

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
March 30, 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. Quit Claims Deeds (2)
- *G. McPherson County Building Renovation Project Report
- H. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

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

Public Hearing - Request approval of SU Case #25-0104 and Resolution
Re: Private Grass Airstrip Project, Wheatridge Road

9:20 a.m. Stacy Hubbard, County Appraiser -

EagleView Proposal/Contract for approval

9:35 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

- A. Non-elected Personnel
- B. Non-elected Personnel - Executive Session
- C. Discuss and approve a request to set a culvert installation fee for those installed by
McPherson County Public Works for an entrance
- D. Project Updates

10:00 a.m. Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator -

Approval of new cell phone purchases for IT Department

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
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9:00 a.m. - Regular Commission Meeting and Work Session

All Present

April 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. -Annual North Central KS County Highway Assoc. Meeting, Saline County Livestock & Expo Center

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Three (3) items were added to the agenda for March 30, 2026: Quit Claims Deeds (2); and County Building Progress Report. 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., Captain Blevins, Corrections, shared updates on recent arrests, current jail counts, and department activities.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for March 23, 2026, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable, and checks and claims for March 30, 2026, and payroll for pay period ending March 28, 2026, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Two Quit Claims Deeds were presented for approval:

- A. Crestwood Memorial Park, Garden A, Lot 45, Spaces 5 - 8 Lot 46 Spaces 7-8 for the total amount of \$750 to the Pimentel Family
- B. Crestwood Memorial Park, Garden A, Lot 233, Space 2 for the total amount of \$125.00 to Dennis Peterson

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign the Deeds as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, presented a Special Use (SU) Case for approval. Chairman Becker began the public hearing and called SU Case #2025-0104, a request by the Neustrom Land Company LLC, applicant, to approve and sign a proposed resolution for a private airport with a grass airstrip for recreational aviation and emergency access purposes in the A-1 Agricultural District at Wheatridge Road, in NW McPherson County. The Chairman verified that no protest petition had been received, and that no Commission Board members intended to disqualify themselves from the discussion and voting, due to conflicts of interest. No Commissioners received exparte communication regarding the case. All Commissioners confirmed they had received copies of the Board of Planning Final Report and unapproved minutes from their regular meeting held March 9, 2026. The applicant was not in attendance. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator verified that the notice for this hearing was published and that the applicant and real property owners of record received notification at least 20 days prior to this hearing date. Chairman Becker then called on Mr. Kinsey to provide a background report and a review of the case, as well as the related findings and factors. The case was unanimously approved by the Planning Board at their March 9, 2026, regular meeting. Chairman Becker asked Commissioners and members of the public if they had any further comments or questions, then closed the public portion of the hearing. He then reviewed options for Board action and asked for a motion. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve Case SU #2025-0104 along with its findings and factors, and to sign Resolution #2026-12 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 9:31 a.m., Stacy Hubbard, County Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval to sign a contract proposal with EagleView for a 6-year term with two separate flight projects, including pictometry ChangeFinder. Flight projects will be scheduled to take place in 2027 and 2030. Following discussion and a review of the proposal, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve Projects #1 and #2 for a total amount not to exceed \$257,600.00 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:40 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. A request by Mr. Bohnenblust and Elizabeth Hopp, Project Engineer, to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) for the promotion of an Engineering Tech as well as a PCN for the hire of a surveyor, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes, including all Commissioners, Mr. Bohnenblust, Ms. Hopp, and Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to for an additional twenty (20) minutes to continue discussion of non-elected personnel. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.** Ms. Hopp then presented a PCN for the promotion of Patricia Wachtel to an Engineering Tech IV (21F), effective April 12, 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. Ms. Hopp presented a request for approval to set a culvert installation fee in the amount of \$2,000.00 which would be applicable for any culvert installed by McPherson County Public Works, on McPherson County Roads, for an entrance. Following the review of the Revocable Entrance Application/Permit form and discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. Department updates regarding current and future projects and activities were presented by Mr. Bohnenblust, including the progress on the Groveland Bridge.

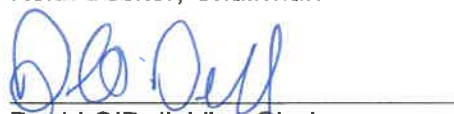
At 10:37 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request the purchase of two (2) new department cell phones and to cancel the individual monthly use stipends. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchases as requested and to cease the monthly stipend of \$40.00 each. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell reported and updated the progress of the McPherson County Building renovation project, which is now 96% complete.

At 10:47 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. to attend the Annual North Central Kansas County Highway Association Meeting held at the Saline County Livestock & Expo Center in Salina, KS. Commissioner Kueser left the meeting at 12:05 p.m. At 1:55 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

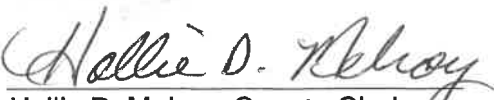
Minutes Prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk