July 1, 2025

A Special Meeting to review 2026 budget requests was called to order in the Commission Meeting Room by Chairman Chuck Mehlbrech. Members present: Steve Gordon, Tom Heumiller, and Marc Dick. Absent: Charles Liesinger

Chairman Mehlbrech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mehlbrech called for approval of the agenda. Motion Heumiller to approve the agenda as posted. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Public input: none.

Commissioner Reports: none.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Auditor Sherman and the Board reviewed a quote from Salem Lumber for the replacement of the old carpet and installation of new carpet squares in the office space being provided for the Dept of Health to meet clients. Three boxes of carpet squares, from a previous job, were found so the only cost is for the glue and labor. The board approved the quote and asked Sherman to notify Salem Lumber and the Dept of Health.

Auditor Sherman reviewed two Applications for County Assistance (2025-07 & 2025-08) for funeral services with the Commission. Both applications for assistance were approved.

Motion Gordon to enter Executive Session at 9:10 pm for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Second Heumiller. Motion carried. Laurie Schwans, Register of Deeds, was present. Schwans left the meeting and Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Coordinator, joined the meeting. Chairman Mehlbrech declared out of Executive Session at 10:15 pm.

Auditor Sherman and Becky Hoiten, Deputy Auditor, continued review of 2026 budget requests with the Commission. Following discussion, it was decided to allow a 2.9% (CPI) increase for the ambulance services. Bridgewater Ambulance Service, $46,400 (current funds from County) x (2.9%) $1345 = $47,745. McCook County Emergency Medical Services, $254,300 (current funds from County) x 2.9% ($7,375) = $261,675. The Board asked Sherman to contact both to make them aware of this and to let Stiefvater know that he should go ahead and order supplies from Two Way Solutions ($26,992) for 911 repeater upgrades now, instead of waiting until next year, not knowing if Mitchell Regional 911 will take all of the surcharges collected for McCook County.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. subject to call.

Dated this 1st day of July 2025.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County