

November 12, 2025

The meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Chuck Mehlbrech. Members present: Marc Dick, Steve Gordon, and Tom Heumiller. Absent: Charles Liesinger.

Chairman Mehlbrech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the October 28th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Gordon to approve these minutes for publication. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Public comment: none.

Commissioner Reports: none.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Comm Charles Liesinger joined the meeting.

Josh Prather, IMEG, reviewed 2025 Bridge Inspections Report and 2025 Load Analysis Summary with the Board and Travis Raap, Hwy Supt. Prather noted that McCook County bridges are in great shape with only 4 posted bridges. All bridges will be looked at in 2026.

States Attorney Fink joined the meeting.

Hwy Supt Raap informed the Board that Geronimo Power (Grant Solar) has requested a virtual meeting to be held on November 20th to discuss a haul road agreement and review a drafted Road Use Agreement. Raap noted that revisions have been made by States Attorney Fink. Motion Dick to hold a special meeting so the discussion is held with the commissioners, Hwy Supt Raap, States Attorney Fink, and Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator. Second Gordon. Motion carried. The meeting is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Raap informed the Board of damage done to a motor grader and a truck plow while doing snow removal. Raap reported that heaters in the Main Shop of the Hwy Dept were installed in 1985 and all three have quit working with no parts available. Iron Wheel quoted \$3350 per heater to install new head units on the radiant heaters and reuse the current tubing and \$150 per thermostat to replace the thermostats on the three heaters. Board approval given for fixing the heaters. Current projects include blading, mowing bridge decks, and replacing signs in NE quadrant of county.

Motion Gordon to convene as Drainage Commission. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Drainage Administrator, presented 7 drainage permit applications to the Board, noting that downstream signatures have been obtained and he has signed off on them. All permits are available for inspection at the Hwy Dept Office.

D25-037	Ortman Revocable Trust	N2SE4 26-102-54
D25-038	Addy Living Trust	NE4 W of RR Inc W50' Former RR ROW & NW4 Ex S 972.5' of W1120' thereof 21-102-54
D25-039	Addy Living Trust	NW4 23-102-54
D25-040	Addy Living Trust	NE4 23-102-54
D25-041	Ortman Revocable Trust	SW4 26-102-54 Ex Tr 3&4 Collins Grove Add SW4SE4 & Ex Tr 1 Althoff's Add & Ex W660' of S660' lying within City (routine maintenance)
D25-042	WL Janzen Corp	SE4 Ex- Lot H1 29-102-54
D25-043	TMR Enterprises Inc	NW4 26-104-56 (routine maintenance)

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

The following building permits were issued in the month of October:

25-83	Spencer Quarries Inc	Quarry Shop & Offices	That part of NE4 lying N & W of H-1 (10.8AC), EX H-1 & that part of NW4 lying N & W lot H-1, EX H-1 & that part of SW4 lying N & W of H-1, EX H-1, H-2, H-3, H-419-103-56
25-85	Samuel E & Lois Hofer	Calving Barn	NE4 7-102-55
25-86	AT&T-NREA	Antenna Modification	S510.69' of W455.03' of SW4SW4 (5.34AC) 22-103-56
25-92	Zach & Maggie Anderson	New House	W530' of N1540' NE4 18-104-54
25-93	Steve & Cathy Eichacker	Grain Bin 54' (13 Rings)	Bin on leased site NW4 27-103-54
25-94	Kris & Shannon Weber	New Shop 70x30	NW4NE4 EX lot H-1 & EX 100' x 300' in NW corner 24-103-55

Auditor Sherman presented the 2026 Prisoner Housing Agreement with Charles Mix County Law Enforcement to the Board. The rate is \$90/prisoner day. Motion Liesinger to approve the agreement and authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign same. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented the 2026 Inmate Housing Contract with Lake County Sheriff's Office to the Board. The rate is \$95/prisoner day. Motion Liesinger to approve the contract and authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign same. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Motion Liesinger to amend the agenda noting an Executive Session with the HR Consultant for personnel discussion. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Motion Gordon to enter Executive Session at 9:10 a.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, was present. Second Heumiller. Motion carried. Chairman Mehlbrech declared out of Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

Following Executive Session, motion Heumiller to approve hiring of Kari Lundholm as Administrative Secretary/Deputy for Sheriff's Office, \$19.98/hour, effective 11/17/2025, part-time basis and full-time effective 12/01/2025. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Motion Liesinger to approve 2.5% increase to base wages for new employees and temp/on-call employees beginning in 2026. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Motion Liesinger to convene as Planning Commission. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, presented Ordinance 2025-07 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2014-01 – 2014 Revised Zoning Regulations for McCook County by Amending Chapter 11, Additional Use Regulations; and Section 11.19, Fences to the Board. Flogstad did 1st reading of the ordinance title, section 1, and section 2. There was no one present for public comment. With no further discussion, motion Liesinger to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2025-07 and schedule the 2nd reading for 10:30 a.m., on November 25, 2025, Commission meeting. Second Dick. Ayes: Liesinger, Dick, Heumiller, Gordon, and Mehlbrech. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, read Ordinance 2025-06 An Ordinance of McCook County, South Dakota, Amending the 2014 Revised Zoning Regulations for McCook County by Amending Chapter 4, RR: Rural Residential District; Chapter 4.01, Permitted Uses; Chapter 19, Definitions; Chapter 19.02, Definitions. Donald Larson and Mike Healy were present. There was no public comment. Revisited the 'animals useful to man' question from previous meeting. Per the definition of AGRICULTURE, this would include dairy animals, poultry, livestock (cattle, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, mules, goats, etc.), therefore would not be allowed in LR or RR. Motion Dick to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2025-06 and adoption of same. Second Gordon. Ayes: Dick, Gordon, Liesinger, Heumiller, and Mehlbrech. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, read Ordinance 2025-08 An Ordinance of McCook County, South Dakota, Rezoning the Property at NW4SE4 11-101-53 Ex Aspen Ridge Tract 1 Ex Tracts B, 2, & 3 Buckmiller's Add & Ex Vermillion Heights Estates from the AG: Agricultural District to the RR: Rural Residential District and Amending the Official Zoning Map of McCook County. There was no public comment. Motion Liesinger to approve the reading of Ordinance 2025-08 and adoption of same. Second Gordon. Ayes: Liesinger, Gordon, Dick, Heumiller, and Mehlbrech. Nays: none. Motion carried. Donald Larson and Mike Healy were present and provided the Board with copies of Preliminary Sub-Division Plans for review. Larson will provide a final draft of Sub-Division Plans for the Commission to review at their December 9th meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The October Law Enforcement Report and a report showing the breakdown of calls made and hours worked in each community were noted and filed. County Report: 911 hang-ups 2, accidents 16, animal complaints 17, assists 8, DUI 3, investigations 1, motorist assist 6, other 28, theft 1, transport 1, traffic stops 49 (warnings 33 & citations 14), and welfare checks 1.

The October SEFP Monthly Facilitator Report was noted & filed.

Auditor Sherman presented the General Liability Insurance renewal package to the Board. Motion Liesinger to authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign-off on the 2025-2026 Declarations Packet. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman informed the Commission that the Kyocera copier lease with Century Business for Dir of Equalization Office has expired. Sherman noted that the Penetration Assessment conducted by DSU, Project Boundary Fence, showed that the Kyocera copier is easily attacked. Sherman also noted that the Century Business Solutions Analyst who met with her regarding the lease, did mention a security software upgrade. Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization, was present, adding that the Kyocera copier has worked well and she would like to continue using this brand of machine. No action was taken at this time. The Board asked Auditor Sherman to contact the Kyocera representative, inviting him to a future meeting.

Welfare Director Sherman and the Commission reviewed Care of Poor Report that included October lien payments. A Notice of Hospitalization was received from Avera Queen of Peace Hospital (2025-11).

Auditor Sherman noted receipt of the 2026 Weed & Pest Board Grant in the amount of \$7600.00.

Motion Heumiller, second Liesinger, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll by Department: 11/08/2025: Commissioners 2333.80 mileage 117.60; Auditor 6449.16; Treasurer 5687.87; States Attorney 3730.38; Custodian 1460.20; Dir of Equalization 4707.71; Register of Deeds 3914.42; Veterans Service Officer 341.40; Sheriff 15553.24; Contract Law 9287.03; Care of Poor 228.92; Welfare 276.55; Extension Secretary 1556.10; Drainage 222.15; Planning & Zoning 671.21. SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-Redfield 60.00, 2nd ½ Predatory Animal Control, 1193.64; Grand Jury, fees & mileage, 510.60. A& B Business Solutions, monthly copier lease, 82.97; Alternative HR, November HR services, 5600.00; Asure Operations, annual fee-job postings, 708.00; Avera Queen of Peace, blood alcohol services, 685.00; C & B Operations, supplies, 198.58; Card Service Center, supplies, 1511.48, office supplies, 157.81; weed sprayer, 460.74; DARE graduation supplies, 1235.68, care of poor, 26.00; Central Farmers Coop, gas, 21.02; Century Business Products, monthly copier contracts, 657.57; Chesterman Co., bottled water, 170.50; City of Bridgewater, November ambulance appropriation, 3866.66; Corporate Translation, translation services, 31.47; Dakota Data Shred, shredding services, 146.14; Davison County Sheriff, October jail services, 7455.00; Mike Fink, October expenses, 460.75; Gessner Welding, repair & supplies for courthouse front doors, 465.00; Gordon Flesch, monthly copier contract, 33.00; Kathryn Heumiller, blood alcohol service, 140.00; InfoTech Solutions, equipment update for Managed IT Services, 4436.22; Inter-Lakes Comm Action, November Community Service Worker hours, 1107.58; Larry's Food & Auto, vehicle supplies & maintenance, 3176.06; Lewis Drug, prisoner care, 12.00; Lincoln County Auditor, reimburse mental health expenses, 533.51; Maynards Salem, supplies, 15.28; McCook County EMS, November ambulance appropriation, 11559.09; McCook County Treasurer, postage, 600.50; McCormick Motors, vehicle maintenance, 882.46; Microfilm Imaging, scanning equipment, 626.00; Morgan Theeler, court appointed attorney for Kentravious Lewis, 322.00, Ikelynn Tate, 1147.34, Benjamin Bode, 336.00; New Century Press, publishing, 555.33; Rhonda Olinger, travel expense, 42.11; Pulse Electric, change ballast, 99.51; Salem City, courthouse & food pantry water & sewer, 295.77; Salem Lumber, supplies, 27.12; Scovel Psychological, evaluation, 2310.00; SD Achieve dba Lifescape, service for 5 residents, 300.00; SD Public Assurance, 2026 liability insurance renewal, 60853.85; SD Public Health Laboratory, lab services, 200.00; Geralyn Sherman, mileage-election workshop, 231.60; Melinda Songstad, Grand Jury transcription, 249.90; Total Stop, gas-care of poor, 25.00; Triotel, telephone/internet service, 744.72; Tyler Technologies, VSO VetraSpec software renewal, 475.94; Verizon Wireless, iPad service, 40.01, cell phone service, 397.30; Xcel Energy, utilities, 766.61.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 11/08/25: Hwy Dept, 27238.66, cell phone reimbursement, 250.00. AMG-Avera Occupational, random drug tests, 75.40; Robert Anderson, rent for stockpiling chips, 600.00; Appeara, mat & towel rent, 159.50; Auto Value, supplies, 721.91; Benco Products, repairs and supplies, 161.71; Butler Machinery, supplies, 2551.75; Card Service

Center, conference lodging & supplies, 998.47; Central Farmers Coop, repairs, 200.00, fencing easement, 164.44; Century Business Products, monthly copier contract, 148.69; Chesterman, bottled water, 6.00; Custom Truck Equipment, culvert, 4105.00; Gessner Welding, repairs, 280.00; I-State Truck Center, supplies, 619.36; Mike Marquardt, rent for stockpiling chips, 600.00; McCook County Treasurer, vehicle plate & mailing fee, 18.70; McCormick Motors, vehicle maintenance, 457.06; Napa Auto, supplies, 82.96; New Century Press, publishing, 6.52; Pomp's Tire Service, supplies, 169.00; Puthoff Sales & Service, supplies, 2054.37; Salem City, water & sewer, 282.48; Salem Lumber, roof repair, 12094.10; SD Public Assurance Alliance, 2026 liability insurance renewal, 38226.80; Southeastern Electric, utilities, 45.56; Reed Tieszen, rent for stockpiling chips, 600.00; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 111.70.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Golden West, 911 telephone service, 200.00; Triotel Communications, telephone service, 187.20; Two Way Solutions, antenna installation (tower near Courthouse) & supplies, 26919.11.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 11/08/2025: EDS Director 1572.12. SD Public Assurance Alliance, 2026 liability insurance renewal, 1213.05; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 144.80.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 11/08/2025: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 247.63. PharmChem, sweat patch analysis, 351.45.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 11/08/2025: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 5030.04, Medicare 1176.41; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 5018.66; Wellmark BCBS, county share of health insurance premium, 6214.65.

TOTAL CLAIMS PAID: \$211,039.24

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of October 2025: deposits in banks, \$7,761,051.42; cash to deposit, \$4,883.06; checks to deposit, \$348,442.83; CC payments, \$5,829.66; cash items (postage) \$619.20; Treasurer's Cash, \$950.80; Register of Deeds, \$450.00; Sheriff, \$500.00; CD's, \$700,000.00. The total deposits on hand: \$8,822,726.97.

Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, and Mark Norris, Sheriff, requested an executive session at the end of the meeting. Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Chairman Mehlbrech declared out of Executive Session at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 12th day of November 2025.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County