

January 26, 2021

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

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

Chairman Mehlbrech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the January 12th & January 13th meetings were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion made by Liesinger to approve the minutes for publication. Second Koch and motion carried.

Public input: none.

Commissioner Reports: none.

Mehlbrech and Koch met with two Hwy Dept employees prior to this meeting and concerns were raised regarding breaks and dinner/lunch break times.

Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, was asked to join the meeting. Schultz will be meeting with Karen DeLange, Alternative HRD, next week to discuss other issues and will add this to their discussion. Schultz provided current handbook policy but advised that it is not consistently applied across departments.

Kreutzfeldt presented a weight limit resolution and letter requesting assistance for enforcement to the Commissioners. Motion was made by Dick, second by Gordon, and carried, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2021-01

MCCOOK COUNTY WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to our highways, and

Whereas, the McCook County Board of Commissioners desires to protect existing McCook County Highways, ultimately saving tax dollars, and

Whereas, the McCook County Board of Commissioners desires the enforcement of weight limitations on McCook County roads as set forth and posted by the McCook County Highway Superintendent.

Now therefore be it resolved:

Whereas, the limits on McCook County Highways shall be set at six (6) ton per axle or seven (7) ton per axle, not to exceed 40 tons gross weight on all asphalt surfaced roads as posted with signs during the spring thaw period and 40 tons gross weight as posted with signs during the remainder of the year.

That the South Dakota Highway Patrol is hereby authorized and requested to enforce weight limitations on McCook County roads.

Be it further resolved that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

Vote of the McCook County Commission:

Aye 5 Nay 0

Dated this 26th day of January 2021 at Salem, SD.

Attest:

Geraldyn Sherman, McCook County Auditor

Charles Mehlbrech, Chairman McCook County Commission

Motion made by Dick to authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign a letter to the Motor Carrier Division requesting assistance with weight limit enforcement. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Discussion held concerning trucks hauling to and from Van Winkle Dairy during spring road postings. Kreutzfeldt to contact Kevin Van Winkle to work out a suitable route. A quote of \$7500 for a 14' dump trailer from Dell Rapids Custom Trailers was presented to the Board. Motion made by Dick to purchase the dump trailer. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

The present worth of inventory \$499,630.82 which includes gravel inventories valued at \$222,244.31 and present worth of fixed assets \$2,095,200.00 (excluding buildings). Budgeted 2021 equipment replacements include skid steer, backhoe, trailer, and mower tractor.

Motion was made by Liesinger to convene as Drainage Commission. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Drainage Administrator Kreutzfeldt presented a drainage permit application to the Board, noting that downstream landowner signatures were obtained, and he has signed off on it. All permits are available for inspection at the Hwy Dept Office.

D21-002 Bryant Hofer NW4 Ex Lot H-1 & Ex Lot H-2, 2-102-55

Kreutzfeldt presented 2 drainage permit applications, D21-003 & D21-004, that have requested hearings. Motion was made by Gordon to set 9:45 a.m., February 9th, as hearing time for Brad Stangoehr and Mark & Donita Potter #003 and 9:55 a.m., February 9th, as hearing time for Mary Jean Lounsberry #004 because downstream landowner signatures could not be obtained. Second Koch. Motion carried. Legal descriptions: #003 S2SE4 Ex W414.86' of E924.88' of S630' of SE4SE4 36-103-54 and #004 NE4SE4 36-103-54 & NW4SE4 36-103-54.

Motion was made by Koch to convene as Board of Adjustment. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m. a Conditional Use Hearing was held to receive input concerning the transfer of a building eligibility from Tract 2A of Miller's Subdivision of N2 15-102-53 to Lot 3 of Tract 1A Miller's Subdivision of N2 15-102-53. Applicant: Larry or Mary Jo Miller. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented the Application for the Conditional Use to the Board. Following discussion, motion was made by Gordon to approve the conditional use for building eligibility transfer. Second Dick. Ayes: Gordon, Dick, Koch, Liesinger, and Mehlbrech. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

At 10:45 a.m. the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2021-01, an Ordinance Rezoning Property from Agricultural to Commercial for an Implement Repair Shop was held. Applicant: Ryan and Ashley DeMent. Legal description: Tract 2 of DeMent Addition an Addition in N2 32-104-56. The reading was opened for public comment. None. Time for public comments was closed. Motion was made by Liesinger to approve and adopt Ordinance 2021-01. Second Koch. Ayes: Liesinger, Koch, Gordon, Dick, and Mehlbrech. Nays: none. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2021-01
AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY MCCOOK COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

The following legally described property shall be rezoned from Agricultural to Commercial, and the Official Zoning Map shall be amended to reflect such change:

Tract 2 of DeMent Addition an Addition in N2 32-104-56

CONFLICTS. Any prior ordinance or part of any ordinance in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

SEPARABILITY. Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder thereby.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective according to state law.

First Reading: January 12, 2021
Second Reading & Adoption: January 26, 2021
Publication: February 4, 2021
Effective Date: February 24, 2021 (20 days after publication)

Charles Mehlbrech, McCook County Chairman

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman, McCook County Auditor

Brad Stiefvater, Jr, EDS Director, met with the Commission to provide them with an update to the COVID vaccination process that is being held at the Salem Armory. Individuals must schedule an appointment, NO walk-ins. The process will provide vaccinations for McCook and Miner county residents. Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, and Jess Klinkhammer, Community Health Nurse Secretary, were present. Klinkhammer noted that the Nurse's Office has received over 100 calls/inquiries due to media ads that are out. Stiefvater noted that the same is happening for him; 100's of calls.

On another note, Stiefvater informed the Board that he received a call from GF&P requesting a permit to complete work on a cabin because someone from FEMA, reading the proposed Floodplain map (for McCook County) told the gentleman that the cabin they want to repair due to flooding, is in a flood plain. This map has not been approved or adopted and is being disputed by McCook County, city, and township officials.

Ella Stiefvater introduced herself to the Commission as a State 4-H Ambassador. Stiefvater thanked the Board for their support and investment in the 4-H program in McCook County. Stiefvater provided an overview of some of the programs that our youth participate in.

Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, met with the Board. Schultz informed them that the Aflac representative has asked about meeting with employees during the open enrollment period; are there concerns about in-person meetings? Not at this time. Open enrollment information will be given to all employees and they can choose how to meet with her. The position of Staff Appraiser has been posted and will run for two weeks in the county papers. To keep communication lines open and to get to know staff better, the Commission would like to begin meeting with Sheriff's Office deputies. Schultz will reach out and set up the schedule.

Geralyn Sherman, Auditor/Welfare Director, and the Commissioners reviewed Care of Poor cases. Two Notices of Hospitalization were received from Avera McKennan Hospital (2021-01 & 2021-02).

Auditor Sherman informed the Board that a 6-month extension was requested for the CTCL COVID-19 Response Grant and approved. To date \$1200 was utilized for extra precinct workers on election day. Sherman noted that the remaining funds, \$3800, will be used to purchase more germ shields, carrying cases for the shields, voting booths, and totes on wheels for election and cleaning supplies.

Motion made by Liesinger, second Gordon, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/23/21: Commissioners 1923.05; Auditor 5237.15; Treasurer 4049.44; States Attorney 2840.05; Custodian 1278.09; Dir of Equalization 2511.77; Register of Deeds 2220.53; Veterans Service Officer 297.84; Sheriff 12138.82; Contract Law 5113.37; Care of Poor 192.31; Welfare 346.66; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1409.81; Extension Secretary, 1212.50; Drainage 293.20; Planning & Zoning 544.53. Transamerica Employee Benefits, January contribution 3389.78; A & B Business, monthly copier contract 79.99; AAA Collections, lien collection fee 50.00; Century Business Products, monthly copier contract 134.37; English Law, court appt attorney for Tawny Teal 612.30; FedEx, shipping charge 15.60; Carol A Johnson, grand jury transcript 155.80; LifeQuest, 1st Qtr allocation 900.00; McLeod's Printing, assessment notices 49.90; New Century Press, publishing 2144.78 envelopes 771.20; Office Depot, office supplies 298.08 office chair 474.99; Salem Community Drug, notebook 3.39; Salem Special, burial permits 84.00; Laura Schultz, mileage 32.92; Sioux Falls Food Bank, Food Pantry delivery charges 70.00; Tech Solutions, laptop screen repair 200.00.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/23/21: Hwy Dept 19198.77. Transamerica Employee Benefits, January contribution 2618.71; Townships & Cities, 4th Qtr 2020-wheel tax collections 6734.68; American Garage Door, garage door parts 15.82; Avera Occupational Medicine-Mitchell, employee drug screen 56.20; Brock White Company, crack sealant melter 47599.94 parts 95.00; Lanair Heaters & Boilers, nozzle kit 144.94; Northwestern Energy, utilities 39.23.

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

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/23/21: EDS Director 1412.31. Transamerica Employee Benefits, January contribution 96.51.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/23/21: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 192.26.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 1/23/21: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 3513.33, Medicare 821.66; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 3544.80; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SD, county share of health insurance contribution 17382.24.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 26th day of January 2021.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County