

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA
October 14, 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 - Public Works, Non-elected
- F. County Holiday Schedule Resolution for 2025
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:10 a.m. Brian Bina, County Counselor -

Atty/Client Privilege, Executive Session

9:30 a.m. Fuqua Construction -

County Building Discussion

9:45 a.m. Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications -

Non-elected Personnel (2)

9:55 a.m. Sheriff Montagne -

Non-elected Personnel

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

Monthly Department Statistics

10:30 a.m. Work Session at Public Works

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

All Present

10:30 a.m. Work Session at Public Works

All Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda for October 14, 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.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for October 7, 2024, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:02 a.m., Brian Bina, County Counselor, joined the meeting and requested twenty (20) minutes of executive session, including Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, for atty/client privilege regarding pending litigation. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session as requested. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

At 9:22 a.m., Max Fuqua, Fuqua Construction, joined the meeting to present and discuss the County Building project final plan and final guaranteed cost, which amounts to \$6,676,000.00 and includes all design, engineering, and construction except for furniture. Following discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to postpone official action, for further study of County funding sources, and to discuss the final cost as compared to original estimates. Mr. Fuqua will return to the regular Commission meeting on October 28, 2024.

At 9:38 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request for approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to end the introductory period for Nicole Simotes, Communications Tech (13B), effective September 29, 2024. 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 Selina Gensch as a Communications Tech (13A), effective October 28, 2024, 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 9:32 a.m., Sheriff Montagne joined the meeting with two items. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to go into executive session for ten (10) minutes, including Mr. Witte, Sheriff Montagne, and Under Sheriff Bergstrom for discussion of non-elected personnel. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye. No action was taken in executive session.**

Following executive session, Sheriff Montagne continued with his two (2) items:

- A. A request to fill the recent Office Deputy vacancy in the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a PCN to hire Mark Barnett as a Deputy Sheriff (17C), effective October 28, 2024, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **Both voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted nay.**

At 9:56 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting for department updates, and to review zoning and sanitation permits obtained for the month of September 2024, as well as fee permits collected.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payables and one voided check for October 14, 2024, and payroll for pay period ending October 12, 2024 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign a PCN to hire Tim Schmidt as Part-time Seasonal Help at Public Works (12A), effective October 17, 2024 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2024-15, the 2025 County Holiday Schedule, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 10:10 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and reconvene at 10:25 a.m. at Public Works for a work session. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 3:11 p.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, County Clerk

