

May 12, 2026

The meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Steve Gordon.

Members present: Charles Liesinger, Marc Dick, Chuck Mehlbrech, and Tom Heumiller.

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 April 21st & April 28th, 2026, meetings were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Liesinger to approve these minutes for publication. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Public comment: none.

Commissioner Reports: Comm Heumiller attended food pantry meeting, noting changes will need to be made due to dwindling funds. The Board asked Auditor Sherman to schedule Beth Skaff, Food Pantry Coordinator, for the next meeting agenda. Comm Mehlbrech asked (for a county resident) if the county is under a burn ban. Yes. A ban is in place when index is VERY HIGH, EXTREME, or during a RED FLAG WARNING; based on the National Weather Service.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, reported current projects include asphalt surfacing and pulling shoulders. Raap informed the Board that IMEG has not yet surveyed a right-of-way along 432nd Ave to determine actual footage of the ROW. The county will have an oil distributor truck, 2 police cruisers, and Ford F-250 pickup on the Purple Wave Auction being held June 9th.

Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2 (1), at 9:30 a.m. Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, Auditor Sherman, Becky Hoiten, Deputy Auditor, and Rhonda Olinger, Deputy Auditor, were present. Chair Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 10:05 a.m.

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

At 10:30 a.m. a public hearing was held to receive input concerning adoption for amendments to Chapter 3, AG: Agricultural District; Chapter 3.01, Permitted Uses. Kris Tott was present. Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, did the 1st reading of Ordinance 2026-01 An Ordinance of McCook County, South Dakota, Amending the 2014 Revised Zoning Regulations for McCook County by Amending Chapter 3, AG: Agricultural District; Chapter 3.01, Permitted Uses. Chairman Gordon asked for public comments. None. Motion Dick to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2026-01 and set the 2nd reading for May 26, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Flogstad informed the Board that the building permit issued for a bath house on a one-acre parcel will not be revoked because substantial work has been completed. States Attorney Fink was consulted; a Stop Order will not be issued.

Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, presented 3 plats for approval. Following review of the 1st plat review form, motion Liesinger to approve the plat. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Be it resolved by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Tract 1 of Bartmann Addition in the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 102 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 12th day of May 2026.

Chair, County Planning Commission
McCook County, South Dakota

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

Be it resolved by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Tract 1 of Waba Addition in the East Half of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 103 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 12th day of May 2026.

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Following review of the 3rd plat review form, motion Liesinger to approve the plat contingent upon Montrose City approval, at their meeting being held tonight. 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 Lot 2 of River Ridge Estates Addition in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 103 North, Range 53 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 12th day of May 2026.

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The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization, informed the Board that the county's level of assessment is 78.7% for the 2026 assessment year, and the median sales to assessment ratio of all real property may not be less than 85%. Auditor Sherman presented the letter from Dept of Revenue to the Board. The letter noted that the Department is statutorily obligated to take corrective action; McCook County's non-ag factor has been set at 1.08. This factor will be applied to all non-ag property assessments, making the taxable value higher than the assessed value.

Auditor Sherman presented applications for license renewal for Commercial Garbage Haulers to the Board for approval. The following haulers returned their application along with required documentation: RBS Sanitation Service, Tea SD; Addy Disposal Service, Canistota; and Dawson Construction Inc, Howard. Motion Dick to approve these applications and authorize Chair Gordon to sign same. Second Heumiller. Motion carried. Auditor Sherman will follow up with Novak Sanitary Service and United Sanitation Services because neither returned their paperwork nor called to let the county know that they are no longer a garbage hauler within McCook County.

Auditor Sherman presented the following abatement application to the Board for approval. Abatement #19, parcel 04.02.2001, Rodney & Jane Marten Living Trust, reason-Assessor error-incorrect number of acres. Amount abated: \$233.70. Motion Liesinger to approve the abatement and authorize Chair Gordon to sign same. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented Letter of Agreement for the FY2027 Grant between McCook County Weed & Pest Board and SD Weed & Pest Control Commission to the Board for Chairman signature. The grant amount is \$7200 for chemicals and to publish notices. Motion Liesinger to authorize Chair Gordon to sign the Agreement. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

The following building permits were issued in April 2026:

26-019	Carrie J Hofer, Trust	Remove addition & new deck	SW4 29-102-56
26-020	Jonathan & Denise Schmidt	New Deck 10x50	Tract 1 of Schmidt Addition SE4 17-101-53
26-021	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Connect Fellowship Hall & Church	NW corner of NW4, 80 rods from West to East and 40 rods North to South 12-104-56
26-022	Barney Roling	Grain Bin 48x8 rings	SW4 Ex Lot H-2 & Road ROW & Ex N269' of W809' 25-103-55
26-023	Tuschen Family Lmted Partnership	Grain Bin 30x7 rings	NW4 32-103-55
26-024	Tuschen Family Lmted Partnership	Grain Bin 48x10 rings	NE4 9-102-55 EX S1008.7' NE4 9-102-55
26-025	Randy D Dorale	New Residence 38x80	E475' of S853' of SW4 of 18-104-56
26-026	Scott Huls	Grain Bin & remove 2 smaller	W715' of E1465' of S890' of SE4 Ex Lot H-1 14-103-54
26-027	East River Elec Power Coop	New Control Building & Tower	E220' of S250' in SE4SW4 34-101-55
26-028	Golden View Hutterian	182 x 144 Feed Mill	SW4 Inc Streff's Add Tr 1 Ex Streff's Add Tr 2 & 3 Ex S385' of W550' N1020' 28-103-55

April 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 8, animal complaints 9, assists 3, investigations 2, motorist assists 5, other 12, transport 3, traffic stops 33 (warnings 21 & citations 12), and welfare checks 3.

Motion Liesinger, second Dick, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 5/9/2026: Commissioners 2293.00, mileage, 302.40; Auditor 6712.34; Treasurer 6917.05; States Attorney 3916.90; Custodian 1445.40; Dir of Equalization 4978.25; Register of Deeds 3828.98; Veterans Service Officer 256.00; Sheriff 16363.21; Contract Law 9676.32; Care of Poor 240.37; Welfare 318.78; 4-H Youth Assistant 1633.80; Weed, 345.60; Drainage 330.00; Planning & Zoning 767.87. SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-Redfield, 60.00; A&B Business, monthly copier contract, 86.74; AAA Collections, collection fees, 52.50; Alternative HR, May HR services, 5600.00; Auto Value, battery, 190.99; AutoEx, vehicle maintenance, 2342.60; Century Business Products, monthly copier contracts, 791.13; Chesterman Co, bottled water, 165.00; City of Bridgewater, May ambulance appropriation, 3978.75; Corporate Translation, translation services, 7.78; Dakota Data Shred, shredding service, 87.61; Election Systems & Software, election coding, programming, ballot layout/setup, 3085.64; Mike Fink, April expenses, 451.32; Anna Flogstad, mileage & meals for training, 381.93; Gordon Flesch, monthly copier contract, 33.00; Kathryn Heumiller, blood alcohol services, 140.00; Inter-Lakes Community Action, May ICAP funds, 1210.08; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, 2 badges, 224.99; Lewis Drug, prisoner care, 147.02; McCook County EMS, May ambulance appropriation, 14941.41; McCormick Motors, vehicle maintenance, 386.15; McLeod's Printing, office supplies, 38.96; Microfilm Imaging, scanning equipment, 656.00; Morgan Law PLLC, court appointed attorney for Dustin Evenson, 500.20; ODP Business Solutions, office supplies, 46.77; Puthoff Sales & Service, lawn mower supplies, 77.08; Salem City, utilities-courthouse, 174.52, food pantry, 136.67; Salem Community Drug, office supplies, 14.84; Salem Lumber, supplies, 12.70; Laurie Schwans, workshop expenses, 300.83; SD Achieve dba Lifescape, service for 5 residents, 300.00; SD Sheriff's Association, patches, 26.17; Geralyn Sherman, mileage for Spring workshop, 268.80; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, April contract, 200.00; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 751.10; US Postal Service, PO box rent, 106.00; Verizon Wireless, iPad service, 40.01 cell phone service, 397.10; Xcel Energy, utilities-courthouse, 778.05, food pantry, 61.32.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 5/09/2026: Hwy Dept 24584.19; cell phone reimbursement, 250.00. Appeara, mat & towel rental, 196.30; Auto Value, supplies, 911.20; Avera Occupational Medicine, drug screen, 51.00; Butler Machinery, parts, 891.16; Central Farmers Coop, supplies, 690.96; Century Business Products, monthly copier contract, 130.47; Chesterman Company, bottled water, 6.00; CHS, regulator, 586.32, LP gas, 175.02; Fremar LLC, supplies, 243.57; Gessner Welding & Repair, supplies, 339.70; IState Truck Center, supplies, 719.67; McCook County Treasurer, title & registration, 28.70; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 178.09; National Sign Company, flasher signs, 945.00; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 15.43; Pomp's Tire Service, supplies, 720.00; Puthoff Sales & Service, supplies, 1101.89; RBS Sanitation, garbage service, 86.96; Running Supply, supplies, 594.97; Salem City, utilities, 268.86; Salem Lumber, supplies, 37.62; Southeastern Electric, utilities, 50.44; Stan Houston Equip., supplies, 108.90; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 108.86; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service, 79.73; Xcel Energy, utilities, 519.22.

911 SERVICE FUND: Golden West Telecommunications, 911 telephone service, 200.00; Triotel Communications, 911 telephone service, 185.20.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 5/09/26: EDS Director 1650.73. AT&T Mobility, EM iPad service, 40.54; Brad Stiefvater Jr, April expenses, 127.20; Triotel Communications, telephone & internet service, 144.66.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 5/9/26, Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 242.01. PharmChem, sweat patch analysis, 1264.62.

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$50,940.02

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 5/9/2026; Dir of IRS, county share of FICA, 5086.39, Medicare 1189.54; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 5058.72; Wellmark BlueCross/BlueShield of SD, county share of health insurance premium, 6530.41.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of April 2026: deposits in banks, \$9,794,907.50; cash to deposit, \$364.38; checks to deposit, \$574,054.68; CC payments, \$10,194.12; Cash Items \$28.70; Treasurer's Cash, \$1,541.30; Register of Deeds, \$450.00; Sheriff, \$500.00; CD's, \$700,000.00. The total deposits on hand: \$11,082,040.68.

Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Mike Fink, States Attorney, and Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, were present. Chairman Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated the 12th day of May 2026.

Steve Gordon _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County