

June 4, 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.

Mike Fink States Attorney, Doreen Quinn, Barb Hoiten, and Gloria Rayman were present.

Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public input provided by Doreen Quinn and Barb Hoiten.

Commissioner Reports: none.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

With time before the canvass, Auditor Sherman asked the Board for thoughts on conducting the run-off election to be held on July 28, 2026, as a hand count election. SDCL 12-6-51.1 states if a runoff election does not have a federal race, the electronic ballot marking system is not required, and hand-counted ballots may be used. Following discussion, motion by Dick to hand-count the run-off election to be held on July 28, 2026. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

The canvass of votes from June 2, 2026 Primary Election, was held. Commission members reviewed the Poll Books. The number of voters who voted (1314) was verified by matching the total ballots counted by the tabulator, by precinct, and matching these numbers to the Recap Sheet for each precinct. Auditor Sherman noted a 2-ballot count discrepancy in Precinct 3 and asked to run those ballots again to verify the tabulator count with the Poll Book & Recap sheet. The meeting moved to the Commission Room on 1st floor so the ballots could be rerun. This showed 240 ballots, matching the Recap sheet and the number of voters in the Poll Book. Motion Heumiller to approve the official canvas certification for the Primary Election. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

During the meeting of the county canvassing board, the county auditor shall select the contests and the precinct/s for the post-election audit at random, without the use of a computer. The total of all ballots must exceed 100 ballots. The audit must be conducted in five percent of the precincts in the county by manually counting all votes cast in two contests and comparing the results with the official results for those precincts. One contest selected for the audit must be a statewide contest. If there are none on the ballot, the auditor shall select another contest. Precinct 3 was drawn with 240 ballots. The contests drawn are US Representative and County Auditor. The post-election audit will be held on Tuesday, June 16th, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 4th day of June 2026.

Steve Gordon _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County