

November 25, 2025

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

Chairman Mehlbrech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the November 12th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Gordon to approve the minutes for publication. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Public comments were provided by Roger Hofer.

Commissioner Reports: Comm Mehlbrech attended Sioux Metro Growth Alliance (SMGA) meeting. Mehlbrech wanted it noted that the County is not spending \$80,000 to provide “sound/visual” updates to the Community Room where Commission meetings are being held; this in response to the Letter to the Editor in the October 14th issue of The Special.

Conflict of Interest: none noted. Auditor Sherman asked the Board for input regarding a “stop payment policy” for lost checks as far as a minimum dollar amount and/or number of days since the check was issued. The Board asked Sherman to check with other counties for policy ideas.

Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session at 8:45 a.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Second Gordon. Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, was present. Chairman Mehlbrech declared out of Executive Session at 9:15 a.m.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, presented Rural Access Infrastructure Fund (RAIF) grants completed by townships to the Commissioners, noting that these need to be reviewed by the Board and approved in January 2026. Raap informed the Board that he received a call from a Geronimo Power representative who wants to do a road review with him within the next couple of weeks. Raap will be attending annual SD Assn of Towns & Townships meeting being held in Huron. Auditor Sherman presented a Server Warranty Extension for the Hwy Dept to the Board for approval. Motion Gordon to approve the warranty extension. Second Heumiller. Motion carried. Discussed disposal of hail damaged tin from the 4-H buildings. The tin will be taken to Wieman Auction in the Spring along with county property that’s been declared surplus.

The November SEFP Monthly Facilitator Report was noted & filed.

Auditor Sherman presented an agreement for State reimbursement for salary paid to the County VSO. Motion Gordon to authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign the Request for State Aid for Salary of County Veterans Service Officer agreement. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented the 2026 Davison County Jail Contract to the Board for approval and signature. The per prisoner-day rate is \$105.00. Motion Liesinger to authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign the contract. Second Dick. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m. the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2025-07 was held. Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, read the ordinance title, An Ordinance of McCook County, South Dakota, Amending Ordinance No. 2014-01 – 2014 Revised Zoning Regulations for McCook County by Amending Chapter 11, Additional Use Regulations; and Section 11.19, Fences. Section 1. That the numbering of Section 11.19 of the 2014 Revised Zoning Regulations for McCook County, South Dakota is hereby renumbered, 11.20. Motion Gordon to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2025-07 and authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign same. Second Dick. Ayes: Gordon, Dick, Liesinger, Heumiller, and Mehlbrech. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion Liesinger, second Dick, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 11/22/2025: Commissioners 2183.80; Auditor 6325.51; Treasurer 4894.06; States Attorney 3730.38; Custodian 1460.20; Dir of Equalization 4707.71; Register of Deeds 3703.20; Veterans Service Officer 341.40; Sheriff 16908.40; *new hire Kari Lundholm, Sheriff Secretary,

19.98/hour, effective 11/17/2025; Contract Law 9069.97; Care of Poor 228.92; Welfare 303.66; Extension Secretary 1556.10; Drainage, 209.48; Planning & Zoning 671.23. TransAmerica Employee Benefits, November GAP billing, 4252.76; Grand Jury fees & mileage, 588.60. AAA Collections, lien collection fee, 51.09; AmericInn of Ft Pierre, lodging-election workshop, 448.00; Applied Concepts, hand held radar gun, 2035.00; KW Electrical, fix flagpole lights, 273.40; Lammers Kleibacker Dawson & Miller, court appointed attorney for Isaac Powell, 752.00 & 586.00, for Robert Leighton, 2154.00; LifeQuest, 4th Qtr Allotment, 750.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 403.45; Motorola Solutions, mobile PTX app, 143.00; New Century Press, envelopes, 735.34; ODP Business Solutions, office supplies, 85.98; Paul's Towing, care of poor-alternator, 245.00; Laurie Schwans, mileage & meal for district meeting, 86.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, November contract, 200.00; Tech Solutions, managed IT services, 2403.00; The Special, subscription renewal, 47.08; Tyler Technologies, 33484.08, software maintenance.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 11/22/2025: Hwy Dept 26467.67. TransAmerica Employee Benefits, November GAP billing, 1645.75; C & B Operations, JD tractor rental payment, 5390.00; Cemcast Pipe & Precast, tie bolts, 600.00; Cole's Petroleum, #2 diesel fuel, 15583.15; Driveline Service, rebuilt front drives, 380.00; IMEG Consultants, engineering design, 1384.31; InfoTech Solutions, server warranty extension, 150.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 69.78; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 15.07; Ramkota Hotel-Pierre, Safety Conference lodging, 284.08; Verizon Wireless, cell phone & iPad service, 79.74.

911 SERVICE FUND: Motorola Solutions, Wave PT mobile app, 26.00; Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower utilities, 79.93.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 11/22/2025: EDS Director 1572.12. TransAmerica Employee Benefits, November GAP billing, 96.51.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 11/22/2025: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 233.77.

RURAL ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND: Pearl Township, 2nd half payments for two culvert projects, 9443.50.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 11/22/2025: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 4973.54, Medicare 1163.20; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution 4977.72; Wellmark BlueCross/BlueShield, county share of health insurance contribution, 22640.99.

TOTAL CLAIMS: \$78,367.98

Motion Liesinger, second Gordon, and carried, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2025-15

Whereas insufficient appropriations were made in the 2025 budget to discharge just obligations of said appropriation.

Whereas SDCL 7-21-32.2 provides that transfers may be made by Resolution of the Board from the Contingency appropriation established pursuant to SDCL 7-21-6.1 to other appropriations.

Therefore, be it resolved that the appropriation of \$1,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund Contingency to the Weed Budget.

Dated this 25th day of November 2025.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County

Motion Liesinger to approve re-hiring Annette VanEmmerik to assist with training of new Administrative Assistant in the Sheriff's Office, effective 11/19/2025, rate of pay \$23.79/hour (per hour pay when she left employment). Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman informed the Board that she invited the Kyocera representative to a future meeting to discuss lease options for a new copier for the Dir of Equalization office and vulnerabilities that the Penetration Test conducted by DSU, Project Boundary Fence, discovered, but he's not responded to her emails.

Motion Dick to convene as the Planning Commission. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

At 10:50 a.m. the Board of Adjustment held a public hearing to receive input concerning a request for conditional use.

Applicant: David & Angel Heisel. Legal description: W748.52; of S575.85' of E2SW4 of 24-102-53. Reason: transfer building eligibility. Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, presented the application to the Board. Following discussion, motion Gordon to approve the request for conditional use. Second Liesinger. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, presented a plat for approval. Following review of the plat review form, motion Liesinger to approve the plat. Second Dick. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission, in regular meeting assembled, had duly considered said plat and finds as a fact that said plat is in conformity and does not conflict with the Master Plan for the County of McCook, South Dakota, heretofore adopted by this Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat of Lot B of K.D. Zulk's First Addition in the SW 1/4 of Section 15, T 104 N, R 56 W of the 5TH P. M., McCook County, South Dakota, prepared by Jeremy A Wolbrink, a Land Surveyor, be and the same is hereby approved and its adoption by the Board of Commissioners of the County of McCook, South Dakota, is hereby recommended.

Adopted this 25th day of November 2025.

Chair, County Planning Commission
McCook County, South Dakota

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Discussion regarding the School Resource Officer Agreement with school districts was held with Mark Norris, Sheriff, Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, Mike Fink, States Attorney, and Becky Hoiten, Deputy Auditor. Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization, was present. Dass informed the Board that the Canistota School District has requested another day, for a total of three. Hoiten noted that the per day cost will increase due to 9% pay increase for the law enforcement deputies and a 13% increase for health insurance coverage. Each SRO will have 3 ½ days in the schools. Dass would like to consult with the previous HR Consultant to make sure that she's following the process correctly and then work with the Auditor's office to get a new agreement put together.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated 25th day of November 2025.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

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