

*Amended

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
August 17, 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. CMB Notice to Township
- *G. Reappointment to Solid Waste Utility Board
- H. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Hollie Melroy, County Clerk -

Vote Canvass regarding August 4, 2026, Primary Election

9:10 a.m. Emily Yates, Director/Tim Hawkinson, Assistant Director of Emergency Mgmt./Comm. -

Request to order replacement batteries for the UPS

9:20 a.m. Joshua Pimentel, Maintenance Supervisor -

Snowblower Purchase Request

9:30 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

- A. Discussion and approval of repair costs on a 1998 International Semi-truck (#36)
- B. Non-elected Personnel
- C. Department project updates

9:40 a.m. Jeff Butler, IT Director -

Security Appliance Upgrades

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting & Building Tour of McPherson County Courthouse

Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for August 17, 2026: Reappointment to the Solid Waste Utility Board. 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., Captain Blevins, Corrections, presented weekly arrest numbers, jail counts, and recent department activities.

At 9:04 a.m. Hollie Melroy, County Clerk joined the meeting to request approval to open the 69 qualified and 18 partially qualified provisional ballots from the August 4, 2026, Primary Election. An additional 31 provisional ballots were disqualified for various reasons which were noted by Ms. Melroy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for Ms. Melroy to open and count qualified provisional ballots as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes from August 10, 2026 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable, witness checks, and election worker and related mileage checks for August 17, 2026, as well as payroll for the pay period ending August 15, 2026, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve abatements for August 14, 2026 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

9:15 a.m., Joshua Pimentel, Maintenance Supervisor, joined the meeting to request to purchase a single operator walk-behind snow blower unit for Maintenance department use. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase from Ace Hardware for an amount not to exceed \$1,628.99 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the reappointment of E. David Schmidt for an additional 3-year term on the Solid Waste Utility Board effective August 25, 2026. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:26 a.m., Mike Evans, Public Works Fleet Maintenance Foreman, joined the meeting to request approval for the replacement of drivelines to repair Semi-truck #36. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the repair by Bruckner Truck, Salina, KS, for an amount not to exceed \$5,753.44 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:30 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting requesting the approval to advertise to hire Part-time Temporary Maintenance Workers/Mowers for a 4-month period. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve three (3) new hires as requested. He then amended his motion to approve two (2) new hires as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** Mr. Bohnenblust updated Commissioners on current and up-coming department projects and activities.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a Cereal Malt Beverage Notice to Township for 365 Sports Complex, Superior Township, Inman, KS, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:38 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Director, joined the meeting to request approval to purchase a security appliance. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the purchase proposal as submitted by Chris, CRM for an amount not to exceed \$5,528.00. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:43 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess for a ten (10) minute break and to then reconvene at the McPherson County Courthouse for a building tour. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to reconvene directly to the County Building to continue the Commission meeting in open session. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 11:41 a.m., Ms. Melroy joined the meeting to complete the canvass and report on the Primary Election results. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the August 4, 2026 Primary Election final canvass as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 12:02 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

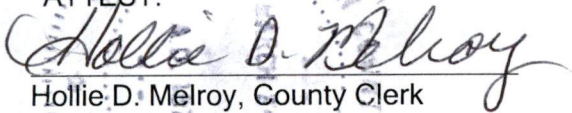
Minutes recorded by Abbey Heidebrecht


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

