

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA **August 19, 2024**

Meetings held on the 1st floor in the Commission Meeting Room at County Building, 122 W. Marlin

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. Approval of Adds and Abates
- E. Personnel
- F. Class A Club License for McPherson Country Club
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator -
Planning Board Reappointments

9:10 am. Hollie Melroy, County Clerk -
Canvas Votes of August 6, 2024 Primary Election

9:30 a.m. Tom Kramer, Public Works Director -

Discussion of request by New Gottland Township to designate 13th Ave. from Pioneer Road to Pueblo Road as a "Minimum Maintenance Road"

MCPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

August 20, 2024

11:00 a.m. LEPC Meeting in Groveland, KS

Chairman Becker & Commissioner O'Dell - Present

Commissioner Kueser - Absent

August 23, 2024

10:00 a.m. Meeting with Senator Dr. Marshall at the McPherson Country Club

Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell - Present

Commissioner Kueser - Absent

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda for August 19, 2024 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

During Public Input at 9:00 a.m., Sheriff Montagne updated Commissioners on recent arrest numbers and current jail counts, as well as department activities. He also introduced Layson Clemmons, a recently hired Correctional Officer.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for August 12, 2024 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to request approval of Planning Board member reappointments who will complete their current term ending December 31, 2024, and continue to serve the following term through December 31, 2027. Mr. Kinsey reviewed the members for reappointment in each of the three Commission districts, with Chairman Becker reappointing Glenda Taylor to a second term, Commissioner O'Dell reappointing Lori Bower to a second term, and Commissioner Kueser reappointing Kathy Nicholson to a third term. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve all reappointments as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:06 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting for the official commission vote canvas, including a review of election outcomes, from the August 6, 2024 Primary Election. She distributed documents detailing vote totals in all races including local precinct committees and township boards, as well as national, state, and county representatives and officials. Ms. Melroy stated that the eligible voter turnout for this election totaled 14% which she noted was extremely low. Following the review, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the election canvas as presented for the August 6, 2024 Primary election. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:25 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to discuss a request by New Gottland Township to designate 13th Avenue, from Pioneer Road to Pueblo Road, as a "Minimum Maintenance Road" which would require a county resolution. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to set the public hearing date for the resolution, on September 16, 2024 at 9:10 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve accounts payable, witness checks, as well as two (2) voided and reissued checks for August 19, 2024, and payroll for pay period ending August 17, 2024 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve adds and abates for August 16, 2024 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for Chairman Becker to sign a Class A Club License for the McPherson County Club effective October 3, 2024 through October 3, 2025, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

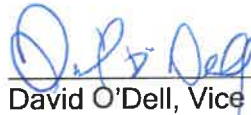
At 9:40 a.m., Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager requested fifteen (15) minutes of executive session, including himself, to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

At 9:57 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and reconvene August 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in Groveland, KS to attend an LEPC meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 12:41 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on August 23, 2024 to attend a meeting with Senator Roger Marshall at the McPherson Country Club. Chairman Becker seconded. **Both voted aye. Commissioner Kueser was absent from the LEPC meeting.** At 11:14 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **All voted aye. Commissioner Kueser was absent from the meeting with Senator Marshall.**

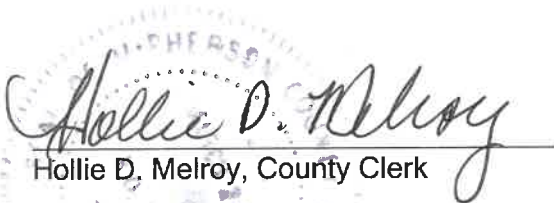
No Commission meeting was held the week of August 26, 2024. On August 28, there was a special request from Laurie Wiziard, Register of Deeds, for the Chairman to sign a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Sarah Bell as a Clerk I (8A) in the Register of Deeds Office, effective September 3, 2024, to fill a vacancy. Chairman Becker approved and signed the PCN as presented.

Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

