

April 14, 2026

The meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Steve Gordon. Members present: Chuck Mehlbrech, Marc Dick, Tom Heumiller. Charles Liesinger arrived a few minutes later. Tom and Kris Tott were also present at the meeting.

Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from March 24, 2026, meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Dick to approve these minutes for publication. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Public comment: Doreen Quinn and Barb Hoiten provided public comment while being recorded by Gloria Rayman.

Commissioner Reports: Comm Heumiller attended Secog meeting, focus on housing program. Comm Mehlbrech attended Sioux Metro Growth Alliance tour to LeMars IA. Mehlbrech noted that Drew Peterson is a member of a Summer Study Committee regarding ambulance service throughout the State.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Dylan Warren, Hwy Dept Operations Foreman, presented Agreement for the 2026 McCook County Microsurfacing Project for chairman signature. Motion Liesinger to authorize Chair Gordon to sign the Agreement with ASTECH Corp. Second Dick. Motion carried. Operations Foreman Warren presented two utility permits for approval. Motion Liesinger to approve Water Utility Permit for Kingbrook Rural Water to install 2" restrained joint pipe in NE4 of Section 2, Greenland Township. Second Dick. Motion carried. Motion Liesinger to approve Communications Utility Permit for Golden West Telecommunications to extend mainline to provide service to Boldt Electric trailer at 446<sup>th</sup> Ave S of 264<sup>th</sup> St. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried. Current projects include blading and shoulder work.

Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, joined the meeting, requesting Executive Session for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. Second Dick. Motion carried. Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 9:50 a.m.

Motion Heumiller to reimburse Hwy Dept employees \$43 for removing the K Restriction on their driver's license before July 1<sup>st</sup> to be in compliance with new regulations from SD DOT. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Motion Mehlbrech to increase Isaac Kipp's rate of pay 6%, \$23.57 to \$24.98/hour, retroactive to 02/24/2026 (anniversary date). Kipp obtained his Appraiser certification, December 2025. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Motion Dick to convene as Drainage Board. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Steve Dick, Drainage Administrator, presented Drainage Report to the Board, noting that downstream landowner signatures were obtained on the permits, and he has signed off on them. Two of the permits were for routine maintenance. All permits are available for inspection at the Drainage Admin Office.

D26-003	Victor Weber	SW4 29-101-56
D26-004	Jerauld Hoffman	W2 28-101-56
D26-005	Joan Magnuson	N2NW4 13-104-53

D25-044 Bernard Stockwell - Drainage Admin Dick informed the Board that he inspected the site after downstream landowner's ditches were cleaned out. A Canistota Twp Supervisor informed the Drainage office about 3 permits, issued in 2025, for tiling projects that crossed a township road in three different locations and township approval was not obtained (not an ordinance requirement). The township requested gravel for the three spots and upon inspection, April 10, 2026, the spots have been graveled. Drainage Admin Dick noted that he is working on updates to the Drainage Ordinance and will present them later.

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

Keith Weis met with the Board to inquire about rezoning property currently zoned rural residential to commercial with the plan to build storage units. Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, pulled the site up on Beacon, explaining that two hearings must be held for the passage of an ordinance rezoning property. The hearings allow neighbors adjoining the property to voice concerns and/or their approval of the proposed rezone. Flogstad noted that there is a house on the property and that would have to be torn down because houses aren't allowed on commercial property. Commissioners told Weis that he should talk with neighbors about his plan and then decide if this is a project that he wants to move forward with.

Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, presented 3 plats for approval.

Following review of the 1<sup>st</sup> plat review form, motion Dick to approve the plat. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

We, the County Planning Commission for McCook County, South Dakota, do hereby certify that this plat has been reviewed by me or under my direction and has been approved.

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat known and described as Tracts 6A and 6B of Klaus Addition of Section 19, Township 101 North, Range 53 West of the 5TH P. M., McCook County, South Dakota, is hereby approved and that the auditor is hereby directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this resolution and certify the same thereon.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Chairman, County Planning Commission  
McCook County, South Dakota

Following review of the 2<sup>nd</sup> plat review form, motion Dick to approve the plat. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Be It Resolved by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Tract 1A of Versteeg Farm Addition in the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 101 North, Range 53 West of the 5TH Principal Meridian, McCook County, South Dakota, having been examined, is approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-6, and any amendments thereof.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Chairman, County Planning Commission  
McCook County, South Dakota

Following review of the 3<sup>rd</sup> plat review form, motion Liesinger to approve the plat. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Be It Resolved by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat of Lot 1 of Libor Addition in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 5, T 101 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

The following building permits were issued in March 2026:

26-006	Daniel Frasier	New Home	TR1 Frasier Add E2NW4 23-102-53
26-007	Michael Healy	New House	SE4 Lot 3 Larson Addition 11-101-53
26-008	Merlin Wollmann	Grain Bin 42x7 rings	SE4 30-102-55
26-009	Grant Sjaarda	Chicken Coop&Shed	Lot 3 Replat of Stockwell Add W2NW4 25-102-53
26-010	Crambeck Holdings	New House	TR7 Cedar Bluffs ADD NE 4 22-102-53
26-011	Jan Family Living Trust	Bathhouse	1 SQ AC commencing at PT 64 RDS N of SE Corner of NE4 11-101-55 EX H3 in TR of land commencing at PT 1056.0' N of SE corner NE4 & EX Orig Hwy 81 in NE4
26-012	East River Elect Power Coop	6'x 6' control bldg.	250' x 300' in NW4NW4 (1.72AC) 20-103-56
26-013	Dean Welch	New Shouse	Tract 3 Weber's Addition E2NW4 10-102-53
26-014	Mike & Renae Klinkhammer	New Shouse	Tract 4 Weber's Addition E2NW4 10-102-53
26-015	Townsend Family LLP	115kV substation	E2SE4 EX Lot H1 (2.46AC) 14-101-54
26-016	Jason Eie	Addition to house	N350' of E375' of NE4NE4 9-102-53
26-017	David & Gerald Eichacker	Grain Bin	N670' of W545' of NW4 25-104-55 EX Lot H2 & EX W50' lying therein used for public highway
26-018	David & Gerald Eichacker	Grain Bin	N670' of W545' of NW4 25-104-55 EX Lot H2 & EX W50' lying therein used for public highway

March 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 2, alarm 2, animal complaint 1, burglary 1, disturbance 1, intentional damage 1, investigations 3, mental health 1, other 11, school patrol 29, theft 1, transport 5, traffic stops 17 (warnings 13 & citations 4), warrant 1, and welfare checks 1.

The Board reviewed payments received in February and March for care of poor liens and court appointed attorney liens.

Motion Mehlbrech, second Liesinger, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 3/28/2026, 4/11/2026: Commissioners 2293.00, mileage, 266.00; 2293.00; Auditor 6642.12, 7019.38; Treasurer 6477.69, 6383.72; States Attorney 3916.90, 3916.90; Custodian 1653.45, 1533.00; Dir of Equalization 5202.14, 4927.74; Register of Deeds 3836.89, 3637.41; Veterans Service Officer 256.00, 256.00; Sheriff 16210.41, 17147.82; Contract Law 8961.18, 9539.96; Care of Poor 240.37, 240.37; Welfare 455.40, 335.86; 4-H Youth Assistant 1633.81, 1750.50; Drainage 285.00, 345.00; Planning & Zoning 783.83, 767.29. Reemployment Assistance Division of SD, 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. 2026 contribution, 1570.97; SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-Redfield, 60.00; A&B Business, monthly copier contract, 86.74; AAA Collections, collection fees, 57.50; Alternative HR, April HR services, 5600.00, Avera Medical Group, physical for new hire, 88.00; Avera Queen of Peace, prisoner care, 3887.00; Card Service Center, supplies, gas, office supplies, 394.34, EDS supplies, 499.59, camera, 484.10, gun & accessories, 1250.90, Taser Instructor School x2, 1790.00, dog food, 50.78, signs, 76.23; Century Business Products, monthly copier contracts, 895.05; Chesterman Co, bottled water, 176.00; City of Bridgewater, April ambulance appropriation, 3978.75; Corporate Translation, translation services, 8.73; Dakota Data Shred, shredding service, 87.61; Davison County Sheriff, March jail services, 7455.00, transport prisoner, 420.86; Mike Fink, March expenses, 498.88; Gordon Flesch, monthly copier contract, 33.00; GR-Emergency Vehicle, video install and accessories, 10510.50; Heiman Fire Equipment, fire extinguisher, 125.85; Inter-Lakes Community Action, April Community Service Worker funds, 1210.08; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, clothing & name plate, 404.52; KW Electrical, repairs & supplies, 883.66; Lammers, Kleibacker, Dawson & Miller, court appointed attorney for Joseph Olson, 1832.60, David Wohlleber, 1417.40, Chris Usas, 1221.40; Larry Food & Auto, vehicle supplies, 64.95; Lewis Drug, prisoner care, 164.63; Maynards Salem, supplies, 23.33; McCook Conservation District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. appropriation, 3750.00; McCook County EMS, April ambulance appropriation, 14941.41; McCook County Fair Board, 2026 annual appropriation, 6400.00; McCook County Treasurer, election supplies, 22.59, postage 477.00, PO box key, 18.50; McCormick Motors, vehicle maintenance, 1098.79; John McCormick, vacuum repairs, 275.47; McLeod's Printing, stamped envelopes, 4197.00, supplies, 57.92; Meyer Motor, vehicle maintenance, 72.49; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-courthouse, 641.45, food pantry, 54.04; Minnehaha Co SD JDC, juvenile housing, 7700.00; Morgan Law PLLC, court appointed attorney for Jimmy Nichols, 1453.20, for Devin Drapeau, 776.40; New Century Press, publishing 426.52; ODP Business Solutions, office supplies, 709.59; Peterson Repair, vehicle maintenance, 75.49; RBS Sanitation, garbage service-courthouse, 111.46, food pantry 115.20; Roots Run Deep, gutter repair, 683.40; Salem City, utilities-courthouse, 192.37, food pantry, 135.67; Salem Lumber, supplies, 19.05; SD Achieve dba Lifescape, service for 5 residents, 300.00; SD Dept. of Agriculture, applicator licenses, 70.00; SDACO, Spring Workshop registrations, 800.00; Stacey Sieverding, Spring conference & 4H training, 230.52; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, March contract, 200.00; Melinda Songstad, grand jury transcription, 774.20; Thomson Reuters, codified law books, 300.39; TNT Tree Service, snow removals, 540.00; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 743.97; Tyler Technologies, 1099 & W2 printing & e-filing, 3818.00; Verizon Wireless, iPad service, 40.01 cell phone service, 397.30; Xcel Energy, utilities-courthouse, 768.65, food pantry, 91.18.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 3/28/26, 4/11/2026: Hwy Dept 26365.74, 25489.13; cell phone reimbursement, 250.00. Reemployment Assistance Division of SD, 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2026 contribution, 969.70. Townships & Cities, 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr wheel tax collections, 12124.04. All States AG Parts, supplies, 59.39; Appera, mat & towel rental, 114.89; Auto Value, supplies, 2743.11; Butler Machinery, supplies & repairs, 16848.56; C & H Radiator, supplies, 913.10; Card Service Center, supplies, 171.03; Central

Farmers Coop, supplies, 770.93; Century Business Products, monthly copier contract, 158.61; Chesterman Company, bottled water, 6.00; Cole's Petroleum, no-lead gasoline, 8820.00; Commercial Asphalt, omega mix, 4350.30; Gessner Welding & Repair, supplies, 15.00; Maynards, supplies, 18.07; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 252.95; Midwest Petroleum, supplies, 268.74, programming fobs, 314.00; New Century Press, publishing, 47.36; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 122.91; Pomp's Tire Service, supplies, 241.54; Puthoff Sales & Service, supplies, 259.06; RBS Sanitation, garbage service, 86.96; Running Supply, supplies, 477.88; Salem City, utilities, 256.26; Salem Lumber, supplies, 12.99; SD Dept. of Transportation, bridge scour analysis, 64.19; Sign Solutions USA, signs, 772.02; Southeastern Electric, utilities, 52.19; Stan Houston Equip., supplies, 302.55; Brad Stiefvater, Jr., AED pads, 98.69; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 111.09; TrueNorth Steel, culvert, 40552.76; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service, 79.72; Vollan Oil, oil, 5829.25; Xcel Energy, utilities, 23.78.

911 SERVICE FUND: Golden West Telecommunications, 911 telephone service 200.00; Triotel Communications, 911 telephone service 179.20.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 3/28/26, 4/11/2026: EDS Director 1650.73, 1800.73. Reemployment Assistance Division of SD, 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2026 contribution, 60.42. AT&T Mobility, EM iPad service, 40.54; Card Service Center, supplies, 499.59; Brad Stiefvater Jr, March expenses, 195.31; Total Stop, fuel for Search & Rescue, 62.37; Triotel Communications, telephone & internet service, 144.85.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 3/28/26, 4/11/2026: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 245.38, 243.13.

MODERNIZATION & PERSERVATION: Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanning equipment rent, 656.00.

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$185,851.56

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 3/28/2026, 4/11/2026; Dir of IRS, county share of FICA, 5104.42, 5153.70, Medicare 1193.80, 1205.29; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 5137.99, 5154.57; Wellmark BlueCross/BlueShield of SD, county share of health insurance premium 6530.41, 26737.66.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of March 2026: deposits in banks, \$6,090,555.9; cash to deposit, \$419.20; checks to deposit, \$32,923.82; CC payments, \$4,160.18; Cash Items \$518.09; Treasurer's Cash, \$1,051.91; Register of Deeds, \$450.00; Sheriff, \$500.00; CD's, \$700,000.00. The total deposits on hand: \$6,830,579.11.

States Attorney, Mike Fink, met with the Board to discuss inclusion of a definition of data centers in the county zoning regulations. St Atty Fink noted that he's not sure of the final status of SB135 that was being considered by the Legislature. Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, reminded the Board that she presented an ordinance to them, at an earlier meeting, to include a definition for data centers in the county zoning regulations. The ordinance was drafted by South Eastern Council of Governments. No action was taken. The Commission asked Zoning Admin Flogstad to contact SECOG requesting information regarding conditional use options and/or adding data center regulations to the Zoning Regulations. No action taken, because more information is needed and the county will also want to consider what was done by the Legislature. The discussion may be all for nothing.

States Attorney Fink informed the Board that the County will have ongoing JDC bills for 17-year-old juvenile and jail bills along with medical care for an adult habitual offender.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

Steve Gordon \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

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