

June 16, 2026

A Special Meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Steve Gordon. The meeting was held to hold initial review of 2027 budget requests. Members present: Marc Dick, Charles Liesinger, Chuck Mehlbrech, and Tom Heumiller.

Tom Tott, Commissioner Elect Montrose area, and Barb Hoiten were present.

Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the June 9th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Liesinger to approve the minutes for publication. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Public comment: none.

Commissioner Reports: Comm Liesinger attended Southeast Enterprise Facilitation Project (SEFP) meeting.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Auditor Sherman presented the results of the Post Election Audit (held this morning) for June 2, 2026, Primary Election to the Board. Commissioner Dick and States Attorney Fink and two members of the public were present. Auditor Sherman noted that Barb Hoiten had questioned why ballots weren't sealed in the ballot box. Sherman explained that all voted ballots from the Primary Election had been locked in a cabinet following the election because of the runoff election and needed the ballot boxes for absentee voting that began on June 12th. Sherman stated that she felt the Post Election Audit went well with no issues noted and asked Hoiten if she had any input as a spectator. Hoiten noted that she has watched other audits and does have suggestions to improve it. Canistota Area, Precinct 3, was selected for the audit, after the County Canvas was held on June 4th. The manual count results of the Republican ballots (240) matched the tabulator count and County canvas with review of the poll books; US House of Representatives: Jackley 180 and Bialota 46. County Auditor: Pitzl 52 and VanEmmerik 125. Motion Dick to approve the Post Election Audit Report. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, and the Board reviewed the Hwy Road & Bridge, Weed, and Rural Access Infrastructure Fund (RAIF) budgets. Raap provided a list of equipment and contracted construction projects that are included in the proposed budget. Raap informed the Board that Bituminous Paving has inquired about renting W lot to store chips for an upcoming project. Raap recommended fee of \$1000/month for rent of the lot. Board agreed.

Mike Fink, States Attorney, reviewed his 2027 budget with the Board. Fink asked the Board to consider moving Tammy Hofer, St Atty Secretary, to ¾ time so she's eligible for all benefits and he will take less if she can receive more.

With a working lunch, Auditor Sherman and the Board 2027 reviewed estimated revenues, Commissioner, Contingency, Elections, Auditor, County Courts, Veterans Service Office, Animal Damage Control, and Human Resources budgets.

Anna Flogstad, Director of Equalization/Zoning Administrator, reviewed the Dir of Equalization, Planning & Zoning, and GIS budgets with the Board.

Steve Dick, Drainage Administrator, reviewed his 2027 budget with the Board. Dick noted that wages are based on 6 hours per week, and he feels that 4 hours per week during summer months will be sufficient. Dick also noted that \$1000 was added to the drainage budget for a portion of the county flyover to be completed in 2027.

Stacey Sieverding, 4-H Youth Assistant, reviewed the Extension and Fair Board budgets with the Board. The Fair Board is requesting \$20,000 to put towards the purchase of pens; did apply for grant assistance. Sieverding stated that pens are currently borrowed

from Minnehaha County. Sieverding noted that the Extension budget includes payroll for part-time summer help and she'd like to have her daughter, Ava, assist for a few Fridays; prior to the Barn Raisin' event and Achievement Days. Board approved request.

Mark Norris, Sheriff, and Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, met with the Board to review Sheriff, Contract Law, Jail, and Scram (24/7) budgets. Norris stated that he has no idea what he's doing, too many unknowns. Dass suggested starting discussion regarding the continuation of SRO program within the schools. Norris noted that School Resource Officer program is an outstanding program and asked the Board if they're going to keep it or not. It was noted that when the agreements were made with the schools, it was all or none. Montrose School dropped the program in April 2026. And every month there seems to be issues/questions with the billing of hours. Norris left the meeting and no budgets were reviewed. The Board asked Auditor Sherman and HR Consultant Dass to contact the schools informing them of the termination of the SRO Program within their districts.

Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session at 2:00 p.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Tasia Dass, HR Consultant, was present. Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 2:20 p.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this16th day of June 2026.

Steve Gordon _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:
Geraldyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County