

August 25, 2026

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

Members present: Chuck Mehlbrech, Marc Dick, Tom Heumiller, and Charles Liesinger. Tom Tott, Commissioner-Elect was present.

Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> meetings were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Mehlbrech to approve these minutes for publication. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Public comments were provided by Doreen Quinn and Barb Hoiten.

Commissioner Reports: Comm Mehlbrech attended a meeting hosted by Senator Rounds representative. A few topics that were discussed: ambulance services, counties affected by tribal land, SAVE Act, and charter schools. Also attended SMGA meeting held in Canistota. Comm Liesinger noted that he spoke with Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization, about property of 8.5 acres that had been classified as NA (July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting). After receiving a call from the landowner, Flogstad verified that the subject also owns 80A of AG land in Miner County within 5 miles of the home property. From SDCL 10-6-112 Classification of Agricultural Land- Criteria: *management unit, means any two or more parcels of land, whether adjoining or not, under common ownership located within this state and managed and operated as a unit for one or more of the principal uses listed in this section. No parcel of land within a management unit may be more than twenty air miles from the nearest other parcel within the management unit.* Since the management unit criteria was met, the McCook County parcel was also changed to AG classification.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, presented Change Order No 1 & Final for 2026 McCook County Microsurfacing Project to the Board for approval & signature. The amount of the change is an increase of \$5124.31 which reflects actual quantities used to complete the project. This increase brings the total project cost to \$258590.86. Motion Liesinger to approve the Change Order and authorize Chairman Gordon to sign same. Second Dick. Motion carried. Raap presented ASTECH Corp, Contractor's Application for Payment, \$258590.86, to the Board for approval and signature. Motion Mehlbrech to approve the application and authorize Chairman Gordon to sign same. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Raap noted that with unused funds from the microsurfacing project, he'd like to proceed with repairs to culvert located on 263<sup>rd</sup> St by Don Larson. Motion Dick to approve repairs to this culvert. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Raap presented a utility permit for approval. Motion Liesinger to approve Communications Utility Permit for Golden West Telecommunications to extend mainline from existing vault to provide services at 438<sup>th</sup> Ave beginning at intersection with Hwy 42. Second Dick. Motion carried. Raap informed the Board that the meeting to review the Five-Year County Highway & Bridge Improvement Plan will be held on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., in the Courthouse basement. Current projects: asphalt patching. Stripers will be in county next week.

Trudy Billion, HR Consultant, presented an updated job description for Hwy Maintenance Worker, that includes pre-employment physical and specific job functions, to the Board for their review. For Avera Queen of Peace to perform pre-employment physicals, the county is required to have a more detailed job description which includes job functions. Following review, motion Liesinger to approve the updated job description. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m. the Board of County Commissioners held the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2026-02 An Ordinance of McCook County, South Dakota, Amending the 2011 Revised Drainage Ordinance of McCook County. Mike Fink, States Attorney, was present. Steve Dick, Drainage Administrator, noted that he has not received any comments since the first reading of the ordinance. No public present. With no further discussion, motion Liesinger to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2026-02 An Ordinance of McCook County, South

Dakota, Amending the 2011 Revised Drainage Ordinance of McCook County, and adopt same. Second Dick. Ayes: Dick, Mehlbrech, Heumiller, Liesinger, and Gordon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The August SEFP Monthly Facilitator Report was noted & filed.

Auditor Sherman presented a resolution discharging county aid liens filed against deceased individuals to the Board for their approval. Motion Heumiller to approve & adopt the following resolution, second Mehlbrech, and motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO DISCHARGE COUNTY AID LIENS**  
**RESOLUTION 2026-07**

WHEREAS, at the request of the McCook County Commission, the McCook County Auditor’s Office has furnished a list of liens filed in the Register of Deeds Office and has recommended the discharge of these liens because the individuals are deceased; and

WHEREAS, there are 10 (ten) records dated between 1992 and 2010 with existing lien balances totaling \$31,131.43.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: by the McCook County Commissioners, that the Register of Deeds is hereby directed to discharge the liens from 1992 through 2010 of known deceased as listed below.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

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Steve Gordon  
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Geraldyn Sherman  
Auditor, McCook County

Valmae Castrogiovanni \$507.53; Michelle Clemons \$173.59; Michael Kiggins and Giesella Glammeier \$918.65; Tammy Norris \$201.27; Mona Raber \$88.89; Stan Schmidkunz \$20.00; Nancy Martinez \$10,090.80; John Savoy \$ 2,057.11; Gary Schimmel \$4,556.61; and Harold Rinehart \$12,516.98.

Auditor Sherman presented a resolution discharging county aid liens that were discharged through bankruptcy proceedings to the Board for their approval. Motion Mehlbrech to approve & adopt the following resolution, second Liesinger, and motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO DISCHARGE COUNTY AID LIENS**  
**RESOLUTION 2026-08**

WHEREAS, at the request of the McCook County Commission, the McCook County Auditor’s Office has furnished a list of liens filed in the Register of Deeds Office and has recommended the discharge of these liens because the individuals have filed bankruptcy.

WHEREAS, there are 3 (three) records dated between 2006 and 2019 with existing lien balances totaling \$4,634.63.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: by the McCook County Commissioners, that the Register of Deeds is hereby directed to discharge the liens from 2006 through 2019 of known bankruptcies as listed below.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

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Steve Gordon  
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Geraldyn Sherman  
Auditor, McCook County

Christina Merry \$671.11; Judith E Strough \$1,916.79; and James Zimmer \$2,046.73.

Geraldyn Sherman, Auditor/Welfare Director, presented Care of Poor Report and list of lien payments received in June & July to the Board. File 2026-01 Application for County Assistance reviewed by Sherman and States Attorney Fink with request for cremation service approved. File 2025-10 (ongoing since October 2025) Application for County Assistance for cremation service was reviewed by

Sherman and States Attorney Fink. County requested documentation to verify application. The family is responsible for payment of a portion of the funeral home service based on savings that were available to them. Family has not followed through, application denied. File 2026-02, a Notice of Hospitalization was received from Madison Regional Health System. Cost of estimated services, \$5000.00.

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

At 10:30 a.m. the Board of Adjustment held a public hearing to receive input concerning the following request for conditional use. Applicant: Hanson County Hwy Dept. Property owner: Rich & Cathy Roling Trust. Legal description: NE4 Ex 1.02AC & Ex S2 30' of N1130' of E240' of NE4NE4 21-103-55. Reason: gravel mine. Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, presented the application to the Board and brought up the site on Beacon. Ronnie Roth, Hanson County Hwy Supt, and Rich & Cathy Roling were present. Following discussion, motion Dick to note one condition, that SD38 is used for hauling the gravel. Hwy Supt Roth noted that this is the plan. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried. Motion Mehlbrech to approve the request for conditional use with condition noted. Second Heumiller. Ayes: Mehlbrech, Heumiller, Liesinger, Dick, and Gordon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 10:40 a.m. the Board of Adjustment held a public hearing to receive input concerning the following request for variance. Applicant: Jay & Lori Decker (present). Legal description: Waechter Tract 5 in SW4NW4 3-101-53. Reason: reduce setback for addition to S side of house. Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, presented the application to the Board and brought up the site on Beacon. Jay Decker explained the add-on to their home. Motion Dick to approve the request for variance. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, presented 2 plats for approval. Following review of the 1<sup>st</sup> plat review form, motion Dick to approve the plat. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Be it resolved by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Tract 1 of Larson's Second Addition in the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 101 North, Range 53 West, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

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Chairperson, McCook County Planning Commission

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

Be it resolved by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Lot 9 of Larson's Addition in the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 101 North, Range 53 West, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

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Chairperson, McCook County Planning Commission

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Jenn Quigley, CEO Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare, and Hannah McManus, Director of IT Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare, presented their 2027 budget request, \$5682, which represents one dollar per capita as noted in SDCL 27A-5-10, to the Board. Funds received from McCook County are used to subsidize outpatient services including individual counseling, family and group therapy, psychiatric services and home-based family treatment. The Board was thanked for their time and consideration.

Chris Fields, Sioux Metro Growth Alliance, presented their 2027 budget request, \$1500, to the Board. Fields thanked the Board for their partnership and continued investment in SMGA.

Aaron Stroud met with the Commission to discuss his purchase of tax deed property in October 2020, asking that the County provide him with clear title of said property so he can sell the house. Stroud added that the county should pursue Quiet Title Action to clear up legal matters. States Attorney, Mike Fink, was present and explained that a county does not convey clean title through the tax

deed process. Counties don't go through Quiet Title Action, this is a private issue for the landowner, not county responsibility. No action was taken by the Board.

In another matter, States Attorney Fink explained that Tim Wegener, Heartland Title Companies of SD, contacted him about a Montrose City property in Lot 4, Block 6, OT, that was recorded as tax deed in 1942. The County didn't do anything with its interest, and the property has been conveyed to others, and is now apparently owned by the Janice M Heumiller Trust. Question being, does the County want to claim ownership interest or would it prefer to convey the property to the Heumiller Trust by County (Quit Claim) Deed? After discussion, the Board asked Fink to draw up a County Deed (Quit Claim) to the Janice M Heumiller Trust.

Auditor Sherman presented a Hardship Repayment Petition and Request for Stay of Tax Deed Foreclosure from Jeanette Ross to the Commission. Mike Fink, States Attorney, was present. Sherman noted that she forwarded the email to the Treasurer and States Attorney. The parcel numbers are 18.12.0301 and 18.12.0303. Ross states that a payment of \$700/month for 17 months is impossible to meet and she is requesting a modified payment plan of \$150/month. Following discussion with States Attorney Fink, motion Liesinger to not modify the repayment amount of \$700/month. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Glenda Blindert, Blindert Insurance, met with the Commission to discuss the need for more parking for food pantry clientele because they are parking in parking lot for Blindert Insurance, leaving no room for her customers. Blindert suggested extending parking behind the food pantry and/or take it to Main St. Beth Skaff, Food Pantry Coordinator, joined the meeting. The county could add an approach and culvert towards Main St; just need a little dirt and a culvert. Commission needs to talk with Hwy Supt Raap because an engineer will have to be hired.

Motion Liesinger, second Mehlbrech, carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll by Department: 8/15/2026: Commissioners 2293.00; Auditor 6642.13; Treasurer 6247.95; States Attorney 3916.90; Custodian 1533.00; Dir of Equalization 5237.56; Register of Deeds 3950.61; Veterans Service Officer 256.00; Sheriff 18038.79, Contract Law 9222.30; Care of Poor 240.37; Welfare 318.78; Extension Secretary 1990.06; Drainage 247.50; Planning & Zoning 767.87. Transamerica Employee Benefits, August contribution-GAP coverage, 4622.55. AAA Collections, lien collection fees, 283.98; Rebecca Hoiten, mileage-SDACES meeting, 151.20; Lammers, Kleibacker, Dawson, & Miller, court appt atty for Leeson Murphy, 646.60; McLeod's Printing, office supplies, 758.90; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-food pantry, 9.25, courthouse 40.77; Morgan Law PLLC, court appt atty for Chad Schulz, 1258.80; Motorola Solutions, wave PTX mobile apps, 143.00; Salem City, 4 special assessments-Phase II Street & Utility Improvement Project, 44492.40; SDVSOA, VSO conference registration, 100.00; Tim Simmermon, travel expense, 26.78; Melinda Songstad, grand jury transcript, 426.30.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 8/15/2026: Hwy Dept 25363.95; cell phone reimbursement 250.00. Transamerica Employee Benefits, August contribution-GAP coverage, 1416.87. Astech Corp, microsurfacing, 258590.86; Flint Hills Resources, asphalt, 89627.40; IMEG Consultants, professional services-bridge 44-180-068, 2890.11; Jebro Inc, liquid asphalt, 38189.21; Knife River-SD, G2 asphalt, 1782.72; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 18.50; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 12.00; Ramkota Hotel-Pierre, conference lodging, 242.00; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service, 79.74; Westmore Industries, compliance testing, 1623.18; Xcel Energy, utilities, 533.34; Z & S Dust Control, mag-chloride, 19,578.00; Xcel Energy, utilities, 25.56.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Mitchell Regional 911, 911 services (95% of surcharge collections), 8031.34; Motorola Solutions, wave PTX mobile app, 26.00; Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower utilities, 83.33.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 8/15/2026: EDS Director 1650.73. Transamerica Employee Benefits, August contribution-GAP coverage, 96.51. Peterson Repair, vehicle maintenance, 237.53.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 8/15/2026: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 256.48.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 8/15/2026: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 5191.66, Medicare 1214.18 SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 5174.39; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield, county share of health insurance contribution, 27115.03.

TOTAL CLAIMS: \$449797.46.

Motion Liesinger to enter Executive Session at 12:15 p.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Second Heumiller. Motion carried. Trudy Billion, HR Coordinator, was present. Chairman Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 12:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

Steve Gordon \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman \_\_\_\_\_  
Auditor, McCook County