

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA **November 18, 2024**

**Meetings held on the 1st floor in the Commission Meeting Room of the 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. Adds & Abates
- E. Personnel - Administration, Non-elected
- F. Resolution Opposing the Federal Government's 30" X 30" Land Preservation Goal
- G. Resolution Adopting the Central Kansas Regional Solid Waste Authority Solid Waste Management Plan
- H. Support Letter for McPherson County Council on Aging's Grant Application
- I. Cereal Malt Beverage Notice to Township (2)
- J. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Public Works Dept -

- A. Non-elected Personnel
- B. Non-elected Personnel

9:10 a.m. Hollie Melroy, County Clerk -

Review and Vote Canvass of November 5, 2024 Election

9:25 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment (PZE) Administrator -

- A. Comprehensive Plan Change - Re: Addition of a policy to prohibit Commercial Wind Power and Commercial Solar Farms
- B. Subdivision Regulations - Re: Change in the small plat subdivision for a residential subdivision from 20 acres or less to 40 acres or less
- C. Zoning Regulations - Re: Article adjustments and amendments in various subjects

10:00 a.m. Meeting with City Officials and Legislative Representatives

10:30 a.m. Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator -

Server Replacement at Law Enforcement Center

11:00 a.m. Work Session at Public Works with Public Works Staff & PZE

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9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting & Meeting with County/City Officials and Departments

All Present

11:10 a.m. Work Session at Public Works with Public Works Staff and Planning/Zoning/Environment Staff

All Present

November 21, 2024

10:00 a.m. LEPC Meeting at the Galva Fire Department

Chairman Becker & Commissioner O'Dell - Present

Commissioner Kueser - Absent

November 22, 2024

10:30 a.m. Meeting at the McPherson Community Building with the City of McPherson for the City's Strategic Plan Discussion

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda for November 18, 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 November 4, 2024 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

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

At 9:04 a.m., Kevin Erickson, Public Works Superintendent, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Martin Speer as a Maintenance Worker I (12C), effective November 25, 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.**
- B. A request to advertise for a Maintenance Worker I, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:06 a.m., Hollie Melroy, County Clerk, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A review of the vote tallies from the November 5, 2024 General Election. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to accept final vote tallies and to sign related documents including Court of Appeals and District Court Judge, Township Trustees and Treasurers, and the Kansas Secretary of State Post Election Audit Reports (3), as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to fill a Clerk vacancy in the County Clerk's office. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager, requested approval of a PCN to end the 6-month introductory period for Derek Moos, GIS/Mapper effective November 24, 2024 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:15 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to request the purchase of a replacement server for use at the Law Enforcement Center beginning in 2025. Following a review of the proposal, Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the bid to purchase the Nutanix replacement server including

five (5) years of maintenance and support, from Eagle Technologies for an amount not to exceed \$111,133.02 as presented. The purchase will be paid from the 2024 General Fund, and reimbursed to the fund by the Sheriff and Emergency Management 2025 budgets. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell read a support letter to KDOT Public Transportation on behalf of McPherson County Council on Aging for their grant application submission to receive Section 5311 funding to offset general public transportation service costs. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the letter as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a Cereal Malt Beverage Notice to Township for Rolling Acres Golf Course in New Gottland Township, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign a Cereal Malt Beverage Notice to Township for the Lindsborg Golf Course in Smoky Hill Township, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:25 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting with three (3) items:

- A. **Change to the County Comprehensive Plan** - Chairman Becker called agenda item A, to consider approval of the McPherson County Comprehensive Plan 2004-2014, as amended. Chairman Becker verified that all Commissioners had received a copy of the unapproved November 11, 2024 Planning Board Meeting minutes, which included a written summary of the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan and its adoption by the Planning Board. Mr. Kinsey, Zoning Administrator, then provided an overview of the proposed change in the Comprehensive Plan recommended by the Planning Board; to add a policy to prohibit Commercial Wind Power and Commercial Solar Farms, as they conflict with the goals of the Plan (rural and agricultural) and pose unknown hazardous environmental risks. There were no questions for Mr. Kinsey, following his report, from the County Commissioners or members of the public. No written communication was received from the public regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Becker closed the public input portion of the agenda item. No further discussion by County Commissioners concerning the approval of the Comprehensive Plan took place, therefore, Chairman Becker asked for a motion from County Commissioners. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve the McPherson Comprehensive Plan as amended by signing Resolution 2024-16 as presented. The motion also included directing the County Clerk to publish the resolution. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**
- B. **Revisions to the Subdivision Regulations** - Chairman Becker called agenda item B, to consider approval of revised Subdivision Regulations for McPherson County. Chairman Becker verified that all Commissioners had received a copy of the unapproved November 11, 2024 Board of Planning and Zoning Appeals minutes which included a written summary of the public hearing. Mr. Kinsey, Subdivision Administrator, presented the revised Subdivision Regulations, specifically to change the small plat subdivision for a residential subdivision from 20 acres or less, to 40 acres or less. There were no questions for Mr. Kinsey following his presentation, from the County Commissioners or members of the public. Chairman Becker closed the public input portion of the agenda item. No further discussion by County Commissioners concerning the revision took place, therefore, Chairman Becker asked for a motion. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Board of Planning & Zoning Appeals and approve the Subdivision Regulations as submitted, by signing Resolution 2024-17 as presented. The motion also included directing the County Clerk to publish the resolution. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**
- C. **Zoning Regulation Updates** - Chairman Becker called agenda item C, to consider approval of revised Zoning Regulations and the Official Zoning District Map for McPherson County. Chairman Becker verified that all Commissioners had received a copy of the unapproved November 11, 2024 McPherson County Board of Planning & Zoning Appeals minutes which included a written summary of the revised and adopted Zoning Regulations and the Official Zoning District Maps. Mr. Kinsey,

Zoning Administrator, presented the revised and updated Zoning Regulations and Official Zoning District Map. He noted that Zoning Regulation updates were made to several Articles and the Appendix, as presented. There were no questions for Mr. Kinsey from the County Commissioners or members of the public. No written communication was received from the public regarding the Zoning Regulations. Chairman Becker closed the public input portion of the agenda item. No further discussion by County Commissioners took place concerning the updates, therefore, Chairman Becker asked for a motion. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Board of Planning & Zoning Appeals and to approve the Zoning Regulations and Official Zoning District Map as submitted, by signing Resolution 2024-18 and the Official Zoning District Map as presented. The motion also included directing the County Clerk to publish the resolution. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell read a proposed Resolution, opposing the Federal Government's 30" X 30" Land Preservation Goal. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2024-19 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

Commissioner Kueser read a proposed Resolution adopting the previously approved Central Regional Kansas Solid Waste Authority Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2024-20 as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 9:57 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess for five (5) minutes and to reconvene in the same location. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

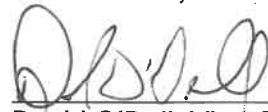
At 10:10 a.m., County Commissioners, Department Officials, and Department Heads met with City Officials and Department Heads representing the cities of McPherson and Inman, for discussion and an opportunity to share updates regarding completed, current, and upcoming projects.

At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and directly reconvene at Public Works for a work session with Public Works and Planning/Zoning/Environment Staff. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 4:35 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on November 21, 2024 for an LEPC meeting at the Galva Fire Station. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 12:27 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and reconvene at 10:30 a.m. November 22, 2024 at the McPherson Community Building for a meeting with McPherson City to discuss the City's Strategic Plan. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell voted aye. Commissioner Kueser was absent from the LEPC meeting.** At 11:13 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell voted aye. Commissioner Kueser was absent from the Strategic Plan meeting.**

Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht



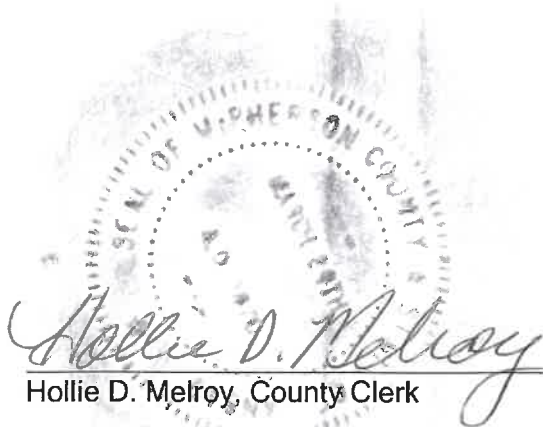
Keith Becker, Chairman



David O'Dell, Vice Chairman



Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner



Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk