# BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
## AGENDA
for
August 10, 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 (p.2)
C. Approval of Checks and Claims & Payroll
D. Adds & Abates
E. Personnel
F. Approval of New Policies (3) (p.4)
G. Designation Change of Official County Newspaper (p.15)
H. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Captain Blevins, Corrections - (p.17)

Non-elected Personnel

9:10 a.m. Derek Moos, GIS - (p.22)

Laptop purchase

9:20 a.m. Justin Myers, Community Corrections - (p.27)

Non-elected Personnel

9:25 a.m. Joshua Pimentel, Maintenance Supervisor -

A. Cleaning Services discussion
B. Cell Phone Purchase

9:35 a.m. Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications -

Non-elected Personnel (2) (p.30)

9:40 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director - (p.39)

Review and approve the Pay Request from L&M Contractors Inc. regarding the replacement of Bridge #100080 at Comanche Road and 10th Avenue.

10:15 a.m. Work Sessions: Sheriff, Public Works, Planning/Zoning/Environment

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting & Work Sessions with Sheriff, Planning/Zoning/Environment, and Public Works
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Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for August 10, 2026, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Director, joined Public Input for department updates including clarification of items being addressed at the Planning Board Meeting taking place at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th floor of the McPherson County Building.

At 9:05 a.m., Captain Blevins joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Karrah McFall as a Full-time Correctional Officer (14A), effective August 17, 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.**

At 9:08 a.m., Derek Moos, GIS/Mapping, joined the meeting to request to purchase a laptop for department use. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the purchase from Dell Technologies for an amount not to exceed $3,236.87 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes from August 3, 2026, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

t 9:13 a.m., Justin Myers, Community Corrections, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Jennifer Barefield as a Partial Part-time Juvenile Intake Worker, effective August 16, 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.**

At 9:15 a.m., Joshua Pimentel, Maintenance Supervisor, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

A. A request for a department cell phone and monthly leasing plan with a two-year contract. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request for a cell phone and leasing plan in an amount not to exceed $36.00 per month, including a 2-year contract, and to end the personal cell phone allowance previously reimbursed to Mr. Pimentel. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. A request to terminate the current cleaning services contract for the McPherson County Building, with a 30-day notification effective immediately, and for authorization to contact JJ Cleaning Services, the next lowest bidder, for confirmation of their proposal and start date of September 9, 2026. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioners took the following action regarding three (3) proposed County Policies:

A. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign the General Policy Regarding Dress and Appearance for All County Offices, effective August 10, 2026. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign the Food and Drink Policy for County Office Buildings, effective August 10, 2026. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
C. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign the Use of McPherson County Building 4th and 5th Floors Policy, effective August 10, 2026. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, presented a proposed resolution to change the Designated Official County Newspaper from the McPherson Sentinel to the Rural Messenger. Following discussion regarding cost quotes from the two (2) publications, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the lower quote from the Rural Messenger as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. Commissioner Kueser amended his motion to approve and sign County Resolution 2026-19; Designation of the Rural Messenger as the Official County Newspaper. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m., Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

A. A request for approval of a PCN to hire Jessica Eldridge as a Communications Technician (13A), effective August 17, 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. A request for approval of a PCN to hire Melissa Lidgett as a Communications Technician (13A), effective August 16, 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.**

At 9:35 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

A. Review and approval of a pay request from L&M Contractors, Inc., for costs related to the Bridge #100080 project located at Comanche Road and 10th Avenue. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to pay the voucher to L&M for $470,333.70 and to sign the Pay Request Form as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. Current and upcoming department project updates.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess for a ten (10) minutes break and to then reconvene for a work session with the Sheriff's Department and the Planning/Zoning Environment Department. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and to directly reconvene at the Public Works office for a work session. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 12:37 p.m. Commissioner Kueser left the meeting. At 1:18 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht

Keith Becker, Chairman

David O'Dell, Vice Chairman

Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk