

COMBINED ELECTION AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into between McCook Central School District 43-7 and the City of Salem; both political subdivisions of the State of South Dakota, for the purpose of conducting a combined election as provided under the provisions of SDCL 9-13-37, 13-7-10.3 and 12-2-5.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This agreement shall become effective on the date that all parties have signed the agreement.

PURPOSE: It is the purpose of this agreement for the parties to conduct their individually required elections in one combined election. The combined election will be held on June 2, 2026. Elections are being combined to save tax dollars on the cost of individually conducted elections and to encourage a better voter turnout for both entities.

COST SHARING: The parties to this agreement shall share the costs of the combined election as set forth herein.

- Each Government entity shall publish its own required notices, except where they may by law be jointly published. The cost of jointly published notices shall be shared proportionately by ballot issue and/or candidate.
- Salaries and expenses of election boards within the city shall be shared equally by the parties.
- The Polling place shall be at the Salem Community Center and at no additional cost to either party.
- The cost of jointly used material (ballots, poll books, etc.) will be shared equally. Each entity will pay the cost of its individually used materials and supplies.
- Each Government entity shall prepare and pay for its own ballots.

If either party of this agreement are not required to have an election, only those costs of the joint action, if any, to the point of withdrawal will be shared. The remainder of the election costs will be borne by the remaining entity conducting the election.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee ballots shall be available at the office of the city finance officer for city election and the office of the school business manager for the school election for voters who wish to vote absentee.

CANVASSING OF THE VOTE: Each entity shall canvass the votes of their election as prescribed in law; the School District at its next regular meeting and the city within seven days of the election. Poll books will be opened by the school board, canvassed, resealed and passed on to the city Council, who will then canvass.

The McCook Central School Business Manager and the City Finance Officer are hereby empowered and directed to cooperate in any manner that will accomplish the purpose and intent of this agreement in order to facilitate this election in the most efficient and economical manner.

ATTEST:

Kathy Kaufman
Business Manager, School Dist. 43-7

Kurt Steffater
President, McCook Central School Dist. 43-7

Date: 11/21/2024

Chris Heumiller
Finance Officer, City of Salem

Ben Mayrose
Council President, City of Salem

Date: 1-6-2026