

July 13, 2021

The meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Vice-Chairman Steve Gordon. Members present Dean Koch and Marc Dick. Members absent: Charles Liesinger and Chuck Mehlbrech

Vice-Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Gordon called for approval of the agenda. Motion made by Koch to approve the agenda as posted. Second Dick. Motion carried.

The minutes from the June 22<sup>nd</sup> & July 6<sup>th</sup> meetings were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion made by Koch to approve the minutes for publication. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Public input: none.

Commissioner Reports: none.

Liesinger joined the meeting.

Motion made by Dick to enter Executive Session at 8:35 a.m. for personnel discussion and transitioning HR (SDCL 1-25-2 (1)). Second Koch. Motion carried. Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, and Geralyn Sherman, Auditor, were present. Julie Nelson, Alternative HR, was present via ZOOM. Vice-Chairman Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 9:10 a.m.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, requested that \$172,790.21 cash be moved from Restricted for Bridge Replacement & Rehab to Assigned for Road Purposes. This is being spent on 450<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge #44-200-093 (payment to Holloway Construction). Kreutzfeldt attended a preconstruction meeting regarding road striping. Updated plan, center lines on new chip sealing projects will likely be striped this year with the remainder of striping in spring 2022. Louiseau Construction scheduled to be milling 431<sup>st</sup> Ave (Lehrman Lake site) this week. Discussion on cost of ship sealing in house vs contracting it out, no action taken. Current projects include chip sealing, hauling gravel, and mowing shoulders.

Jake Morris and Trent Bruce, DGR Engineering, presented bid results, to the Commission, for the Salem City 2021 Storm Sewer Improvements Project which included Courthouse site improvements. The low bid of \$759,140 was submitted by H&W Contracting, Sioux Falls. Based on estimated quantities McCook County's share is \$121,024.90. This is slightly higher than the engineers estimate because concrete costs were slightly higher than anticipated, but in line with current construction costs. It is anticipated that the project will be started in 1 ½ months. DGR Engineering's recommendation is that the County accept the bid and the city will bill the county monthly. Ace English, Salem City Mayor, joined the meeting. Motion made by Koch to approve & accept the bid (\$121,024.90) from H&W Contracting. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

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

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

D21-024	Hofer Family LLC	SW4 36-101-56
D21-027	David & Jerry Eichacker	W2NW4 29-104-54

Motion by Dick to set 9:45 a.m., August 10, as time for drainage hearing for application D21-026, landowners David & Jerry Eichacker, legal description SE4 13-103-56. Second Koch. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

At 10:30 a.m. the County Commission held the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of title of Ordinance No. 2021-03, an Ordinance of McCook County, SD, adopting the Revised Official Zoning Map of McCook County, SD. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, noted that she has not

received any more questions/comments since the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion made by Koch to approve and adopt Ordinance 2021-03. Second Dick. Roll call vote. Ayes: Koch, Dick, Liesinger, and Gordon. Nays: none. Absent: Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented 3 plats for approval. Following review of the 1<sup>st</sup> plat review form, motion was made by Dick to approve the following County Commission Resolution. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Be it resolved by the County Board of Commissioners of McCook County, South Dakota, that the above survey and plat be approved and the County Auditor of McCook County, South Dakota, is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such Plat a copy of the resolution and certify the same. Plat of Tract 1, Deer Glen Addition, in the E ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 26, T102N, R53W of the 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., McCook County, South Dakota.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

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Vice-Chair, County Commissioners

Following review of the 2<sup>nd</sup> plat review form, motion was made by Koch to approve the following County Commission Resolution. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Be it resolved by the County Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat of Tract 1 of Blindert Addition in the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 104 North, Range 55 West of the 5<sup>TH</sup> Principal Meridian, McCook County, South Dakota, be and the same is hereby approved.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

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Vice-Chairman of the County Board  
McCook County, South Dakota

Following review of the 3<sup>rd</sup> plat review form, motion was made by Liesinger to approve the following County Commission Resolution. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat known and described as Tracts 7A and 7B of Klaus Addition in the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 101 North, Range 53 West of the 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

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Vice-Chair, Board of Commissioners  
McCook County, South Dakota

Mike Fink, States Attorney, met with the Board to inform them that he instructed Carol Lauer, Treasurer, to begin tax deed proceedings on a Bridgewater property. The process has been on hold because a quit claim deed was to be signed, turning the property over to Bridgewater City, but that has not happened. Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, was present. Time did not allow for discussion of other properties ready to be taken for tax deed or in the tax deed process.

Mark Norris, Sheriff, Anna Misar, Deputy Sheriff, Mike Fink, States Attorney, Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, Sonja Ortman, Canistota School, Matt Alley, McCook Central School, Lonny Johnson, Montrose School, and Jason Bailey, Bridgewater School, met with the Commissioners to discuss need for a School Resource Officer within the school districts. Norris noted that this was talked about a couple of years ago, then COVID. Norris added that he sees it working like contract law enforcement with the county covering expenses and the schools reimbursing the amounts that they agree upon. Bailey noted that Bridgewater is K thru 5<sup>th</sup>, probably do not need it. Norris commented that they do need it. Ortman stated that Canistota is in and wants this to be a positive partnering between the schools and county. Norris added that an officer in the schools is a great presence. Alley noted that there is definite value in using one officer and questioned sustainability. The school officials said that they can use monies received through the American Rescue Plan. Schultz noted that the US Treasury Dept has not verified this for the county's American Rescue Plan funds. She will follow up with the US Treasury and NACo. Norris suggested that county pays half and schools share reimbursement of the other half. Schultz offered a 9/12

agreement because the officer will be in the schools nine months out of the year. It was also noted that the county will need to hire another deputy, picking up the entire cost of that back fill Deputy Sheriff and all start-up costs. Bailey noted that Bridgewater does not require the same amount of time as the other schools. Those present agreed that the schools can come up with agreed upon time spent within each school. Alley added that it is possible that McCook Central may need to have our own SRO in the future. Koch stated that the county and schools working together is great. Sheriff Norris noted how impressive it is to have all of them at the table discussing cost sharing options and appreciated their partnership. States Attorney Fink will draw up a Memorandum of Understanding between the county and schools and present it to each for their review. Schultz will send the cost share data to the schools for them to determine the details and discuss with their respective boards.

Motion made by Dick, second Koch, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 6/26/21: Commissioners 1923.05 mileage 115.92; Auditor 5254.51; Treasurer 4032.54; States Attorney 2840.05; Custodian 1351.74; Dir of Equalization 3712.98; Register of Deeds 2999.27; Veterans Service Officer 262.80; Sheriff 11320.18; Contract Law 5113.37; Care of Poor 192.31; Welfare 287.47; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1409.81; Extension Secretary, 1073.52; Weed 1043.23; Drainage 307.61; Planning & Zoning 544.53. Reemployment Assistance Division of SD, 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr reemployment compensation 683.36; Transamerica Employee Benefits, June contribution 3765.06; 44CRI 20-56, jurors & mileage 1132.64 SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-Redfield 60.00; A&B Business Solutions, monthly copier contract 68.31; AutoEx LLC, law enforcement vehicle service 382.86; Avera McKennan Hospital, mental health hold 714.00; Card Service Center, vacuum hose 56.00 law enforcement supplies 48.84 conference lodging 234.98; Central Farmers Coop, lawn mower gas 40.78; Century Business Products, monthly copier contract 120.70; Certified Languages, interpreter services 18.15; Chesterman Co, water 178.50; City of Bridgewater, July ambulance appropriation 6083.33; Dakota Data Shred, shredding services 107.64; Eich Law Office, court appt attorney for Scott D Bleeker 2395.20; Mike Fink, June expenses 402.61; G&R Controls, boiler services 445.85; Gordon Flesch Company, monthly copier contract 21.00; Inter-Lakes Comm Action, July CSW funds 783.08; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, law enforcement uniforms 489.54; Kiesler Police Supply, Glucks holsters & magazines 3285.00; Paula Kroger, mileage 24.02; Larry's Food & Auto, law enforcement vehicle service 55.19; Marco Technologies, monthly copier contract 106.30; McCook Conservation District, 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr appropriation 3750.00; McCook County EMS, July appropriation 11059.00; McCook County Treasurer, postage 216.25; McCormick Motors, law enforcement vehicle service 230.40; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 51.92; New Century Press, publishing 1973.33; Noll Collection Service, lien collection fee 78.29; Office Depot, locking cabinet 59.11 office supplies 83.65; RBS Sanitation, garbage service 77.00; Record Keepers Inc, vault box storage 19.25; Salem City, utilities 103.08; Sanford Health, autopsy & drug test 2441.00; SD Achieve, services for six residents 360.00; SD Planners Assn, membership dues 50.00; SDPAA, insurance for barn raisin' BBQ 243.00; Michael D Sharp Esq, court appt attorney for Natalie Shanahan 400.76 for Randall Marvin 1617.62; Diane Shelton, juror supplies 16.79; South Dakota Public Health Dept, lab services 80.00; Southeastern Behavioral, 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr allotment 1404.50; State 4-H Office-Fair, parking/gate passes 55.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, weed supplies 136.73; Sunset Law Enforcement, ammunition 95.20; Tech Solutions, Managed IT services 3686.00; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 713.11; Tyler Technologies, AcuXDBC license fee 270.00; Van Diest Supply, amine weed spray 2256.00; Verizon Wireless, iPad services 40.01, cell phone service 430.14 internet modem service credit -181.89; Xcel Energy, utilities 1095.68; Zapp Hardware, janitorial supplies 58.83.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 6/26/21: Hwy Dept 20740.91. Reemployment Assistance Division of SD, reemployment compensation 333.81; Transamerica Employee Benefits, June contribution 2618.71; Appera, towel & mat rental 105.00; AutoEx, used tire 20.00; Butler Machinery, parts 5693.88 labor 2378.70; C&B Operations, parts 681.54; Card Service Center, propane 20.11; Central Farmers Coop, supplies & labor 475.23; Chesterman Co, water 48.50; Cole's Petroleum, no lead gasoline

15181.25; Concrete Materials, asphalt 82099.00; Dakota Fluid Power, parts 115.81; Dustbusters Enterprise, dustgard 3325.14; Equipment Blades, asphalt bits 400.00; Gessner Welding & Repair, supplies 105.50; Hollaway Construction, 450<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge project 121077.82; Jebro Inc, liquid asphalt 25984.99; McCormick Motors, pickup repair 79.40; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 16.00; Pomp's Tire Service, tires & supplies 4949.69; Productivity Plus Account, poly wafer sets 1085.40; Puthoff Sales & Service, parts 288.02; RBS Sanitation, garbage service 68.00; Salem City, utilities 154.45; Salem Lumber, supplies 41.93; Soo Alinement, front end alignment 101.00; Southeastern Electric, utilities 33.13; Spencer Quarries, rock & chips 9908.41; Spring Valley Twp, culvert repairs 9368.26; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies 1232.30; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 111.42; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service 82.05; Weidenbach Concrete Works, bridge concrete 6745.50; Wheelco Truck & Trailer, parts 594.09; Xcel Energy, utilities 11.48; Zapp Hardware, supplies 33.46.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Golden West Telecommunications, 911 telephone service 371.72; Triotel Communications, 911 telephone service 179.20.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 6/26/21: EDS Director 1412.31. Reemployment Assistance Division of SD, reemployment compensation 40.46; Transamerica Employee Benefits, June contribution 96.51. Brad Stiefvater Jr, June expenses 141.96; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, generator battery 77.87; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 88.28.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 6/26/21: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 192.16. Card Service Center, UPS charges 17.90.

MODERNIZATION & PRESERVATION FUND: Microfilm Imaging System, scanning equipment rent 534.00.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 6/26/21: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 3714.32, Medicare 868.68; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 3813.55; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SD, county share of health insurance contribution 8245.02.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of June 2021: deposits in banks, \$7,132,844.90; cash to deposit, \$5,630.52; checks to deposit, \$26,667.60; CC payments, \$2,183.90; Cash Items (postage) \$216.25; Treasurer's Cash, \$1,353.75; Register of Deeds, \$450.00; Sheriff, \$500.00; CD's, \$800,000.00. The total deposits on hand: \$7,969,846.92.

Sidney Beck, Development Associate, and Courtney Pelissero, Permitting Associate, with National Grid Renewables, met with the Commission to present information about a renewable energy (solar) project being developed in Grant Township. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, Paula Kroger, Zoning Clerk, Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, Mark Norris, Sheriff, and 14 other individuals were present. Beck and Pelissero noted that they work with development and permitting and may not be able to answer all questions, adding that an open house will be held to inform the public, at a future date. Questions and answers: setbacks – 100' from homes; if panel breaks what happens to lead in it – chemicals are used to make panel ingredients inert; how much space between panel rows – 20' for this project; how much heat do panels generate – there is no heat island due to vegetation; reflection – panels are made with anti-reflective material; what if there is a fire – fire dept/first responders receive training; life expectancy of panels – 25-30 years; weeds – will be maintained; disposal of panels – county ordinance requires decommissioning the project; would local people see savings in electric bills – no; does project help local farmer – project will include purchase & lease of land; wetlands – minimal impacts; wildlife study – yes; do you purchase CRP land – yes; other projects in SD – yes, one near Rapid City. Questions being researched: what if the wind breaks a panel; how is the electricity moved; future tiling projects; insurance umbrella; how high does insurance go per incident; will land be altered due to drainage; can citizens take this to a vote; and what happens to this project if National Grid Renewables is bought out.

Fred Butzke and Jim Wahle, Immanuel Lutheran Church, met with the Board and Hwy Supt Kreutzfeldt to discuss flooding concerns around the church. Butzke asked if the County would consider raising 245<sup>th</sup> St and add drainage to 435<sup>th</sup> Ave, adding that it seems like 435<sup>th</sup> Ave holds water back. Kreutzfeldt noted that raising 245<sup>th</sup> St is doable. He will check the site prior to the next meeting. The church would appreciate help with water mitigation. No action taken.

Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, asked the Board for clarification as to what cost estimates they want to see for the School Resource Officer. Board asked Schultz to put together cost estimates for SRO/new SO Deputy using 50/50 cost share and 9/12 cost share, to be presented to them at their July 20<sup>th</sup> budget meeting. As far as human resources duties, Schultz feels that the Board should consider working with Alternative HR for now, with the new hire in the Auditor's Office being classified as Deputy Auditor II to focus on Auditor Office cross training. No new information to present from American Rescue Plan.

Geralyn Sherman, Welfare Director, and the Commissioners reviewed Care of Poor cases. Two Notices of Hospitalization were received from Avera McKennan Hospital (2021-24 & 2021-25). An Application for Poor Relief Assistance was received from Avera McKennan Hospital on behalf of the patient (2021-23). The individual has been notified but has not applied for county assistance.

The following building permits were issued the month of June:

2021-041	Keith & Terri Schettler	single family dwelling	Lot 1 Twin Eagle Estates Sub Tract 5 Larsons Add W2SW4 35-102-53
2021-048	Kenneth & Lacey Weber	100x135 building	Tr 1 Weber Add SW4 & SW4 13-101-55 Ex Land Deeded for Road
2021-051	Chuck Weber & Audrey Mason	remodel	Tr 1 Westhoff Add, an Add in NE4 14-103-54
2021-052	Barney & Gail Roling	demolish permit	SW4 Ex Lot H-2 & Road ROW & Ex N269' of W809' 25-103-55
2021-053	Kevin Stockwell	cold storage	Tract 2 Cecil's Add, an Add to N20AC SE4 23-101-53
2021-054	Steven & Karen Lounsbery	mortality site building	N2NE4 36-103-54
2021-055	Ryan & Alicia Neururer	finish basement	Tract 1 Stockwell Addition SE4 07-101-54
2021-056	Golden View Hutterian Brethren	60' silo tank	S385' of W550' of N1020' SW4 28-103-55
2021-058	Shirley Pollman & Kristi Wollman	70x150 shop	SW4 35-101-56
2021-059	David & Mary Twedt	steel roof on pole barn	Beg at NE Corner of Lot 1 (Lot D) of SE4 then W209', N209', E209', S209' (1AC) 18-103-56

The June Law Enforcement Report was reviewed and filed.

The burn ban will remain in effect because not all areas of the county are receiving rain.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

Steve Gordon \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice-Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman \_\_\_\_\_  
Auditor, McCook County