

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
April 27, 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. Purchases for McPherson County Building
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Sheriff Montagne -

Non-elected Personnel

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

A. HB 2114 Awareness & Discussion

* B. Flooding concerns in Jackson Township

9:20 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

- A. Non-elected Personnel
- B. Non-elected Personnel
- C. Non-elected Personnel
- D. Approval to accept the TEAP study as submitted
- E. Department Updates

9:35 a.m. Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator -

Network switch for McPherson County Building

*9:40 a.m. County Building Remodel Update, Commissioner O'Dell

*9:45 a.m. KCCA Conference Report, Chairman Becker

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2026

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9:00 a.m. - Regular Commission Meeting

All Present

April 28, 2026

8:00 a.m. - County Department Budget Presentations, Public Works Meeting Room

All Present

May 8, 2026

10:00 a.m. - Annual McPherson County All Schools Day Parade & Republican Luncheon

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Three (3) items were added to the agenda for April 27, 2026: Planning/Zoning/Environment, Flooding concerns in Jackson Township; County Building Renovation Project Update; and KCCA Meeting Report. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Kueser 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 a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Deputy Detective Barnett (19E), effective May 10, 2026. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** Sheriff Montagne also introduced Stephanie Helming, a recently hired Correctional Officer.

At 9:05 a.m. during Public Input, State Representative Mike King, House District #74, joined the meeting for discussion and input from Commissioners regarding their ideas on property tax relief, reducing unfunded state mandates and ways to increase state population growth.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for April 20, 2026, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:46 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. Discussion of the implementation of HB 2114 and the statutory changes affecting dams, stream obstructions, channel changes, and related review functions in unincorporated areas. The 2026 changes for HB 2114 will make modifications more explicit, raise permit fees, add post-construction fees and civil penalties, and expand the county relevance of inundation mapping and recorded notices. Mr. Kinsey presented an implementation checklist of procedures and recommended adoption of the checklist as an internal working document. He also presented the issuance of a director-level administrative memorandum to planning, zoning, floodplain, public works, and related staff.
- B. Awareness and discussion regarding flooding concerns in Jackson Township near the Ducks Unlimited Watershed at the northeast corner of 9th Avenue and Navajo Road in McPherson County.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve accounts payable, witness checks, and McPherson County Health Department vouchers for April 27, 2026, and payroll for pay period ending April 25, 2026, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with five (5) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Darren J. Moore, Maintenance Worker II (14C), effective May 10, 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 to end the introductory period for Ty Dilbeck, Maintenance Worker II (14B), effective May 10, 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 hire an additional Part-time Temporary Maintenance Worker/Mower for the summer. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- D. Department and project updates.
- E. Update on the TEAP Study regarding safety improvements at two (2) intersections: Arrowhead Road & Old 81 Highway; and 22nd Avenue & Old 81 Highway. Recommendations at both intersections include converting both intersections to four-way stops; adding rumble strips along Old 81 Highway prior to the intersections; and continuous monitoring of any crashes at the intersections which may lead to roundabout installations if crash rates remain above the critical rate.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve two (2) add-on purchases for the County Building renovation project: worktable in the Register of Deeds office costing \$10,350.00; and five (5) concrete planter boxes at a total cost of \$8,200.00 including installation. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

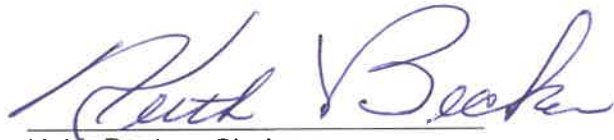
At 10:23 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request the purchase of additional networking equipment/switches related to the network configuration project for the County Building. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the proposal to approve the purchases for a total amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 from the C&C Group as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:28 a.m. Commissioner O'Dell presented an update on the progress of the McPherson County Building renovation project, noting that the work is now 98% complete.

At 10:37 a.m., Chairman Becker reported on his recent attendance at the KCCA Conference in Hutchinson, KS and reviewed topics of discussion.

At 10:44 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and to reconvene at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at the Public Works Meeting Room for Department Budget Presentations. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026, to participate in the Annual McPherson County All School Day Parade followed by the Republican Luncheon. At 1:00 p.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

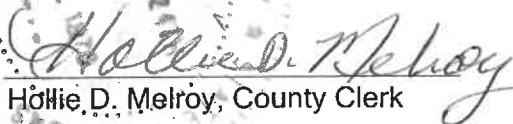
Minutes Prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

