

May 11, 2021

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

Chairman Mehlbrech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the April 27th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion made by Gordon to approve the minutes for publication. Second by Liesinger. Motion carried.

Citizen Input: none.

Commissioner Reports: none.

Hwy Supt, Mic Kreutzfeldt, and Board discussed placement of temporary stop signs 3 miles west of Salem on 252nd St due to increased traffic from SD38 detour. It was agreed that the intersection of 252nd St and 438th Ave will be changed from north/south stop to an all-way stop on Friday, May 14th. This will remain until the bridge on SD38 has been replaced and opened to the public. Kreutzfeldt and the Board reviewed the proposed GF&P plans for the parking project at Island Lake site. Motion made by Gordon to approve the plans. Second Dick. Motion carried. Kreutzfeldt informed the Board that the pre-construction meeting for bridge project on SD38 was held; haul road agreements are needed.

Steve Knoll and Jacob Garner, Golden West Telecommunications, and Brad Engbarth, Engbarth Directional Drilling, met with the Board and Hwy Supt Kreutzfeldt to discuss permit application and progress that Golden West has made in securing easements for the installation of fiber optic cable. Kreutzfeldt explained that usually negotiations are complete when a utility permit is presented for approval and because they are not, a meeting was requested. Knoll stated that they have not gotten the private easements they would like, and much will need to be placed in public r-o-w. Discussed placement on 446th Ave south and 447th north of Canistota so as not to prevent future road improvements. Following review of a map of the proposed project, motion was made by Dick to approve the Telephone Utility Permit for Golden West Telecommunications and authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign off on it. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt Kreutzfeldt informed the Board that he talked with Terry Sletten, Executive Director of Towns & Townships Assn, regarding implementation of HB1259 an Act to make an appropriation for rural access infrastructure improvements. To be eligible for the funds, a township must opt out of the tax limitation OR impose the annual property tax levy of fifty cents per thousand, and a statewide committee is working to develop guidelines to address the last-minute legislative regulations attached to the funds. Holloway Construction is here today to begin replacement of structure 190-022 in Ramsey Twp. Current projects include hauling gravel base course to 453rd Ave, hot mix patching, and weed spraying.

No drainage permits.

Motion made by Liesinger, second Koch, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 5/1/2021: Commissioners 1923.05 mileage 77.28; Auditor 5231.79; Treasurer 4311.55; States Attorney 2840.05; Custodian 1464.39; Dir of Equalization 3678.66; Register of Deeds 2733.29; Veterans Service Officer 262.80; Sheriff 11373.98; Contract Law 5113.37; Care of Poor 192.31; Welfare 253.65; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1409.80; 4-H Program Assistant, 766.80; Drainage 358.31; Planning & Zoning 544.53. 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 337.68; Avera Queen of Peace Hospital, blood alcohols 234.00; Body Cams by Retired Cops, body cams & docking stations 4041.00; Card Service Center, law enforcement gas 233.46 meals-conference 238.26 P&Z

signs 386.10 Dymo labels 29.60 Samurai Project training 450.00; Central Farmers Coop, law enforcement auto fuel 4223.19; Chesterman Co, water 68.00; City of Bridgewater, May ambulance appropriation 6083.33; Dakota Data Shred, shredding service 53.82; Gordon Flesch Company, monthly copier contract 19.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, vests & supplies 566.20; Karr Tuckpointing, Courthouse masonry work 23946.00; Larry's Food & Auto, vehicle service 49.85; The Lodge at Deadwood, law enforcement lodging 478.00; Marco Technologies, monthly copier contract 81.88; McCook County EMS, May appropriation 11059.00; McCook County Treasurer, postage 131.10; McLeod's Printing, office supplies 47.98; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 504.89; Minnehaha County SD JDC, 5 days juvenile housing 1220.00; Minnehaha County Auditor, reimbursement mental health expense 56.00; Noll Collection Service, lien collection fee 127.36; Puthoff Sales & Service, lawn mower service 742.77; Ramkota Hotel-Pierre, spring workshop lodging 202.00; RBS Sanitation, garbage service 77.00; Record Keepers Inc, vault box storage 19.25; Salem City, utilities 100.67; Randy Schwader, meal reimbursements 57.87; SD Achieve, services for six residents 360.00; Senior Companions of SD, 2021 appropriation 2000.00; Michael D Sharp, court appt attorney for Robert Ihnen 350.98; SD Public Health Dept, lab services 80.00; Tech Solutions, managed IT services 3686.00; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 748.15; US Postal Service, annual box rent 76.00; Verizon Wireless, iPad services 40.01, cell phone service 260.38, internet modem service 240.10; Xcel Energy, utilities 547.30; Zapp Hardware, paint & supplies 649.43 totes 59.98.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 5/1/2021: Hwy Dept 22777.98. Appera, towel & mat rental 70.00; Butler Machinery, parts 1527.20; Capital One Trade Credit, tools 463.96; Card Service Center, office supplies 519.73; Chesterman Co, water 46.00; City of Sioux Falls, tire disposal 24.30; Concrete Materials, asphalt 740.66; Dakota Fluid Power Inc, motor repair & parts 1080.70; Gessner Welding & Repair, parts & labor 531.30; Istate Truck Center, water pump 116.50; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 177.97; North American Truck & Trailer, parts 150.72; Pomp's Tire Service, tires 1268.92; Puthoff Sales & Service, supplies 202.66; RBS Sanitation, garbage service 68.00; Salem City, utilities 150.31; Sioux Equipment, fuel tank labor 321.90; Southeastern Electric, utilities 33.00; Spencer Quarries, rock & chips 4230.76; Stan Houston Equipment, signs & holders 498.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, supplies 1612.15; Transource Truck & Equipment, parts 885.38; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 125.09; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service 81.23; Wheelco Truck & Trailer, parts 297.64; Xcel Energy, utilities 572.31; Zapp Hardware, supplies 40.94.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Golden West Telecommunications, 911 telephone service, 371.72; Schneider Geospatial, 911 consulting 911.25; Triotel Communications, 911 telephone service, 179.20.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 5/1/2021: EDS Director 1412.31. Reemployment Assistance Division of SD, Brad Stiefvater Jr, mileage 58.80 cell phone reimbursement 47.29; T&C's Pit Stop, meals & water for Sanford's staff providing covid vaccinations 99.17; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 88.47.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 5/1/2021: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 195.77.

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

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 5/1/2021: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 3742.40 Medicare 875.27; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution 3880.11; Wellmark BCBS of SD, county share of health insurance premium 8849.85.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of April 2021: deposits in banks, \$9,984,816.97; cash to deposit, \$2,638.81; checks to deposit, \$547,446.74; CC payments, \$2,127.70; Cash Items (postage) \$131.10; Treasurer's Cash, \$1,438.90; Register of Deeds, \$450.00; Sheriff, \$500.00; CD's, \$800,000.00. The total deposits on hand: \$11,339,550.22.

Auditor Sherman presented two Malt Beverage License Renewals to the Board. Motion made by Liesinger to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License Applications for Ports Petroleum Company d/b/a Fuel Mart and Lake Time Steakhouse & Bait Shop. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented the 2021 Davison County Jail Contract to the Board. The per prisoner-day rate remains at \$95 per day. Motion made by Dick to authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign the 2021 Contract with Davison County Jail. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented an email from Brad (BJ) Stiefvater, EDS Director, requesting that Justin Hagemann be added to the Search & Rescue Roster. Motion made by Koch to approve the request. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

April Law Enforcement Reports were noted and filed.

The following building permits were issued the month of April:

2021-023	Kenneth & Joan Raap	portable shed	SE4 28-103-53
2021-025	Scott & Marcia Tuschen	siding	Lot A Tuschen's First Add W2NW4 & E2NW4 09-103-56
2021-026	Marc & Mary Dick	remodel barn	SW4 30-101-54
2021-027	Meadow View Hutterian Brethren	300x120 building	Tract 1 Stahl Add Ex Tract 1 Meadow View Addition therein SW4 27-102-55
2021-028	Dorothy Lund	24x14 addition	Tract 1B of Battle Creek Shores 2 nd Add of S2SW4 34-102-53
2021-029	Whit & Megan Olson	48x48 pole barn	S2NE4 16-104-56
2021-030	Zachary Blindert	new house	S560' of N989' of E928' & S540' of N1529' of E821' NE4 4-103-55
2021-035	Bradley & Stacia Hallem	40x60 storage shed	Lots 3 & 4 Twin Eagle Estates Sub Tract 5 Larsons Add W2SW4 35-102-53

Motion made by Liesinger to convene as Planning Commission. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, and Kristin Benidt, Secog Planner, met with the Board to review the final "draft" of the McCook County Comprehensive Plan. Review was done on the zoning map to ensure all changes were reflected. A copy of the plan will be available in the Zoning office if there are any public inquires. With no further changes noted, motion was made by Gordon to set 11:00 a.m., June 8, as time for Planning Commission public hearing to receive input concerning the updated McCook County Comprehensive Plan. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Paula Kroger, Equalization & Zoning Clerk, joined the meeting. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, informed the Board that due to a scheduled conference she will not be able to attend their May 25th meeting so Kroger will be present for a variance hearing, a rezone hearing, and any other business that needs to come before the Board.

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

Be it resolved by the County Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat Tract 2 of Weber Addition, an Addition in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 101 North, Range 55 West of the 5TH Principal Meridian, McCook County, South Dakota be and the same is hereby approved.

Approved this 11th day of May 2021.

Chairman of the County Board
McCook County, South Dakota

Geralyn Sherman, Auditor/Welfare Director, and the Commissioners reviewed Care of Poor cases and the list of lien payments received in April. One Notice of Hospitalization was received from Avera McKennan Hospital (2021-17). A request for burial assistance is pending because there are funds in an account with the nursing home (2021-18). Three Applications for Poor Relief Assistance were received from Avera McKennan Hospital on behalf of the patients (2021-10, 2021-11, 2021-12). These individuals have been notified

but none have applied for assistance. There are questions with an Application for County Assistance (2021-08). Auditor Sherman will contact the applicant and report to the Board at their next meeting.

Laura Schultz, HR Coordinator, informed Board that the employee census for the health insurance county pool quote has been submitted to Risty Benefits and their questions answered. According to Risty Benefits, Commissioners are eligible to participate in the proposed plan and buyout can be 2 to 3 months premium. As more information becomes available, Schultz will bring it to the Board. Chief Deputy Urrutia will be providing ALICE training to any interested employees; 18 at this time. ALICE stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate. Schultz provided the Board with example uses of the American Recovery Plan Act noting that there is need for much more guidance. Schultz told the Board that they need to appoint an authorized representative of the county. Motion made by Liesinger to designate Geralyn Sherman, McCook County Auditor, as the authorized representative of McCook County. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Liesinger left the meeting at this time.

Jake Morris and Trent Bruce, DGR Engineering, met with the Board to review Courthouse site improvements including curb & gutter, concrete surfacing, sidewalks, asphalt surfacing, restoration and seeding. Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, was present. Morris presented a Preliminary Project Cost Estimate, \$97,000, and two site drawings indicating the work to be completed. Following review and discussion of the project and cost estimate, motion was made by Dick to proceed working with Salem City's timeline. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 11th day of May 2021.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County