

April 28, 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, and Charles Liesinger. Tom Tott was present.

Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the April 14th 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: none.

Commissioner Reports: Comm Heumiller noted that he had someone inquire about putting guard rails along Lehrman Lake on 431st Ave. Hwy Supt Raap-engineering plans for raising the road did not recommend guard rails due to issues caused by snow and the width of the road. Comm Mehlbrech asked about placing delineators along 254th St as it jogs off SD38 W of Montrose. Hwy Supt Raap noted that delineators were not in the original engineering plan, so deemed not necessary.

Conflict of Interest: none.

Brian (BJ) Havard, VSO, met with the Commission to let them know that he is now required to hold four (4) outreach events per year for Veterans in the county. Havard plans on hosting a quarterly event, moving from town to town. Hwy Supt Raap told the Board that it will work for Havard to take a full Wednesday for VSO duties, doing the outreach in the morning.

Motion Mehlbrech to enter Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss possible litigation, SDCL 1-25-2 (3). Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, and Auditor Sherman were present. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Chairman Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 9:20 a.m.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, presented plans, to the Board, from Canistota City for a project they received grant funds for, that will affect Railway and 261st St. Raap informed the Board that IMEG will be surveying a right-of-way along 432nd Ave because property owner's surveyor says the right of way is 29' along that property. Raap presented information regarding three vehicles that need to be declared surplus as they are no longer usable for purpose acquired adding that these will be sold through Purple Wave Auction. Motion Liesinger to declare fixed asset #942, 2004 Ford F250 Super Cab pickup, as surplus property. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried. Motion Liesinger to declare fixed asset #1094, 2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor, as surplus property. Second Heumiller. Motion carried. Motion Liesinger to declare fixed asset #1118, 2021 Ford Explorer, as surplus property. Second Dick. Motion carried.

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

Steve Dick, Drainage Administrator, presented a Drainage Report to the Board. The "as built" map for permit D25-044 was received on 4/27/26. Drainage Admin Dick noted that when discussion is held on proposed updates to the existing Drainage Ordinance, he'd like to invite tilers to provide their input. The Board agreed that this is a good idea.

D26-005 Darrell Miles S2NW4 Ex Lot 1 Falk's Add 13-104-53 (part of Magnuson/Weber project)

Motion Mehlbrech to convene as County Board of Equalization. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization, brought the following items before the Board.

In reviewing property information with Darin Schroeder, parcel 17.59.0106, discovered that his house was noted as one-story, but it is a split-level. With change noted, the NAD1S value (house) will be 405,800 instead of 421,300 and the NADS value (lot) remains at 16,302. Motion Mehlbrech to approve these values. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Flogstad informed the Board that the Treasurer found 3 more Elderly & Disabled Assessment Freeze Applications and these need to be approved by them. Motion Heumiller to approve the applications. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Motion Liesinger to approve another application for Owner Occupied Status that was received after the deadline. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Jane Marten called to report an error in acres on parcel 04.02.2001;164 acres instead of 179 acres. Rodney & Jane Marten Living Trust. Flogstad noted that the assessed Ag value should be 399,471 instead of 432,230, and an equalized value of 339,550. Motion Liesinger to approve the change in value and approve an abatement of taxes, due to incorrect acres. The abatement will be presented at the next meeting. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

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

Zoning Administrator Flogstad informed the Board that a building permit was issued for a bath house on a one-acre parcel. This is not permitted use in an Ag district, so shouldn't have been issued. States Attorney Fink was consulted, and if substantial work has not been completed, the permit will be revoked. If substantial work has been completed, a Stop Order will not be issued.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Motion Mehlbrech, second Liesinger, carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll by Department: 4/25/2026: Commissioners 2293.00; Auditor 6642.14; Treasurer 6517.55; States Attorney 3916.90; Custodian 1445.40; Dir of Equalization 5211.96; Register of Deeds 3749.94; Veterans Service Officer 512.00; Sheriff 16675.55; Contract Law 9272.17; Care of Poor 240.37; Welfare 535.10; Extension Secretary 1633.80; Weed, 185.18; Drainage 285.00; Planning & Zoning 767.87. Transamerica Employee Benefits, April contribution-GAP coverage, 4404.94; Jimmy Nichols, payment for seized marijuana that was destroyed, 209.03; Avera Queen of Peace, prisoner care, 1513.94; Card Service Center, dog food, fuel, clothing, lodging, office supplies, 2717.55; Dental Care Center, prisoner care, 430.00; InfoTech Solutions, Managed IT services, 3695.50, cable & mileage, 72.59; McLeod's Printing, election supplies, 150.50, office supplies, 120.64; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-food pantry, 38.07, courthouse, 326.34; Morgan Law PLLC, court appointed attorney for Milton Jones, 1310.20, Kellen Jaques, 1766.19; Motorola Solutions, wave PTX mobile apps, 143.00; New Century Press, publishing 165.49, window envelopes, 393.31; Presto-X, food pantry pest control, 89.53; Pulse Electric, light in Treasurer's Office, 159.70; RBS Sanitation, garbage pickup-food pantry, 111.46, courthouse, 115.20; SDACC, 2nd Qtr. assessment-CLERP, 3121.00; Southeast Enterprise, 2026 appropriation, 5000.00; Southeastern Behavioral Health, 2nd Qtr. allotment, 1420.50.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 4/25/2026: Hwy Dept 24500.78; (New hire, Bryce Hanisch, Hwy Maintenance Worker, \$23.00/hour). Transamerica Employee Benefits, April contribution-GAP coverage, 1645.75; Kevin Anderson, CDL renewal, 43.00; Avera Occupational, drug test, 51.00; Card Service Center, weather station subscription, 94.55, conference lodging, 1175.92, supplies, 13.47; Bryce Hanisch, CDL license, 67.00; Heiman Fire Equipment, fire extinguisher, 40.95; Ron Heumiller, CDL renewal, 43.00; J & M Repair, repairs & supplies for Kenworth, 2086.16; Michael Kreutzfeldt, CDL license, 43.00; McCormick Motors, 2026 F250 Ford Pickup, 49,990.00; Pheasantland Industries, signs, 520.00; Salem Body Shop, 2002 Ford F350, repairs and supplies, 626.77; Xcel Energy, utilities, 636.27.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Mitchell Regional 911, 911 services (95% of surcharge collections), 8046.14; Motorola Solutions, wave PTX mobile app, 26.00; Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower utilities 82.17.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 4/25/2026: EDS Director 1650.73. Transamerica Employee Benefits, April contribution-GAP coverage, 96.51. Card Service Center, toner cartridges and subscription for weather radio, 553.92.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 4/25/2026: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 240.88.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 4/25/2026: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 5331.92, Medicare 1246.99; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 5111.07.

TOTAL CLAIMS: \$87,000.03

The following Township Bonds have been filed with the Auditor's Office: CLERK: Kim Kane, Ramsey; Norman Peterson, Brookfield; Richard Wobig, Sun Prairie; Heather Bork, Pearl; Roland Loudenburg, Benton; Mark Eickman, Salem; Ken Krouse, Richland; John Smith, Montrose; Jeff Scott, Greenland; Dustin Addy, Canistota; Jerome Tschetter, Emery; Brian Thrift, Jefferson; Lonnie Glanzer, Bridgewater; Kalyn Buse, Union; Mary Dick, Grant; and Denise Schmidt, Spring Valley. TREASURER: Barb Kipp, Ramsey; Ted Anderson, Brookfield; Tim Matthaei, Sun Prairie; Ashley Dement, Pearl; Amelia Matthaei, Benton; Pat Gottlob, Salem; Mary Nelson, Richland; Katrina Zimmer, Montrose; Karen Hofer, Greenland; Gary Parry, Canistota; Tom Kolbeck, Emery; Vernon Hofer, Jefferson; Robin Hofer, Bridgewater; Michael Weber, Union; Steve Richarz, Grant; and Donita Davis, Spring Valley.

Auditor Sherman presented an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Ports Petroleum Co Inc d/b/a Fuel Mart to the Board for approval and signature. The license being applied for is Retail (on-off Sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine. Motion Liesinger to approve the application and authorize Chair Gordon to sign same. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

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

At 10:30 a.m. the Board of Adjustment held a public hearing to receive input concerning a request for conditional use. Applicant: Jacob Tysdal. Owner: Thomas & Demetria Bergeson. Legal description: SW4 6-103-53 Ex W 60 Acres. Reason: mine gravel in existing pit. Isaac Kipp, Staff Appraiser, presented the Conditional Use Application to the Board. Jacob Tysdal was present and explained the project plan. Motion Dick to approve the Conditional Use Application and authorize Chair Gordon to sign same. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Isaac Kipp, Staff Appraiser, presented a plat for approval. Following review of the plat review form, motion Liesinger to approve the plat. Second Mehlbrech. 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 Tract 1 of Mentele Addition in the Southwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 103 North, Range 56 West, 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 28th day of April 2026.

Chairman, County Planning Commission
McCook County, South Dakota

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 28th day of April 2026.

Steve Gordon _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County