November 5, 2026

The meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Steve Gordon. Members present: Marc Dick, Chuck Mehlbrech, Charles Liesinger, and Tom Heumiller.

Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public comments were provided by Doreen Quinn and Barb Hoiten.

Auditor Sherman responded to their comments.

Commissioner Reports: Comm Heumiller attended a Food Pantry meeting.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

The canvass of votes from November 3, 2026, General Election, was held. Commission members reviewed the Poll Books. The number of voters who voted (2202) was verified by matching the total ballots counted by the tabulator, by precinct, and matching these numbers to the Recap Sheet for each precinct. A 2-ballot discrepancy was noted in Precinct 1. The Poll Book showed 438 voters as does the Recap Sheet and ballots counted by the tabulator is 436. Auditor Sherman noted that there were two absentee voters who passed away prior to the election and those ballots were pulled by the precinct workers; election night that was thought to be where the count was off. The Poll Book will be reviewed by Auditor staff to determine the difference in the ballot count. Motion Liesinger to approve the official canvas certification for the General Election. Second Mehlbrech. 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 468 ballots. The contests drawn are State Auditor and Public Utilities Commissioner. The post-election audit will be held on Friday, November 13th, at 9:00 a.m.

Auditor Sherman told the Board that she registered to attend the SDSU Extension “Good Neighbor AI” symposium, via zoom, in case anyone wanted to listen to the presentations. At this time, commission members left the meeting. Chair Gordon noted that he would return following another appointment.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 5th day of November 2026.

Steve Gordon _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County