

July 30, 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, Tom Heumiller, and 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 Dick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the July 14th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Dick to approve these minutes for publication. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Public comments were provided by Doreen Quinn and Barb Hoiten while Gloria Rayman phone videoed.

Commissioner Reports: Comm Heumiller attended Food Pantry meeting, noting that donations were received from several cities and discussions were held regarding the Backpack Program. Comm Liesinger attended Southeast Enterprise Facilitation Project meeting with Sioux Metro Growth Alliance in attendance, operations discussion. A taxpayer contacted Liesinger, requesting a refund of prior property taxes paid because his property was classified as NA and should have been AG. This has been corrected in the Dir of Equalization real estate file.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

The canvass of votes from July 30, 2026, Primary Runoff Election, was held. Commission members reviewed the Poll Books. The number of voters who voted (983) was verified by matching the total ballots counted by the Precinct Counting Boards and matching these numbers to the Recap Sheet for each precinct. Precinct 6: pollbook showed 136 voters, Recap showed 134 voted ballots. Gloria Rayman shared that she watched the vote counting and there were 2 blank ballots thus the difference. Precinct 5: pollbook showed 226 voters, Recap showed 224 voted ballots. Barb Hoiten shared that she watched the vote counting and didn't think the numbers match. Auditor Sherman reviewed the pollbook and it noted that 2 voters were to be omitted from the total. Sherman noted that both voters were likely written in the pollbook prior to verifying that they were at the correct precinct or were registered Republicans. This will be verified. McCook County had an overall 38.35% voter turnout. Motion Liesinger to approve the official canvass certification for the Primary Runoff Election. Second Dick. Motion carried. Gloria Rayman, Doreen Quinn, and Barb Hoiten were present.

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. The only contest to verify from the Primary Runoff Election is Governor. Auditor Sherman drew Precinct 2 (53 ballots) & Precinct 6 (134), for a total of 187 ballots. The post-election audit will be held on Friday, August 7th, at 9:00 a.m. Gloria Rayman, Doreen Quinn, and Barb Hoiten questioned why a post-election audit was being held because the county didn't use the tabulating equipment to count votes and the reason for an audit is to verify that the tabulator count with a hand count. Auditor Sherman noted that States Attorney Fink reviewed SDCL (not sure of the numbers) and advised that she must conduct a post-election audit. The audit will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 9th, in the Commission Meeting Room located on the 1st floor of the Courthouse.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, presented two (2) 2027 Applications for Federal Bridge Replacement PE Funds and corresponding resolutions authorizing submission of the applications, to the Board for approval. The structure numbers and locations: #44-123-190 – 10.5 miles south and 1.3 miles east of Salem SD and #44-210-103 – West City Limits of Montrose SD. Motion Liesinger to approve the applications and authorize Chair Gordon to sign the resolutions regarding same. Second Heumiller. Motion carried. Hwy Supt Raap presented two utility permits for Board approval. Motion Liesinger to approve Electric Utility Permit for Southeastern Electric. Scope

of Project: install 1ph 1/0 URD for new service, .3 miles E of Int 452nd Ave/256th St. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried. Motion Heumiller to approve Water Utility Permit for Kingbrook Rural Water. Scope of project: Raap Cattle LLC water service in SE4 of section 27, Ramsey Twp. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Hwy Supt Raap informed Board that Rich & Cathy Roling have requested a rent payment from the county for use of land that the gravel stockpile is located on. Raap noted that he feels this is a fair request and the amount agreed upon by him and Roling’s is \$800 annually. Following discussion, motion Mehlbrech to approve \$800 annual rent payment for gravel pit site and have a rent agreement drawn up between Roling’s and the county. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Raap informed the Board that Meadow View Hutterian Brethren is asking that the road haul agreement for the proposed hog barn near Bridgewater note specifically that “Meadow View’s road haul agreement will only be enforced through the construction phase” because Meadow View isn’t the only one using 261st St. Current projects include fog sealing.

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

Steve Dick, Drainage Administrator, presented a drainage report to the Board. Mike Fink, States Attorney, was present. Drainage Admin Dick read through the proposed changes, noting four (4), to be made to the existing drainage ordinance. States Attorney Fink asked the Commission if they preferred to proceed with one amended drainage ordinance or four amended ordinances, one for each proposed change. Drainage Admin Dick noted that his preference would be one amended ordinance. Following discussion, motion Heumiller to set 9:30 a.m., August 11, 2026, as time for public hearing regarding amending 2011 Revised Drainage Ordinance. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

At 10:00 a.m. a Supplemental Budget Hearing was held as advertised. The supplemental budget expenditure is in the amount of \$30,000 for the Modernization & Preservation Fund. No one appeared for the budget hearing. Motion Heumiller to approve the \$30,000 supplement to the Modernization & Preservation Fund, approving & adopting the following resolution. Second Mehlbrech. All voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-05

ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET for McCook County, South Dakota

WHEREAS SDCL 7-21-22 provides that the Board of County Commissioners must make, approve, and adopt a supplemental budget providing therein for an appropriation for such purposes in such amount as the Board may deem necessary, and such budget shall set out in detail each item for which an appropriation is made and the amount thereof.

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Supplemental Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

WHEREAS due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Supplemental Budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that such Supplemental Budget be approved and adopted. The amount of the appropriations (\$30,000.00) is as follows:

Modernization & Preservation Fund \$30,000.00

The Supplemental Budget adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor.

Dated this 30th day of July 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MCCOOK COUNTY, SD

_____ Chairman
_____ Commissioner
_____ Commissioner
_____ Commissioner
_____ Commissioner
ATTEST: _____ Auditor

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

At 10:30 a.m. a public hearing was held regarding rezoning of property at Tract 1A Zimmer's Add in the W2SE4 & E2SW4 27-103-53 from Agricultural District to Commercial District. Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, read application for rezone. Public comment. None. No questions from the Board. Motion Heumiller to approve the 1st reading of proposed Ordinance No 2026-03 and set 10:30 a.m. on August 11th for the 2nd reading and adoption. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, 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 Graff Addition in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest 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 30th day of July 2026.

Chairperson, McCook County Planning Commission

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Motion Mehlbrech, second Heumiller, carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll by Department: 7/18/2026: Commissioners 2293.00; Auditor 6642.12; Treasurer 6437.97; States Attorney 3916.90; Custodian 1533.00; Dir of Equalization 5509.45; Register of Deeds 3888.04; Veterans Service Officer 256.00; Sheriff 18583.53, Contract Law 9505.81; Care of Poor 240.37; Welfare 204.93; Extension Secretary 1821.30; Weed, 89.60; Drainage 247.50; Planning & Zoning 767.88. Transamerica Employee Benefits, July contribution-GAP coverage, 4599.85; Grand Jury, fees & mileage, 642.80; Grand Jury, fees & mileage, 450.80; Election Workers-Primary Run-Off Election, fees & mileage, 5463.40. Access Elevator & Lift, annual preventative maintenance on lift, 566.00; Card Service Center, supplies, postage, fuel, meals, K9, 1225.85; Eich Law Office, court appointed attorney for juvenile, 2827.40; Iron Wheel Heating & Cooling, work on drain, 221.85; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-food pantry, 9.25, courthouse 42.88; Motorola Solutions, wave PTX mobile apps, 143.00; RBS Sanitation, garbage service-food pantry 115.20, courthouse 111.46; SDAAO, registration for 2-assessor school, 900.00; SDACC, 3rd quarter CLERP assessment, 3121.00; Geralyn Sherman, election mileage, 66.50, Sign Design, car magnets, 95.00.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 7/18/2026: Hwy Dept 29262.78. Townships & Cities, 2nd Qtr wheel tax collections, 12312.92. Transamerica Employee Benefits, July contribution-GAP coverage, 1498.77. Card Service Center, supplies, 103.63; Flint Hills Resources, asphalt, 151,468.98; IMEG Consultants, professional services, 9,335.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 18.50; Motorola Solutions, mobile radio, 4,142.75; Pheasantland Industries, clothing, 645.00; Roger Reese, reimbursement for windshield claim, 63.72; Salem Body Shop, 2026 Ford Lariat repairs, 65.00; Sioux International, supplies, 496.15; Xcel Energy, utilities, 533.34; Z & S Dust Control, mag-chloride, 19,578.00.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Motorola Solutions, wave PTX mobile app, 26.00; Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower utilities, 81.53.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 7/18/2026: EDS Director 1650.73. Transamerica Employee Benefits, July contribution-GAP coverage, 96.51. AT&T Mobility, EM iPad, 40.54.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 7/18/2026: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 255.30. Pharmchem, sweat patch analysis, 287.55.

MODERNIZATION & PRESERVATION: Microfilm Imaging Systems, scan deed books, staple and pin books, books in color, 27,778.00

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND: Kristin Nogelmeier, CPR, Narcan, AED training, 150.00; Kristin Norris, CPR, Narcan, AED training, 150.00

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 7/18/2026: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 5497.51, Medicare 1285.68 SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 5264.79; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield, county share of health insurance contribution, 27115.03.

TOTAL CLAIMS: \$224,409.08.

Motion Mehlbrech, second Liesinger, and carried, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2026-06

Whereas insufficient appropriations were made in the 2026 budget to discharge just obligations of said appropriation.

Whereas SDCL 7-21-32.2 provides that transfers may be made by Resolution of the Board from the Contingency appropriation established pursuant to SDCL 7-21-6.1 to other appropriations.

Therefore, be it resolved that the appropriation of \$3500.00 be transferred from the General Fund Contingency to Juvenile Detention.

Dated 30th day of July 2026.

Steve Gordon _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County

Auditor Sherman presented a “draft” Public Records Request form, drawn up by States Attorney Fink, to the Board for their review, noting that she and States Attorney Fink reviewed seven forms from different counties. Auditor Sherman noted that her office receives public record requests nearly every week. The form, if approved by the Board, will be provided to department heads for their input and then post it on the county website. Motion Heumiller to approve the “draft” form. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Adam Buss and Jacob Boom, New York Life Agents, met with the Commission to present a quote comparison between New York Life and Unum for Group Term Life insurance, noting annual savings of \$210.24. Auditor Sherman noted that the county does not pay the life insurance premium, employees do if they choose the \$10,000 coverage. A new hire does not have to participate in the life insurance plan, it’s optional. Comm Mehlbrech asked if a \$20,000 option could be made available. Yes.

Andrea Irwin, ROCS Transit Director, met with the Commission to present the 2027 budget request for ROCS. The request for 2026 was \$2000 and a 63% increase is being requested for 2027, \$3260. Irwin noted that they’ve seen a decrease in State & Federal funding and are searching for other revenue sources. Irwin thanked the Board for their time and funding provided in the past. Auditor Sherman will contact Irwin when the budget is finalized.

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

At 11:45 a.m. a public hearing was held regarding rezoning of property at TR1 Sperling’s Add in N2NE4 23-101-54 from Agricultural District to Commercial District. Team members from Geronimo Power and Mike Fink, States Attorney, were present. Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, read the ordinance title. Public comment. Sophie Gilleland, Geronimo Power Permitting Specialist, addressed those in attendance, noting that this site will be used as an operations & maintenance building. Gilleland answered questions and with no further comments, motion Mehlbrech to approve the 1st reading of proposed Ordinance No 2026-04 and set 10:45 a.m. on August 11th for the 2nd reading and adoption. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session at 12:00 p.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Second Dick. Motion carried. Trudy Billion, HR Coordinator, Mark Norris, Sheriff, Shane Johnson, Sheriff Elect, and Mike Fink, States Attorney, were present. Norris and Fink left at 12:30 p.m. Chairman Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 1:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 30th day of July 2026.

Steve Gordon _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County