McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Proceedings
September 24th, 2026

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, September 24th, 2026, in the Commissioners' chambers. Chairman Mark Opp called the meeting to order via Zoom at 8:30AM. Members present in person were Mike Mardian in person, Neal Woehlhaff via zoom, Jeff Neuharth via phone and Sid Feickert via phone after the start of the meeting. The full meeting can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/@McPhersonCountySD

Mardian moved Neuharth seconded to approve the agenda of the September 24th meeting. Upon roll call vote: Mardian, Neuharth, Woehlhaff and Opp voted "Aye"; Feickert absent. Motion carried. No conflicts were declared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
At 8:30AM no public comments were heard.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN:
Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded refund Bruce Mack $200 for approach fees paid on 5/12/2025; other approach permit applicants who paid approach fees prior to February 11th, 2026, may be eligible for a refund if requested through the Auditor's Office. Upon roll call vote: Mardian, Neuharth, Woehlhaff and Opp voted "Aye"; Feickert absent. Motion carried.
Feickert joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the ongoing access points/driveways that Bruce Mack built, constructed and/or modified without approval. Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to file a lawsuit against Bruce Mack for violation of McPherson County Zoning Ordinance 2024-01 with a fine of $500 per violation. Upon roll call vote: Mardian, Neuharth, Woehlhaff, Feickert and Opp voted "Aye". Motion carried.
Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to remove the dozer from the right of way on an approach located in T127N R67W Section 26 SW1/4. Upon roll call vote: Mardian, Neuharth, Feickert, Woehlhaff and Opp voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Permits to Occupy Right of Way
Feickert moved and Neuharth seconded to approve the following permits to occupy right of way, FEM Electric to bury power cable by boring across 360th Ave between Section 25 and 26 of T126N-R68W; FEM Electric to bury power cable by boring between Section 9 and 16 of T126N-R70W. Upon roll call vote: Mardian, Neuharth, Feickert, Woehlhaff, Opp voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED:
Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to approve the following claims: Bruce Mack, refund, $200. Upon roll call vote Mardian, Neuharth, Feickert, Woehlhaff, Opp voted "Aye". Motion carried.

State's Attorney
Neuharth moved and Woehlhaff seconded to authorize Austin Hoffman to apply for the special US Attorney Program grant on behalf of McPherson County. Upon roll call vote: Mardian, Neuharth, Feickert, Woehlhaff, Opp voted "Aye". Motion carried.

At 9:05AM Woehlhaff moved and Feickert seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote Mardian, Neuharth, Feickert, Woehlhaff, Opp voted “aye”. Motion carried.

The next regular commission meeting will be held on October 6th at 9am and on Thursday, November 5th at 10am.

ATTEST:

Lindley Howard
McPherson County Auditor

Mark Opp
Chairman, Board of Commissioners