August 1, 2017

A Special Meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Steve Gordon. Members present: Charles Liesinger, Dean Koch, Marc Dick and Ralph Dybdahl.

Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Gordon called for approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Dybdahl to approve the Agenda as sent. Second made by Koch and motion carried.

The minutes from the July 18th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion was made by Dick to approve these minutes for publication. Second made by Liesinger and motion carried.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, reported that repairs to bridge #44-140-043 on 444th Ave will likely not be completed until spring 2018 instead of fall of 2017 due to contractor schedule; an estimated cost of $40,000. And with regard to the 2018 budget, need to add $40,000 to Contracted Construction and lower Capital Outlay by same amount. Kreutzfeldt noted that an increase from $4 to $5 per wheel would increase wheel tax revenue an estimated $40,000; 20% is shared with the cities and townships. Kreutzfeldt also informed the Board that Jerry Heumiller will begin work as seasonal employee on August 8th.

Discussion was held regarding HR services; will meet with the Moody County HR/Commission Assistant and a Moody County Commissioner on August 8th to receive input from them.

Tracy Hofer, Dir of Equalization, discussed need of another FT employee with the Commission.

Mark Norris, Sheriff, and the Board discussed the hiring of another FT deputy and no longer utilizing a PT employee.

Brad Stiefvater, EDS Director, asked to join the meeting to discuss lifting the burn ban if the County receives a general rain in the next couple of days. Approval was granted.

Auditor Sherman presented a budget request from the Soil Conservation District, $15,000, same as 2017; this will be budgeted for 2018.

With regard to revenues, Auditor Sherman noted that approximately $20,000 will be lost if the Commission chooses to not sign the contract with SD Office of Emergency Management; need to revisit this with EDS Director, Brad Stiefvater.

Auditor Sherman asked for input regarding pay increases for 2018; will wait for Alternative HRD to complete a salary study and work with the information that is presented to the Board.

With regard to the Election budget, the pay for precinct election workers will be increased to $200 for Election Day with $25 being paid for attending the election school. Auditor Sherman informed the Board that a decision needs to be made as to the purchase of new voting equipment. The ExpressVote machine has been certified by the State Board of Elections, along with tabulators and firmware upgrades. At this time, we can request the Secretary of State to earmark funds in our State held County HAVA account for the amount of purchasing three (3) ExpressVote machines. The M650 tabulator that we have cannot tabulate ExpressVote ballots. A DS450 tabulator costs $50,000; is not as fast as the M650 but does count optical scan and ExpressVote ballots. A DS850 tabulator costs $100,000; is faster than the M650 and counts optical scan and ExpressVote ballots. The ExpressVote machines cost $3,500 and one has to be purchased for every polling place in the county; 6 for McCook County. Sherman noted that she and Deputy Auditor, Michele Eichacker, have discussed the options and at this time, would like to continue using the AutoMark machines because they are still functional and Election Systems & Software can still provide service to them. Following discussion, motion was made by Dybdahl to authorize Auditor Sherman to sign the SD 2017 County Authorization Statewide Election Equipment Purchase Form noting that McCook County will not be upgrading to ExpressVotes at this time. Second made by Koch and motion carried.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2017.

Steve Gordon _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County