

February 10, 2026

The meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Vice-Chairman Marc Dick.

Members present: Charles Liesinger, Chuck Mehlbrech, and Tom Heumiller. Absent: Steve Gordon.

Vice-Chairman Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from January 27, 2026, meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Mehlbrech to approve these minutes for publication. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Public comment was provided by Roger Hofer.

Commissioner Reports: Comm Mehlbrech noted that John McCormick, Custodian, talked to him about the time that is spent doing custodial duties following Turner County Court. Auditor Sherman will contact Kim Allison, Court Administrator, to ask if she can meet with the Board to discuss compensation for these hours.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Dylan Warren, Operations Manager, presented a Road Use and Repair Agreement between Grant Solar and McCook County for the development and construction of a commercial solar energy conversion system. Auditor Sherman noted that Hwy Supt Raap would like the performance bond to be longer than 30 days, as the agreement currently reads. Current projects include blading and crack sealing.

Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Second Dick. Motion carried. Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, was present. Vice-Chairman Dick declared out of Executive Session at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Plat of Lot C Tract 2 Larson's Addition in the W2SW4 of Section 35, T102N, R53W of the 5th P. M., McCook County, South Dakota, is hereby granted by the McCook County Planning Commission.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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Chairman, County Planning Commission  
McCook County, South Dakota

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Auditor Sherman presented the following abatement applications to the Board for approval. Abatement #9, parcel 13.80.3501, Dan Stahl Inc, reason-Assessor error-bin removed, amount abated: \$320.86. Abatement #10, parcel 21.18.010106, Drew & Stacy Hjermsstad, reason-Assessor error-house removed, amount abated: \$1133.68. Abatement #11, Howard & Cheryl Trautmann, parcel, 12.32.4003, reason-Assessor error-wrong value, amount abated: \$13,793.80. Abatement #12, Larry Dean & Janine Barrett, parcel 20.04.2202, reason-Assessor error-elderly freeze not applied, amount abated: \$1273.30. Motion Liesinger to approve the abatements and authorize Vice-Chairman Dick to sign same. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

The following building permits were issued in January 2026:

26-001	Douglas Vogel	40x60 pole building	Lot 20 Eagle Ridge Add W2SW4 35-102-53
26-002	Nikolas Hofer	new house	TR1 Hofer Add SE4 4-101-55
26-004	Heumiller Joint Trust	new windows & siding	SW4SW4 27-104-54

January 2026 Law Enforcement Report and reports showing the breakdown of calls made and hours worked in each community, were noted and filed. County Report: accidents 5, animal complaints 1, assists 1, disturbance 2, mental health 2, motorist assist 5, other 11, theft 2, traffic stops 19 (warnings 17 & citations 2), and welfare checks 13.

Auditor Sherman presented an Intergovernmental Agreement Update from SD Public Assurance Alliance to the Board. The addition clarifies that no Member shall have more than one representative serving on the Board at any one time. Motion Liesinger to authorize Vice-Chair Dick to sign the updated signature page. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented a list of Search & Rescue Volunteers to the Board for approval. Listing the members in the meeting minutes provides them work comp coverage under the county's insurance, SDCL Work Comp Fund. Motion Liesinger to approve the list of members including David Oyen, Mike Heumiller, Brad Stiefvater, Jr, Justin Hagemann, Dustin Weber, Darin Koch, Marty Heumiller, Owen Duffy, Nathan Olinger, and Jerry Francis. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented list of payments received in December 2025 and January 2026 for County Aid Liens, to the Board.

Motion Mehlbrech, second Heumiller, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/31/2026:

Commissioners 2293.00 mileage 123.20; Auditor 6732.85; Treasurer 5800.15; States Attorney 3916.90; Custodian 1728.65; Dir of Equalization 5068.09; Register of Deeds 3816.43; Veterans Service Officer 384.00; Sheriff 17581.63; Contract Law 9093.50; Care of Poor 240.37; Welfare 421.25; 4-H Youth Assistant 1633.80; Weed, 812.00; Drainage 225.00; Planning & Zoning 767.88. SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-Redfield, 60.00; Grand Jury, fees & mileage, 578.80. A&B Business, monthly copier contract, 86.74; Alternative HR, February HR services, 5600.00, AutoEx, vehicle maintenance, 77.51; Avera Queen of Peace, blood alcohol, 274.00; Card Service Center, gas, 340.42, care of poor-lodging, 86.75, floor fan, 32.19, office supplies, 300.29, registration-Street Level Drug Investigations, 175.00, K9 food, 53.09, registration-K9 training, 150.00; Century Business Products, monthly copier contracts, 843.63; Chesterman Co, bottled water, 107.50; City of Bridgewater, February ambulance appropriation, 3978.75; Dakota Data Shred, shredding service, 116.04; Davison County Sheriff, January jail services 13545.00; Mike Fink, January expenses, 892.50; Anna Flogstad, district meeting expense, 52.64; Gordon Flesch, monthly copier contract, 33.00; Kathryn Heumiller, venipuncture blood alcohol, 140.00; Rebecca Hoiten, travel expense, 61.80; Inter-Lakes Community Action, February Community Service Worker funds, 1210.08; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, uniforms, 351.69; Lammers, Kleibacker, Dawson & Miller, court appointed for Ujal Basnet, 521.00; Larry's Food & Auto, vehicle maintenance, 203.45; Lewis Drug, prisoner care, 17.79; Lincoln County Auditor, reimburse mental health evaluations, 110.00; McCook County EMS, February appropriation 14941.41; McCook County Treasurer, postage, 579.35; McCormick Motors, vehicle maintenance, 558.25; McLeod's Printing, office supplies, 55.08, colored paper, 101.94, absentee ballot sets, 465.00; Meyer Motor, vehicle maintenance, 70.99; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanning equipment rent, 626.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-courthouse, 1119.79, food pantry, 105.39; Minnehaha Co. SD JDC, juvenile housing, 1848.00; Morgan Law PLLC, court appointed attorney for Misael Alejandro, 1164.33, for Perry Xayaosa, 764.20, for Owen Simonson, 1130.66; Morgan Theeler LLP, court appointed attorney for Cynthia Hansen, 335.40, for Shayonna Grassrope, 384.00, for Cynthia Hansen, 120.93; New Century Press, publishing 659.79; Rhonda Olinger, travel expense, 10.00; Pennington County Jail, transport prisoners, 229.82, Peters Distributing d/b/a Safe N Secure, access control doors, 10243.83, install NDAA compliant camera system, 18604.48; Peterson Repair, vehicle maintenance, 83.49; Pheasantland Industries, business cards, 44.00; Running Supply, supplies, 287.84; Salem City, utilities-courthouse, 166.12, food pantry, 136.67; SD Achieve dba Lifescape, service for 5 residents, 300.00; SD Dept. of Public Safety, teletype rent for 6 months, 2340.00; SD Public Health Laboratory, lab services, 250.00; SDACES, 2026 dues, 45.00; Brad Stiefvater Jr., AED Pads & battery, 709.68; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 723.69; Verizon Wireless, iPad service 40.01 cell phone service 397.30; Xcel Energy, utilities-courthouse, 901.58, food pantry, 162.58.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/31/2026: Hwy Dept 24482.36; travel expense, 78.57; cell phone reimbursement, 250.00; Avera Occupation Medicine, drug testing, 230.20; Appera, mat & towel rental, 104.72; Auto Value, supplies, 1759.13; Avera Medical Group, new hire physical, 88.00; Card Service Center, conference 250.00, supplies, 922.57; Century Business Products, monthly copier contract 183.96; Chesterman Company, bottled water, 6.00; CHS Inc., LP gas, 536.69; Fleetpride, supplies,

1.60; Gessner Welding & Repair, supplies, 323.00; Mac's-SF, supplies, 10.99; Maynards, supplies, 19.83; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 232.92; RBS Sanitation, garbage service 86.96; Salem City, utilities 253.46; Salem Lumber, supplies 50.87; Spencer Quarries, ¾" rock, 3156.00; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 121.69; Vollan Oil, supplies, 152.05.

911 SERVICE FUND: Golden West Telecommunications, 911 telephone service 200.00; Triotel Communications, 911 telephone service 169.20.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/31/2026: EDS Director 1650.73. AT&T Mobility, EM iPad, 81.08; Card Service Center, carbon monoxide detector, 916.30; Brad Stiefvater Jr, January expenses, 566.06; Triotel Communications, telephone & internet service 146.31.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/31/2026: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 236.77. PharmChem, sweat patch analysis 159.75.

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$100,796.77

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 1/31/2026: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 5099.79, Medicare 1192.70; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 5094.74; Wellmark BlueCross/BlueShield of SD, county share of health insurance premium 7092.18.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of January 2026: deposits in banks, \$5,244,708.70; cash to deposit, \$458.50; checks to deposit, \$8,204.93; CC payments, \$1,076.87; Cash Items (postage) \$579.35; Treasurer's Cash, \$990.65; Register of Deeds, \$450.00; Sheriff, \$500.00; CD's, \$700,000.00. The total deposits on hand: \$5,956,969.00.

Kasey & Mike Entwisle, Pitbull Acres, and Kim Dammer met with the Commission to provide an update on their medical cannabis cultivation facility/business and payment of the \$5000 fee. Auditor Sherman presented their Application for Medical Cannabis Business License to the Board for approval. Motion Mehlbrech to approve the application and authorize Vice-Chairman Dick to sign Form E, SD Medical Cannabis Program Local Government Compliance Certification. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Entwisle invited the commission members to tour their operation.

Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, Hilary Kroupa, Program Manager 4-H Program, and Auditor Sherman were present. Stacey Sieverding, 4-H Youth Program Assistant, joined the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Chairman Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 12:40 p.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

Marc Dick \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice-Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman \_\_\_\_\_  
Auditor, McCook County