

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA
September 30, 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. Re-appointment to the Harvey/McPherson counties Community Corrections Advisory Board
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

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

Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit - Application by homeowners at 1763 Overland Rd., McPherson, KS, for the purpose of holding dirt bike races on the east end of their property, in the A-1 Agriculture District (Case #2024-0102)

9:30 a.m. Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator -

Request to approve a quote for a new workstation for the Mapping/GIS Coordinator

9:45 a.m. Tom Kramer, Public Works Director -

Discussion of RFQ for Engineering Consultants for the design of the Bridge on Arapaho Rd. west of 8th Ave. (KLBIP)

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

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the agenda for September 30, 2024, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell 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 read a letter he received from the Moundridge EMS Director sincerely commending McPherson County Deputies Hall and Archuletta for assisting with a seriously injured individual at the scene of a recent accident until EMS arrived.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for September 23, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request approval of a quote for a new workstation for the Mapping/GIS Coordinator. Following a review of the quote from Dell Technologies, and discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase of a Precision 5860 Tower Workstation - Build Your Own, from Dell Technologies in an amount not to exceed \$5,334.11 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** Funding will come from IT Capital Outlay.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable, one witness check, one reissued check, and two voided items for September 30, 2024, and payroll for the pay period ending September 28, 2024, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to re-appoint Anoria Carlson to the Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections Advisory Board for the period of October 2024 through October 2027 as recommended by Director, Tim Gadde. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:10 a.m., Chairman Becker called the public hearing for a Special Use application (Case #24-0102) by Casandra Barta to hold motorcross events at their dirt bike racetrack located on her property at 1763 Overland Road, in the A-1 Agricultural District. The Chairman followed standard procedures for conducting public hearings by confirming that a proper and qualified protest petition was received; that no Commissioners chose to disqualify themselves from the case; and that exparte communications had been received by all three (3) Commissioners regarding the case. He also confirmed that Commissioners had received a copy of the Planning Board unapproved minutes, and that proper notification of nearby property owners was given. The applicants were present and agreed that they felt they had been given a fair and impartial hearing. Chairman Becker asked Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator to present background information, and to report on the September 9, 2024, Planning Board meeting. Mr. Kinsey reviewed the case including factors and findings, and conditions. The case was disapproved by the Planning Board by a 7 to 1 majority vote (with one member absent). Chairman Becker asked for questions and comments from the public. Tami Schropp, a nearby property owner, addressed the Commissioners with concerns regarding a private party which was held at the applicant's property, and included dirt bike activity on the track, the previous afternoon. The applicant did not wish to respond to Ms. Schropp's comments. Chairman Becker then asked if Commissioners had any questions for the applicants. Joshua Barta, co-applicant answered questions from Commissioners regarding their purpose for the dirt racetrack and details regarding the private event held Sunday, September 29, 2024. Chairman Becker then closed the public hearing. He read all options for Commission action. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Board and disapprove Case SU #24-0102, and to sign Resolution #2024-14; the non-approval of a Special Use permit for a dirt racetrack, on certain lands located in McPherson County. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve adds and abates for September 27, 2024 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:26 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to discuss his request for quotes for Engineering Consultants, regarding the design of the bridge on Arapaho Road west of 8th Avenue (KLIP Grant). Mr. Kramer noted that he received only one proposal after sending out multiple requests. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to accept the proposal from Kirkham Michael & Associates for Professional Engineering Services. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:29 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session for five (5) minutes, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager and Tom Kramer, to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken during executive session.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion stating that effective immediately, Tom Kramer is terminated from the Public Works Department. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:38 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht



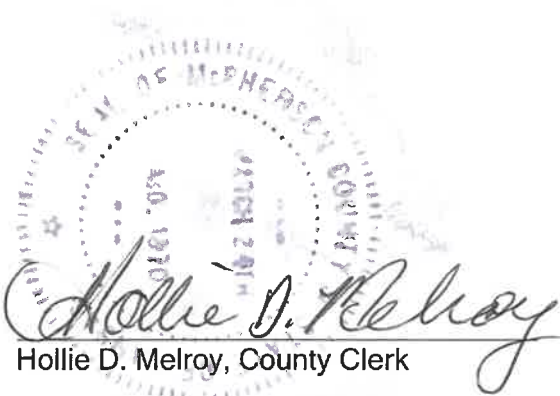
Keith Becker, Chairman



David O'Dell, Vice Chairman



Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner



Hollie D. Melroy

Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk