Work Session; and Commission Non-elected Personnel Executive Session. 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. He then presented two (2) items:

- A. Approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Erin Barnett as an Office Deputy (12A), effective June 8, 2026, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Approval of a PCN for the promotion of Caden Burris to a Deputy Sheriff position (17A), effective June 7, 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.**

Tim Hawkinson, Assistant Director of Emergency Management/Communications, also joined Public Input to update Commissioners on damage reports from the recent storms.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for May 18, 2026 as corrected. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:12 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. Department updates including case types, fees collected and total cases for the month of May 2026.
- B. A request to approve a resolution in reference to Kansas SB 418 (2026) for a temporary moratorium between now and December 1, 2026, on permits allowing accessory dwelling units or second residential units in the unincorporated areas within McPherson County. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2026-15 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.** Due to an incorrectly assigned resolution number, Commissioner Kueser amended his motion to approve and sign the Resolution with the corrected number; 2026-14, as presented. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**
- C. A request to approve a resolution for a Conditional Use Permit to establish an Adult Care Home facility for eight residents in the A-1 Agriculture District generally located at 1345 Cherokee Road, Inman, KS. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2026-15 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Commissioner Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 9:38 a.m., Denise Becker joined the meeting to present the McPherson County Conservation District 2027 Budget Appropriations Request.

At 9:45 a.m. Terry Bolte joined the meeting to present the McPherson County Council on Aging 2027 Budget Appropriations Request. Several members from county senior centers also spoke regarding budget needs for their specific programs.

At 10:18 a.m., Jon Kinsey, PZE Administrator re-joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. Chairman Becker called for Case ZA-26-0103, a public hearing regarding a proposed resolution for a Zoning Amendment to change the classification of a single parcel of land (approximately 100 acres) from A-2 Agricultural District to M-1 Industrial District by the applicant, Douglas Unruh, McPherson, Kansas, on Moccasin Road, McPherson KS. Chairman Becker confirmed with Mr. Kinsey the following: that no protest petition had been submitted, that proper notification to nearby land owners and proper notification of publication were sent within the required dates, that all County Commissioners had received copies of the Board of Planning Final Report and unapproved minutes summarizing the hearing on the case, and that all Commissioners were qualified to participate in the present hearing and had no conflict of interest or ex parte communications regarding the case which was approved unanimously by the McPherson County Planning Board at their regular meeting on March 9, 2026. Chairman Becker then called on Mr. Kinsey to provide a background report on the case including recommendations and findings, factors, and conditions. The applicant had no other details or information to add or clarify. There were no comments or questions from the public. Chairman Becker closed the public hearing. Following further discussion by Commissioners, Chairman Becker reviewed options for Commission action. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve Case ZA-26-0103 and to sign Resolution 2026-16 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**
- B. Chairman Becker called for Case SU-26-0102, a public hearing regarding a proposed resolution for a Special Use by applicant Katie Krehbiel, Inman, Kansas, for the construction and operation of an event venue/event center in the A-1 Agricultural District, including a seasonal Christmas tree farm retail location on approximately ten (10) acres in McPherson County. Chairman Becker confirmed with Mr. Kinsey the following: that no protest petition had been submitted, that proper notification to nearby land owners and proper notification of publication were sent within the required dates, that all County Commissioners had received copies of the Board of Planning Final Report and unapproved minutes summarizing the hearing on the case, and that all Commissioners were qualified to participate in the present hearing and had no conflict of interest or ex parte communications regarding the case, which was approved unanimously by the McPherson County Planning Board at their regular meeting on March 9, 2026. Chairman Becker then called on Mr. Kinsey to provide a background report on the case including recommendations, findings, factors, and conditions. The applicant had no other details or information to add or clarify. There were no comments or questions from the public. Chairman Becker closed the public hearing. He then reviewed options for Commission action. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve Case SU-26-0102 and to sign Resolution 2026-17 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioners paused for a five (5) minute break.

At 11:00 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with six (6) items:

- A. Mike Evans, Fleet Maintenance Foreman, requested to purchase a surveying tool storage system for the Public Works surveying pickup. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase as requested from Highway Products at a total cost not to exceed \$11,563.03, to be installed by Public Works as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Mr. Bohnenblust requested to purchase sign shop supplies for signing repairs and replacements, including aluminum sign blanks, clear transfer tape, high intensity prismatic reflective sheeting, and vinyl sheeting. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchases from J&A Traffic Products at a total cost not to exceed \$15,292.20 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. Mr. Bohnenblust presented information regarding a gas contract/proposal renewal with Nextera/Symmetry Energy Solutions LLC, a large bulk gas purchaser and supplier who provides for the gas distribution to both the McPherson County Public Works Asphalt Plant and the McPherson Law Enforcement Center. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve

the contract renewal beginning August 1, 2026 for the Southern Star index price plus \$0.62 delivered, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

- D. Elizabeth Hopp, Project Manager requested to purchase a new computer to replace an outdated computer in one of the Engineering Tech offices. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Dell desktop computer for a total amount not to exceed \$2,942.24 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- E. Ms. Hopp requested approval of a draft informational letter to be sent to McPherson County Township Officials regarding the new on-staff Surveyor and the fee structure for Township projects. Following discussion, it was a consensus of Commissioners to approve the letter to Townships and to re-evaluate rates annually as they would be subject to change.
- F. Mr. Bohnenblust reviewed and reported on current and upcoming department projects and activities.

At 11:22 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve accounts payable, jury checks, a voided check and a reissued check for June 1, 2026 and payroll for pay period ending May 30, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve abates for May 29, 2026 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

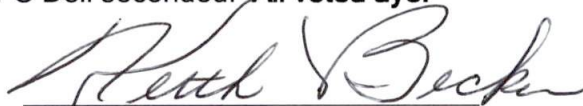
Mr. Witte requested signatures on KCAMP Insurance Proof of Loss Documents. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the documents as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Mr. Witte presented the Fuqua Construction, Inc. Change Order #2 for signature. The change order increases the previous contract total amount by an additional sum of \$145,734.00. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the documents as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

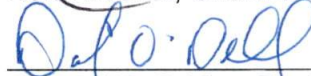
Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign three (3) KDADS documents related to CDDO dollars including: Certification of Nonprocurement or Obtainment of Certain Telecommunications/Video surveillance Equipment, Services or Systems; Policy Against Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation; and Nonengagement in a Boycott of Goods or Services from Israel. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the documents as requested. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and to reconvene for the Commission Work Session. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 12:25 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on June 5, 2026 at the McPherson County Building for the Grand Opening/Open House Event. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes Prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht



Keith Becker, Chairman

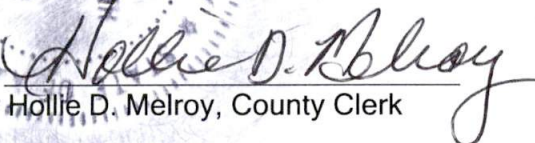


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman



Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

