

August 18, 2026

A Special meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Steve Gordon. Members present: Charles Liesinger, Marc Dick, and Tom Heumiller. Member absent: Chuck Mehlbrech. Tom Tott, Commissioner-Elect was 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 Heumiller. Motion carried.

Public comments: none.

Commissioner Reports: none.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

At 9:00 a.m. Michael Houdyshell, Secretary Dept of Revenue, and Doug Schinkel, Director Business Tax Division, presented information re SB96 (property tax relief) and SB245 (State Aid to Education) to the Commission, via a TEAMS meeting. Present: Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization, Mark Norris, Sheriff, Laurie Schwans, Register of Deeds, Rhonda Olinger, Deputy Auditor, Becky Hoiten, Deputy Auditor, and Kurt Stiefvater and Kathy Kaufman, McCook Central School.

Commissioner Mehlbrech joined the meeting.

Sheriff Norris asked for an Executive Session. Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Second Dick. Motion carried. Chairman Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 10:10 p.m.

Motion Dick to declare two (2) 38 caliber S&W guns as surplus property because they're no longer useable and accept \$250 for them from Mark Norris. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Time was spent reviewing several 2027 budget requests.

Stacey Sieverding, 4-H Youth Program Assistant, presented a quote (\$24436.62) for fairground pens from Dakota Ag Center to the Board. Sieverding noted that with county payment the purchase would be exempt from sales tax. Auditor Sherman noted that years ago this became an issue with "McCook" organizations wanting to use the county's tax-exempt number, and it was no longer allowed. Sieverding added that the pens will belong to the county someday.

Auditor Sherman left the meeting and Deputy Auditor, Becky Hoiten, resumed the Auditor duties.

Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization, added that pens are needed for the fairgrounds. The \$20000 request for pens will be lowered to \$10000, subject to further discussion. Other budgets reviewed included Courthouse Building, Tourism, and Auditor.

Carol Lauer, Treasurer, informed the Board that there is a need for a part-time employee in her office, need help with the mail and tax bills. Laurie Schwans, Register of Deeds, reiterated that the Treasurer needs help, we see the lines at the office. \$5000 added back in the Treasurer's 2027 budget for part-time help.

Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 11:30 a.m. Trudy Billion, HR Consultant, was present. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried. Chairman Gordon declared out at 12:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated the 18th day of August 2026.

Steve Gordon _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County