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BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
for
August 24, 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. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Laurie Wiziarde, Register of Deeds -

Non-elected Personnel

9:10 a.m. Charissa Highsmith, McKIDS Coordinator -

Funding Request

9:25 a.m. Shalei Shea, Health Department Director -

Non-elected Personnel

*9:28 a.m. Reaffirm the appointment of the County Administrative Agency Hearing Officer

9:30 a.m. Kasi Morales, MIDC Executive Director -

Quarterly Report

9:40 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

A. Discuss and approve a request to renew leases on gas cylinder bottles
B. Non-elected Personnel
C. Request for signature on plans specs, and contract documents regarding replacement of Bridge 075010 located south of Inman on Arapaho Rd.
D. Department Updates

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2026

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting
All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for August 24, 2026: Request to Reaffirm the Appointment of the County Administrative Agency Hearing Officer. 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., Sheriff Montagne, presented weekly arrest numbers, jail counts, and recent department activities. He also introduced Karrah McFall, a new Correctional Officer.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for August 17, 2026 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:02 a.m., Laurie Wiziarde, Register of Deeds, joined the meeting to request approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Maya Santillan as a Clerk I (8A), effective September 8, 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 9:06 a.m., Katherine Herrman, Executive Director of Special Education for the McPherson County Cooperative, and Charissa Highsmith, McKIDS Coordinator, joined the meeting to review the MCKIDS Infant & Toddler developmental needs services offered through their programs, and to request funding support from the County. Three (3) parents of children who have benefited from the program also shared their positive experiences and expressed their gratitude for the assistance and services they have received.

At 9:28 a.m. Shalei Shea, Health Department Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a PCN to hire Ezzrie Judd as a Clerk I (8A), effective September 8, 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.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion that the Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Board of Health, designate the Director of Planning, Zoning and Environment, or the Director's designee approved by the Board, as Hearing Officer for administrative appeals from decisions of the Administrative Agency under the McPherson County Sanitary Code, unless the Board appoints a different Hearing Officer for a specific matter. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:52 a.m. Kasi Morales, MIDC Executive Director, joined the meeting to present the Quarterly Director's Report. Ms. Morales reviewed and reported on labor data and statistics of McPherson County workers in the including their County of residence and the average wage distribution as compared with other Counties. She also reported on recent and upcoming County businesses with specific plans and programs for retention, expansion, and attraction of the local workforce.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve an abatement as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:49 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

A. Mike Evans, Fleet Maintenance Foreman requested the renewal of 10-year leases on sixteen (16) gas cylinder bottles used for cutting torches and welding. Following discussion Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the lease renewals through Lampton Welding Supply Company for a total amount not to exceed $6,724.61 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
B. Mr. Bohnenblust request approval of a PCN for the promotion of Stan Lundin to a Maintenance Worker III (16D), effective August 30, 2026. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
C. Mr. Bohnenblust requested approval and authorization to allow him to sign the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents submitted by Kirkham Michael for the replacement of bridge #075010 located south of Inman on Arapaho Road. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to

approve the request and to authorize the related documents as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

D. Mr. Bohnenblust updated Commissioners on current and future department projects and activities.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell 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