

McPherson County Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment
Minutes of Proceedings
October 21st, 2025

Call to Order

The McPherson County Zoning Board was called to order by Chairman Mike Mardian at 9:02 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers. Members present included George Hulscher, Logan Heupel, Dan Mettler, and Richard Kolb. Also present were Hunter Heinrich from Zoning Administration, Eric Senger from NECOG, and several people from the public. Austin Hoffman, McPherson County States Attorney, came at 9:08 A.M.

Agenda

Richard Kolb moved, and George Hulscher seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

George Hulscher moved, and Logan Heupel seconded to approve July 15th, 2025, meeting minutes as published. Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were mentioned.

Public Comments

No public comments were heard.

New Business

Discussion was held on Manure Hauling. Arden Sieh made a comment at this time talking about how he feels the distance for hauling manure at 5 miles within the county is too short. Distances brought up were 10 and 12 miles. Different rates and mileages were discussed. George made a motion to table until later in the meeting. Motion died as no second was made. Zoning board members looked in the zoning book to see what setbacks were from cities as well as homes for spreading manure. Dan made a motion and George seconded to table the manure haul discussion until talks about approaches cease, motion carried.

At 9:53 A.M., Mike called Glenn Spitzer, Highway Superintendent to discuss the approach ordinance template. Dan made a motion and Logan seconded to remove language about the Board of Adjustment and changing to the Highway Superintendent, motion carried. Dan made a motion and George seconded to change wording from the Treasurer collecting fees to the Highway Department collecting fees in 5.34.02 paragraph 1. Motion carried. Logan made a motion and Dan seconded for Austin to add in wording involving slopes in 5.34.03, Motion carried.

At 10:20 A.M., George made a motion and Dan seconded to untable the talks on manure hauling, Motion carried. George made a motion and Logan seconded to change the distance of manure hauling in county from 5 miles to 10 miles, Motion carried. A public hearing was determined to be held for these changes on November 12th, 2025.

Eric Senger was here from NECOG to discuss the McPherson County Comprehensive Plan. Airports were discussed. Eric wanted to know what we all wanted for the Comprehensive Plan and more will be discussed about that at a future meeting. Mike asked about costs for this plan, and for a revision, the minimum would be \$2,500. Eric then went through our old Comprehensive Plan and noted some of the things we could bring over to our new one including updated census data and goals for the county. Richard made a motion and Dan seconded to recommend to the County Commissioners to hire Northeast Council of Governments (NECOG) to create an updated Comprehensive Plan for McPherson County, motion carried.

Building Permits

25-18 – Aaron Mehlhoff – Used grain bins; 25-19 – Jeff Neuharth – Hopper bins; 25-20 – Derek Merkel - Exterior Remodel; 25-21 – Brian Geffre – House addition; 25-22 – David Gruebele – Grain Bin; 25-23 – Steven Kallas – Grain Bin; 25-24 – Brandon Beutler – House and garage addition; 25-25 – Glenn Beutler – Grain Bin; 25-26 – Sid Feickert – Concrete in shop bldg.; 25-27 – Jeremy Hoff – Grain Bin; 25-28 – Crown Castle – Replace equipment; 25-29 – Wes Knoepfle – Permanent dog pen; 25-30 – Andrew Aman – House addition; 25-31 – Kay Retzer – Pole Barn addition

The next meeting will be on November 12th at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment

Logan Heupel moved, and Dan Mettler seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

Hunter Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

Mike Mardian
Chairman of the Zoning Board