

February 23, 2021

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

Members present: Marc Dick, Dean Koch, Steve Gordon, and Charles Liesinger.

Eric Tieszen was present.

Chairman Mehlbrech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mehlbrech called for approval of the Agenda. Auditor Sherman noted the addition of contract approval for the outdoor warning siren at Lake Vermillion at 11:10. Motion made by Koch to approve the Agenda with addition noted. Second Dick. Motion carried.

The minutes from the February 9th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion made by Gordon to approve the minutes for publication. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Public input: none.

Commissioner Reports: Board discussed issues regarding the construction project at the Canistota School.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, presented Beadle County bid information from TrueNorth Steel. Following discussion, motion was made by Gordon to purchase metal culverts and bridge materials off bid that Beadle County awarded to TrueNorth Steel on January 19, 2021. Second Koch. Motion carried. A copy of the bid is on file in the Auditor's Office. The purchase of a skid steer and trade-in options were discussed. Kreutzfeldt presented a second skid steer quote from Scott Supply, Mitchell, SD, for a New Holland L328 with a trade-in option. Motion was made by Koch to purchase Gehl V270 skid steer from Puthoff Repair, trading in the 2004 Gehl 6640. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Beginning March 1st normal work hours will resume. Current projects include crack sealing and blading.

With time prior to the franchise hearing, Koch asked Brad Schardin, General Manager Southeastern Electric, for an update on the power shortages during the extreme cold and winter storms to the south. Schardin shared that Southeastern did have 5 outages/station shutdowns during the power grid shortage. These were implemented with no prior notice to them causing the need to send repair crews to investigate outages.

At 9:30 a.m. a Franchise Hearing was held for Southeastern Electric. Brad Schardin, General Manager, was present and shared history of the 10-year franchise, noting that the working relationship between Southeastern Electric and the McCook County Hwy Dept has been and continues to be great. Following review of upcoming projects, motion was made by Koch, to approve and adopt the resolution for a ten-year franchise to construct rural electric transmission and distribution lines in, along and across public highways of McCook County. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

State of South Dakota)
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County of McCook)

Before the Honorable Board of County
Commissioners of McCook County,
South Dakota

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a franchise
to construct rural electric transmission and distribution
lines, in, along and across the Public Highways of
McCook County, South Dakota

RESOLUTION 2021-04

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc., PO Box 388, Marion, South Dakota 57043, a rural electric cooperative corporation, on the 25th day of January, 2021, filed with the County Auditor of McCook County, South Dakota, its verified Application for the purpose of obtaining a franchise or easement of right-of-way granting said Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. the right to erect and maintain poles and wires for the purpose of conducting and transmitting electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes in, along and across public highways of McCook County, South Dakota, for rural electrification; and

WHEREAS, it appears that due Notice of the time and place of the hearing of said Application has been given to all persons, firms and corporations owning or operating electric, telephone and telegraph lines on any part of the public highways of McCook County, South Dakota, and other parties interested in this matter, by the County Auditor of McCook County, South Dakota, as provided for by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Notice, said Application was heard by the Board of County Commissioners of McCook County, South Dakota, on this 23rd day of February 2021, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m., in the County Government Center in the City of Salem, McCook County, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been continued to this date without any additional notice being necessary; and

WHEREAS, no persons, firm or corporation has appeared in opposition to granting said Application and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board of the County Commissioners of McCook County, South Dakota, that it will be for the best interest of the public in general for said McCook County, and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Board that the construction, operation and maintenance of rural electrification transmission and distribution lines, in, along and across the public highways of McCook County, South Dakota, without interfering with the operation and maintenance of any other line existing in said highways or other users of said highways.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of McCook, State of South Dakota, that the right to construct, maintain and operate poles and lines for the purpose of transmitting and distribution of electricity and energy for lighting, heating and power purposes, in, along and across the public highways of McCook County, South Dakota, for rural electrification purposes for a period of ten (10) years from and after the date hereof, be, and the same is hereby granted Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc., subject to the terms and conditions of Chapter 31-26 of the South Dakota Codified Laws and acts amendatory thereto relating to the construction of utility lines along and across the public highways.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of February 2021.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners
McCook County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman, County Auditor
McCook County, South Dakota

Motion was made by Gordon to convene as Drainage Commission. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Drainage Administrator Kreutzfeldt presented 2 drainage permit applications to the Board, noting that downstream landowner signatures were not obtained, so hearings were scheduled for today. Lucas Healy, Lori Healy, Duane Healy, Steve Lounsbery, and Eric Tieszen were present for the hearings.

At 9:45 a.m. a drainage hearing was held to receive input regarding drainage permit D21-003, applicants Brad Stangohr and Mark & Donita Potter, legal description S2SE4 Section 36 Richland Twp. Drainage Administrator Kreutzfeldt presented the drainage permit application and provided a map of the area.

At 9:55 a.m. a drainage hearing was held to receive input regarding drainage permit D21-004, applicant Mary Jean Lounsbery, legal descriptions NE4SE4 and NW4SE4 Ex 13.20 AC Section 36 Richland Twp. Drainage Administrator Kreutzfeldt presented the drainage permit application and provided a map of the area.

Both permits were discussed and reviewed simultaneously. Lucas Healy noted that he has an area of ground that is flat, and his cattle will stand in mud. Lounsbery stated that he has offered to pay the cost to install tile across Healy's. Lucas Healy: I cannot afford to pay for the tile. Koch stated that he feels Healy should not have to pay for tile, seeing no benefit.

Following discussion, Comm Dick asked Lounsberry if he would pay for the entire project. No. Kreutzfeldt asked if the (2) applicants and Healy would consider paying 1/3 of the project costs each. Motion was made by Dick to split cost by 1/3 each. Motion died for lack of second. Motion was made by Gordon to allow Kreutzfeldt to sign off on the projects if upstream landowners reach agreement to pay all expenses to extend the tile including re-seeding. Second Koch. Motion carried.

No drainage permits.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented a plat for approval. Following review of the plat review form, motion was made by Koch to approve the following County Commission Resolution. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat known and described as Tract 1 of Hoiten's Addition in the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 103 North, Range 55 West of the 5TH Principal

Meridian, McCook County, South Dakota is approved, and that the Auditor is hereby directed to endorse on such Plat a copy of this resolution and certify the same thereon.

Adopted 23rd day of February 2021.

Chair, Board of Commissioners
McCook County, South Dakota

Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, noted changes to the job description for Staff Appraiser and provided copies of same to the Board. Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization, added that a lot of repetitive information was taken out along with verbiage that was cumbersome and not needed. Motion was made by Gordon to approve the changes. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, informed Board that 4 candidates were interviewed for the Staff Appraiser position in Dir of Equalization office. Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization, was present. Schultz noted that Lori Viereck was offered the job and asked for approval of her hire. Motion made by Koch to approve the hiring of Lori Viereck as Staff Appraiser effective 2/22/2021, \$17.16 per hour pay rate. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Geralyn Sherman, Auditor/Welfare Director, and the Commissioners reviewed Care of Poor cases. Three Notices of Hospitalization (one revised) were received from Avera McKennan Hospital (2021-06, 2021-02, 2021-07). Two Applications for Poor Relief Assistance were received from Avera McKennan Hospital (on behalf of patient) (2021-02, 2021-01).

Auditor Sherman presented a letter from SD Dept of Agriculture requesting updated contact information for a designee who has authority to request fire suppression assistance. Motion was made by Dick to approve the following Rangeland Fire Protection resolution and authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign same. Second Koch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-03

COUNTY RANGELAND FIRE PROTECTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 41-20A, Fire Prevention and Suppression, a person designated by a Board of County Commissioners may request assistance for suppression of any range fire within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County agrees to pay reasonable costs for the direct fire suppression assistance from the State specifically requested by the County on any range fire, as set forth in SDCL 41-20A-11; and

WHEREAS, the State agrees to provide rangeland fire suppression assistance, pursuant to SDCL 41-20A-11; and

WHEREAS, the County agrees to provide to any Incident Management Team (IMT), which is managing a large fire within the county, a point of contact (POC) to work with the Incident Management Team on fire related issues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

Brad (BJ) Stiefvater, Jr.
McCook County Emergency Management Director
PO Box 309
Salem SD 57058
605-421-8392

is appointed County Rural Fire Coordinator for McCook County. The County Rural Fire Coordinator is hereby authorized to act as a single point of contact, on behalf of McCook County, in dealing with administrative matters such as burn bans, billings, or questions about the Rangeland Fire Agreement specific to the County. This authority shall continue in full force and effect until terminated or modified by resolution of the McCook County Board of Commissioners.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2021.

Charles Mehlbrech
McCook County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman
McCook County Auditor

Auditor Sherman presented 3 of 4 Commercial Garbage Hauler License applications to the Board. Motion was made by Dick to approve the applications for RBS Sanitation Service, Addy Disposal Service, and Dawson Construction, and authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign same. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

A letter was received from SD Supreme Court regarding Courthouse security. Recently, the Unified Judicial System engaged the National Center for State Courts to develop and propose a security program for SD courthouses. A survey will be distributed to capture data on security measures in place or needed throughout the 63 courthouses in SD.

Motion was made by Gordon to authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign the Annual Service Proposal and Contract for the Whelen Outdoor Warning Siren located at Lake Vermillion. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Liesinger, second Koch, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/20/21: Commissioners 1923.05; Auditor 5260.51; Treasurer 4104.39; States Attorney 2840.05; Custodian 1247.76; Dir of Equalization 2511.78; Register of Deeds 1955.57; Veterans Service Officer 262.80; Sheriff 11421.32; Contract Law 5263.37; Care of Poor 192.31; Welfare 346.66; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1409.80; Extension Secretary, 1183.75; Drainage 293.20; Planning & Zoning 544.52. Transamerica Employee Benefits, February contribution 3564.79; SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-Redfield 60.00; A&B Business, monthly copier contract 79.99; AAA Collections, lien collection fee 31.25; Aumentum Technologies, Marshall & Swift Rate Table Data 1088.36; Canistota Senior Citizens, 2021 appropriation 500.00; Card Service Center, law enforcement supplies 143.88; Century Business Products, monthly copier contract 105.16; Davison County Sheriff, January jail service 2660.00; Door Closer Service, door closer repair 150.00; Heiman Inc, fire extinguisher service 35.00; McCormick Motors, 2021 Ford Explorer 34994.00; McLeod's Printing, voter privacy booths 749.50 receipt book 12.49 POA envelopes 270.00; Meyer Motor, vehicle service 61.80; Minnehaha County Auditor, reimbursement of mental health services 16.99; Mitchell Clinic, prisoner care 38.00; New Century Press, publishing 917.80; Noll Collection Service, lien collection fee 41.23; Office Depot, office supplies 94.13; Presto-X, pest control at food pantry 39.00; SD Dept of Public Safety, 6 months teletype service 2340.00; SDACC, spring workshop registration 330.00; Sioux Falls Food Bank, Food Pantry delivery charges 70.00.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/20/21: Hwy Dept 19224.57. Transamerica Employee Benefits, February contribution 2618.71; New Century Press, bids notice 113.59; Northwestern Energy, utilities 39.01; SD Dept of Transportation, share of bridge inspections 290.68; SDACHS, membership dues 350.00 Short Course registration 100.00; TAPCO, signs 1061.80; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service 84.13.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower utilities 62.39.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/20/21: EDS Director 1412.31. Transamerica Employee Benefits, February contribution 96.51. Frontline Plus Fire & Rescue, annual siren service 250.00; Office Depot, toner cartridges 151.98; T & C's Pit Stop, meals for Sanford staff (covid-19 vaccinations) 49.15.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/20/21: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 192.17.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 2/20/21: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 3462.33, Medicare 809.75; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 3541.81; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SD, county share of health insurance contribution 17382.24.

Michele Eichacker, Deputy Auditor, met with the Commission to review the 2020 Annual Report and supporting documentation.

Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, informed the Board that Aflac meetings are scheduled for employees to meet with our representative on Wednesday, March 3rd, a department head meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24th, and a notice regarding SCAMS will be in the local newspapers for the next 3 weeks per instruction from States Attorney Fink.

Motion made by Koch to enter Executive Session at 1:05 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Troy Rempfer, Deputy Sheriff, joined the meeting, noting that HR Coordinator Schultz could stay for the discussion. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Upon Rempfer leaving the meeting, Haley Mayou, Deputy Sheriff, joined the Executive Session. Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, was also present per request of Mayou.

Upon Mayou leaving the meeting, HR Coordinator Schultz remained in the Executive Session. Chairman Mehlbrech declared out of Executive Session at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2021.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County