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BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA
April 14, 2025

**Commission Meetings are being held at the Public Works Dept. Meeting Room
1115 W. Avenue A, McPherson, KS during the renovation project at the County Building**

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. National County Government Month Proclamation
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Barbara Rose, McPherson County Resident -

Discussion of delinquent taxes

9:10 a.m. Sheriff Montagne -

Non-elected Personnel

9:15 a.m. Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications -

Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

* Resolution for a Temporary Burn Ban for McPherson County

9:20 a.m. Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator -

Resolution Ensuring Publication of Prior Adopted and Effected Resolutions

9:25 a.m. David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director -

- A. Discussion and approval of Maxwell State Park Project & Memorandum of Understanding
- B. Discussion of City of Inman Milling and overlay on Center Street
- C. Discussion and approval to purchase a new ½ ton pickup truck to be used by office personnel (Mike Evans, Shop Foreman)
- D. Discussion and approval to purchase a new grapple bucket for a wheel loader to load trees into trucks and stack trees at the tree pit (Mike Evans, Shop Foreman)

9:40 a.m. Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator -

Queuing and Appointment software for County departments

10:15 a.m. Work Session with McPherson County Public Works

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

- Work Sessions with Public Works & Planning/Zoning/Environment

All Commissioners Present

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. One item was added to the agenda for April 14, 2025: Resolution for a County-wide Burn Ban. 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 updated Commissioners on recent arrest numbers, citations, and current jail counts. He also requested approval of a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Dustin Andor as a new Correctional Officer (14A), effective April 14, 2025, 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.** Sheriff Montagne introduced Officer Andor to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve the minutes for April 7, 2025, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:05 a.m., Barbara Rose, Marquette Resident, joined the meeting to express concerns regarding her interest in purchasing a specific vacant lot in the City of Marquette to build a new home for herself. She reviewed her attempts over the past three (3) years to purchase the lot from its owner. Ms. Rose distributed documents from the Marquette City and McPherson County records to verify that the taxes on the lot are many years delinquent, along with several additional Marquette properties which are also delinquent. Ms. Rose is seeking the date of the next county tax sale to pursue the purchase of the lot. Commissioners informed Ms. Rose that they will look further into the matter to come up with a solution and will contact her when they have updated information.

At 9:25 a.m., Emily Yates, Director of Emergency Management/Communications, joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request for approval of a proclamation designating April 13 -19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Ms. Yates read the proclamation and asked for the Chairman's signature on the official document. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the proclamation as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to approve a proposed State of Disaster resolution, proclaiming a burn ban for all areas within the boundaries of McPherson County, effective April 14, 2025, and continuing until rescinded by the McPherson County Board of Commissioners. Ms. Yates read the resolution and asked for signatures. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to sign Resolution 2025-05 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.** Commissioners will revisit the burn ban weekly. Ms. Yates noted that the only exception for any type of burning during the ban would require an individual county resident to contact the Fire Chief and obtain written permission to burn on a case-by-case basis.

At 9:30 a.m., Jon Kinsey, Planning/Zoning/Environment Administrator, joined the meeting to request approval of a proposed resolution ensuring publication of prior adopted and effected resolutions. Mr.

Kinsey read the proposed resolution, including the fifteen (15) specific resolutions, which have been appropriately passed and enforced, though the location of the official Affidavits of Publication is unknown. According to the proposed resolution, once approved, it will be published in the County newspaper April 23, 2025. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 2025-06 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Chairman Becker voted aye. Commissioner Kueser voted aye. Commissioner O'Dell voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m., David Bohnenblust, Public Works Director, and Mike Evans, Fleet Maintenance Foreman, joined the meeting with four (4) items:

- A. A request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between McPherson County, Kansas and the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks regarding the upgrading and maintenance of Pueblo Road between 24th Avenue and 27th Avenue. Mr. Bohnenblust reviewed the MOU including the project and maintenance responsibilities of Public Works and Kansas Wildlife & Parks. He also noted that the MOU had been reviewed and approved by the McPherson County Counselor. McPherson County will be reimbursed for 50% of the costs not to exceed \$25,000. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the MOU as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A request to allow Public Works to provide milling and overlaying of East Center Street from East McPherson County/Inman City Limit to Pine Street. The City of Inman has agreed to reimburse all costs for the County to complete the work, which Mr. Bohnenblust estimates somewhere between \$53,400 to a maximum of \$61,400. Following discussion, Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- C. Mike Evans joined the meeting to request approval to purchase a new ½ ton pickup truck for use by office personnel. Following a review of quotes and specs, it was a consensus among Commissioners to table the item and further discuss options at the work session following the meeting.
- D. Mr. Evans requested approval to purchase a new grapple bucket for a wheel loader to load trees into trucks and stack trees at the tree pit. Following a review of quotes and discussion, it was a consensus among Commissioners to table the item for a week while additional information and quotes are obtained.

At 9:45 a.m., Jeff Butler, IT Coordinator, joined the meeting to discuss the purchase of queuing and appointment software for certain County departments. He explained how the software system functions as a convenience and benefit to the public who often face extended in-person wait lines particularly during early voting for elections, motor vehicle license transactions, and property taxes. Following discussion, including a purchase quote for the annual subscription from QLess, it was a consensus among Commissioners to table the item until they meet with the County Treasurer and County Clerk to obtain their input on the benefits of the software system.

Commissioner Kueser made a motion to approve accounts payable for April 14, 2025, and payroll for the pay period ending April 12, 2025, as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

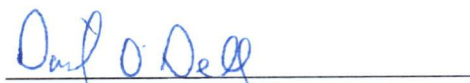
Chairman Becker presented a proclamation designating the month of April as National & Kansas County Government Month. Commissioner Kueser and Chairman Becker read the proclamation. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for the Chairman to sign the document as read. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Kueser made a motion for a ten (10) minute recess/break before reconvening for a work session with Public Works and Planning/Zoning/Environment departments.

Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 2:45 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes prepared by:
Abbey Heidebrecht, Commission Secretary


Keith Becker, Chairman


David O'Dell, Vice Chairman


Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

