

**BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA**

for  
April 13, 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 - County Attorney; Non-elected Personnel
- F. NACO County & State Government Month Proclamation
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m.      Public Input

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

Non-elected Personnel (3)

9:10 a.m.      Laurie Wizarde, Register of Deeds -

Non-elected Personnel

9:15 a.m.      David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

- A. Request to approve repairs costs on equipment #81, a 2008 Caterpillar backhoe
- B. Elizabeth Hopp, Project Engineer - Project updates

9:30 a.m.      Work Session - Public Works & Planning/Zoning/Environment Depts.

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting & Work Sessions (Public Works & Planning/Zoning/Environment)

Chairman Becker & Commissioner Kueser - Present

Commissioner O'Dell - Absent

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner O'Dell was absent from the meeting. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for April 13, 2026 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:02 a.m., during Public Input, Sheriff Montagne presented weekly arrest numbers, jail counts, and recent department activities.

At 9:04 a.m., Sheriff Montagne presented two items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Sergeant Archuleta (19E), effective April 26, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a PCN to end the introductory period for Deputy Britting (17B), effective April 26, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:06 a.m., Captain Blevins joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Stephanie Helming as a Correctional Officer (14A), effective April 27, 2026, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:08 a.m., Laurie Wizarde, Register of Deeds requested approval of a PCN for the promotion of Sheila Malm to a Clerk II (10B), effective April 26, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for April 10, 2026 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable and encumbrances for April 13, 2026, and payroll for pay period ending April 11, 2026 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN on behalf of the County Attorney to hire Rachel Ingram as a Trial Clerk/Diversion Coordinator (11E), effective April 20, 2026, to fill a vacancy. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:15 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. Mike Evans, Fleet Maintenance Foreman presented a request to purchase parts to repair a damaged swing frame on the 2008 Caterpillar backhoe (#81). Following a review of bids and discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to allow the purchase of parts from Foley CAT for an amount not to exceed \$3,899.17, including shipping, as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. Elizabeth Hopp, Project Engineer, presented an update on the KDOT Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) Study, specifically regarding the crash history at two (2) McPherson County intersections including Arrowhead Road & Old 81, and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue & Old 81. Recommended options for improved traffic control were discussed.
- C. Ms. Hopp presented updates on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SSRA) grant program as well as updates regarding specific county bridge conditions and progress of bridge projects.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign the minutes from April 6, 2026 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Chairman Becker read a proposed proclamation designating April 2026 as National & Kansas County Government Month. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the proclamation as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:41 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess for a ten (10) minute break then to reconvene for work sessions with the Public Works and Planning/Zoning/Environment departments. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.** At 1:40 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

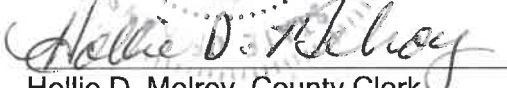
  
Keith Becker, Chairman

ABSENT

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

  
Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

