Tentative Meeting Agenda - McPherson County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Location: McPherson County Courthouse in Commissioners Chambers - 706 Main Street, Leola, SD 57456
Thursday – November 5th, 2026
beginning at 10AM or immediately following the Zoning Commission Meeting

10:00AM Pledge of Allegiance, Agenda Approval, Conflicts of Interest, Approve October 6th commissioner minutes.

Motion to forgo a Drainage Commission meeting for the month of November due to no new permits

10:00AM **Tab#1 - Public Hearing Ordinance 2026-1: Public Hearing (Page 1) and First Reading Ordinance (Pages 2-3)**
Consider motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-1; set a date for the second reading/public hearing

Tab #2 Public Hearing Public Input on renting a portion of the Eureka County Building (613 7th Street) (Page 4)
Motion to approve Resolution 26-20 **(Page 5)** and authorize the Chair to sign Lease #1400-449-89 **(Pages 6-14)**

10:30AM **Zoning Update –** Discussion and Possible Action with Leola School Superintendent and School Board Members; Consider hiring professional expert firms/legal council based on actions taken by Planning and Zoning, Board of Adjustment at the 10/20 meeting

Tab #3 Willem Hoffman (Page 15)- "Discussion and possible action on the following: (1) Third-party review of 26-CUP-04, obtaining proposals for engineering and building-code, hazardous-materials, acoustical, and legal review with cost funded with permit fee and additional costs reimbursed by the applicant under Ordinance 2025-1 §5.33.12(7), following the Zoning Board's recommendation of 20 October 2026. (2) Third-party review of an update to the data center ordinance (Ordinance 2025-1, Chapter 5.33), as recommended by the Zoning Board on 20 October 2026."

Zoning – Request for Executive Session 1-25-2(1) discussion and possible action to advertise for a Planning and Zoning Administrator position

11:00AM **Public Comments**

11:30AM **Tab #4 Motion to Convene as the McPherson County Election Canvassing Board**
2026 General Election Canvass: Unseal Unofficial election results tapes, read results and match the canvass certificate, Unseal Pollbooks, Inspect registration Lists and precinct RECAP sheets

Motion to certify the November 3rd election results and to sign the canvass certificate **(Pages 16-28)**

Perform the random draw of one precinct and two races for the Post-Election Audit.

Set the Post Election Audit Date – November 17th

Motion to adjourn the canvassing board and reconvene as the Board of Commissioners.

12:00PM **Highway Department** – Motion to approve a step pay for Linda Hanke, Step 3 – 35 after 1 year, 23.40/hour for 1820 hours per year or $42,588 annually as of the beginning of pay period 12 beginning on 11/23/2026;
Consider increase for Ethan Petrich, obtained CDL;
Department Updates

Motion to approve any presented permit(s) to Occupy Right of Way – Web Water

12:30AM **Courthouse Maintenance –** Department/Project Updates: Air Shaft, ADA Lift Update, other projects

1:00PM **Sheriff -** Motion to approve step pay for AJ Whited, Step 5 – Year 4, $30.29/hour $63,003.20 annually for 2080 hours/year as of 12/1/2026; October Service Report

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1:30PM **Tab #5 Auditor's Office** – Motion to Approve the CorTrust Bank Account Authorization **(Page 29)**;
Consider motion to increase font size in the Northwest Blade after Dec 1st, 2026 **(Pages 30-33);**
Motion to have the chairman sign the MOU with Tyler Technologies for the VetraSpec Program used by the VSO **(Pages 34-38)**;
Motion to grant the following holiday days Friday, November 27th; Thursday, December 24th; and a ½ day (12pm-5pm) on Thursday, December 31st.

Tab #6 Eureka Hospital, Community Health Contracts (Pages 39) – Consider motion to have the chairman sign the contract for the remainder of 2026, requested amount $5,000 **(Pages 40-43)**; Consider motion to have the chairman sign the contract for 2027requested amount $20,000 **(Pages 44-47)**

2:00PM **Holiday Appreciation Dinner and McPherson County Apparel gifts –** Discussion/Possible Action

2:15PM Motion to approve the presented reports **(Pages 48-51) (Sheriff Report 52-55)** and presented claims **(Pages 56-66)**;

Set times for the Next Meetings: December 1st and December 29th

Executive Session 1-25-2(1)(3) (as needed)

Times are approximate for all agenda items except Drainage Commission, public comments and public hearings.
The commission reserves the right to hear other agenda items before or after the time listed. The commission may take breaks as they see fit and resume with the remaining agenda when the meeting reconvenes.

Meeting Packet is available in the Auditor's office at least 24hrs before the meeting for inspection.