

AGENDA
MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2026

The meeting Agenda may be modified at such meeting. NOTE to citizens: Any Agenda item may be moved at the discretion of the Chairman of the Board.

9:00 AM

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Roll Call / Excused Absences
3. Nebraska Open Meetings Act Statement
 - This meeting of the McPherson County Commissioners has been properly advertised and is being conducted under the guidelines of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.
 - A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the North wall of the Courtroom.
4. Appoint the County Board Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2026 (Currently: Brett Nason and Jeff Arensdorf)
5. Approve the minutes of the last meeting.
6. Examine Fund Balance Reports from the Treasurer
7. Examine and Approve Claims as presented.

Public Comments. Pursuant to Section 84-1410, members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak. This public comment section will be limited to 15 minutes total.

8. Appoint Weed Superintendent and set wage for 2026 (Currently Rich Cook- Current Wage \$14.00 per hour) *Minimum wage increases in 2026 to \$15.00/HR
9. Rich Cook - Weed Report

10. **County Roads Report and Discussion**

- Ed Black
- Flatbed Trailer
- Set schedule for 2026 Road Overseer.
 - Jan-Feb-March - Brett Nason April-May-June - Jeff Arensdorf
 - July-Aug-Sept - John Bryant Oct-Nov-Dec - Brett Nason
- Set Date for One- and- Six- Year Road Plan Hearing (10:00 AM - February 11, 2026)
- Examine and Approve January Road Plan as presented by Nason.

11. **Safety Committee Meeting** - Tom Werblow

- Appoint Safety Committee for 2026 (Current: Tom Werblow, Ed Black, Brett Nason)
- Appoint Chairman of Safety Committee for 2026 (Current: Brett Nason)

12. Resolutions

- **RESOLUTION #2026-1** Appointing County Surveyor for 2026 (Currently Dickinson Land Surveyors, Ogallala, NE)
- **RESOLUTION #2026-2** Road Department Salaries and Set Prices to Pay and Charge for Machine Hire in 2026 (See Attachment)
- **RESOLUTION #2026-3** Highway Superintendent (Current: Tom Werblow @ \$9000/yr)
- **RESOLUTION #2026-4** Depositories
- **RESOLUTION #2026-5** Treasurer Authority to Invest Funds
- **RESOLUTION #2026-6** McPherson County Attorney (Current: Whitney Schroeder – Current Wage 100 hours per month @ \$13.50 per hour, mileage, and insurance benefit)
*Minimum wage increases in 2026 \$15.00/HR
- **RESOLUTION #2026-7** Official's Salaries 2027-2030 Term
- **RESOLUTION #2026-8** Salaries for County Attorney and County Surveyor (Elected)

13. Appointments and Approvals

- **Courthouse Custodian** (Current: Chris Burch– current wage 100 hours per month @ \$13.50 per hour – no insurance benefit)
*Minimum wage increases in 2026 to \$15.00/HR
- **Keith County 911 Advisory Board** (Current: John Bryant – Alternate: Brett Nason)
- **Zoning Planning Commission – 3 Year Term 2026-2029** (Mike Krull, Kelly Ward, Vernon Waits)
- **Board of Adjustment – 3 Year Term 2026-2029** (Current: John Haller, Ed Black, Replace Jeff Arensdorf –Alternate)
- **Fair Board – 3 Year Term 2026-2029** (Current: Arlis Blake, Dan Arensdorf, Arlan Paxton)
- **Fair Board – Vacancy to be filled from Term 2024-2027:** (Lindsay Bernal)
- **Sandhills RC&D Board Member and County Member for 2026** (Current: Jeff Arensdorf, Sheila Neal)
- **West Central District Health Department Board – Representative and Alternate for 2026** (Current: Jeff Arensdorf, Vacancy)
- **Lexington Area Solid Waste Management Board – Representative and Alternate for 2026** (Current: John Bryant, Jeff Arensdorf)
- **West Central Area Aging Board, Region II Mental Health Board, West Central Representative for 2026** (Current: Brett Nason)
- **West Central Development District Board – Representative and Alternate for 2026** (Current: Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant)
- **Miller Park Caretaker** (Current: Chelsey McNutt– Salary \$1320.00 per year)

14. APPROVE IN ONE MOTION:

- **County Physician** (West Central District Health Department)
- **Collateral Receipts**
- **Burial Fees** (Current: \$1500.00)
- **Meeting Dates and Times for 2026** (Current: 2nd Wednesday @ 9:00 AM)
- **McPherson County Emergency Manager –** (Current: Lawrence Stump – Salary \$1500.00 per year) Budget 2026-2027 \$2000.00 per year.
- **McPherson County Zoning Administrator –** (Current: Kathy Hoberg – Salary \$1800.00 per year)

- McPherson County Board of Equalization – Chairman (Current: Jeff Arensdorf) Vice Chairman (Current: Brett Nason)

15. County Office Reports and Business

- County Clerk Quarterly Fee Report
- County Sheriff Quarterly Fee Report – ALS
- County Treasurer

16. Old Business

- Dumpsters – Cameras and Roll-off

17. New Business

- Annual Signature Report – Secretary of State
- November Commissioner’s Meeting – Veteran’s Day Holiday
- **Adjourn the Meeting**

The Board reserves the right to go into executive session if such session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2026