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BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
June 15, 2026

Commission Meetings are in the McPherson County Building 5th Floor Meeting Room
200 N. Maple, McPherson, KS

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

9:00 a.m. Sheriff Montage & Captain Blevins -

A. Cell Phone Allowance Requests (2)
B. Non-elected Personnel

9:05 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator -

Letter to GMD #2

9:10 a.m. Hollie Melroy, County Clerk -

Non-elected Personnel

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

Non-elected Personnel (3)

9:25 a.m. Tim Hawkinson, Asst. Director of McPherson County Emergency Mgmt/Comm

Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for McPherson County

9:30 a.m. Application for Property Tax Exemption for Viega LLC

9:45 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

A. Non-elected Personnel
B. Non-elected Personnel
C. Approval of Galva invoice for milling and overlay on McPherson St. by railroad crossing
D. Update on work being done on the fuel island at the County Yard
E. Elizabeth Hopp, Project Engineer - Review and request approval of the U.S. Dept of Transportation Grant Agreement Under the Fiscal Year 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
F. Ms. Hopp - Approval request to add the replacement of culvert #117150 located on Moccasin Rd., between 11th Ave. and 12th Ave. to the 2026 culvert/bridge replacement schedule
G. Public Works Project Updates

* Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator - additional switch purchase for McPherson County Building

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2026

June 15, 2026
9:00 a.m. - Regular Commission Meeting
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for the IT Department: request to purchase a new switch for the McPherson County Building. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for June 15, 2026, 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. Two department items were presented:

A. Sheriff Montagne requested approval of cell phone allowances at $4.00 per pay period for Deputy Roque and Deputy Burris, effective June 21, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the request forms as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. Captain Blevins, Corrections, requested approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Elizabeth Morris as a Correctional Officer (14A), effective June 22, 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.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for June 8, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:07 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to discuss a letter he has written, as well as approval to present the letter to the GMD2 Board, and the Harvey, Reno, and Sedgwick County Commission Boards regarding groundwater conditions in GMD2 and long-term McPherson County decline. The upcoming GMD2 Board meeting will be taking place in Halstead, KS on June 23, 2026. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners that Mr. Kinsey may attend the GMD2 Board meeting to present his letter as well as related data and statistics.

At 9:11 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to end the introductory period for Elisa Evans, Office Clerk I (8B), effective June 21, 2026. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:13 a.m., Sunny Milleson, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

A. A request to approve a PCN for the promotion of Justin Myers to an ISO II (S39E), effective 6/21/2026. 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 a PCN for the promotion of Virginia Gaede to the newly created position of JIAS Coordinator (S38E - Exempt), along with the position job description effective June 21, 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 for a payroll change/wage increase for Elizabeth Hornberger, Juvenile Intake Worker, effective June 21, 2026. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:19 a.m., Tim Hawkinson, Assistant Director of McPherson County Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting to request Commission signatures on a Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for McPherson County, Kansas, regarding severe weather events occurring on June 8, 2026, which caused damages to properties within the county, specifically the town of Marquette. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to sign the proclamation as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Kasi Morales, Executive Director of the McPherson Industrial Development Company, joined the meeting and presented a request on behalf of Viega, LLC for a 10-year property tax abatement for a

$17,000,000 expansion project. Following a review of the history of the company and an overview of the proposed future expansion, Ms. Morales introduced Jordan Rose, Viega Inc. Site Director, who provided additional details of the project. Mr. Rose reviewed the four areas of expansion totaling 40,000 square feet for the construction of new raw materials storage, tooling, and maintenance rooms; a maintenance and clean room; and an EHS storage area. Following comments from Bobby Hulse, McPherson City resident, regarding his opposition to large industry tax abatements, Ms. Morales clarified answers to the questions raised by Mr. Hulse and reviewed the cost-benefit analysis for the proposed Viega expansion project. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the application for the tax abatement as requested by Viega, LLC for the proposed expansion project subject to final approval by BOTA as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:46 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with seven (7) items:

A. A request to approve a PCN to hire a Temporary Part-time Clerk for the Public Works Office. It was a consensus among Commissioners to table the item for one week until further information is obtained.
B. A request to approve a PCN to hire Jamie Milleson as a Maintenance Worker I (12A), effective June 22, 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 the payment of an invoice for the milling and overlay project (asphalt & labor) on McPherson Street near the railroad crossing in the City of Galva. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request in the amount of $6,639.23 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
D. Mike Evans, Fleet Maintenance Foreman, joined the meeting to present an update on the fuel island at the County Yard.
E. Elizabeth Hopp, Project Engineer, joined the meeting to review and request approval of the U.S. Department of Transportation Grant Agreement Under the Fiscal Year 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All. The grant has been approved at 100% by the Federal Highway Administration as well as KDOT, and dollars will be available to the County of McPherson, including all cities within the County. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented and for the Chairman to sign the FY 2023 SS4A documents. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
F. Ms. Hopp requested approval to add the replacement of culvert structure #117150 located on Moccasin Road between 11th Avenue and 12th Avenue to the 2026 culvert/bridge replacement schedule. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase from McPherson Concrete Companies for a total amount not to exceed $10,270.92 plus any additional Public Works costs for labor and materials, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
G. Updates on current and upcoming department projects and activities.

At 10:04 a.m. Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request to purchase an additional switch for the McPherson County Building. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase of a 48-port switch from C&C Group in an amount not to exceed $8,000.00 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Keith Becker

Keith Becker, Chairman

Minutes Prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht

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David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST: Hollie D. Melroy

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk