

November 9, 2021

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

The minutes from the October 26th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion made by Gordon to approve the minutes for publication. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Public input: none.

Commissioner Reports: District Meeting is scheduled for November 18th in Hanson County.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, met with the Commission to inform them of agenda items that were discussed at the Planning & Zoning Conference that she attended. Two SD Supreme Court rulings addressing conflict of interest and commission bias will affect zoning process. Kaufmann suggested that these topics be addressed at the time of agenda approval. Auditor Sherman will contact SDPAA and ask for direction.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, presented Bid Letting Authorization for Project No BRO 8044(14) PCN 08AC (bridge 44-110-137 removal) to the Board. The SDDOT, Office of Local Government Assistance, estimates total project cost of \$100,227. The cost of the project will be covered by 81.95% Federal participation and 18.05% in County matching funds. Motion made by Liesinger to authorize and request the SDDOT to advertise the project for bids. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Kreutzfeldt presented a list of vehicles/equipment that need to be declared surplus property. Motion made by Gordon to declare the following items as surplus property and sell at on-line auction to be held on December 8th by Wieman Auction: FA #985, 1992 F350 Ford Pickup, FA#914A, 2007 Ford F150 Pickup, FA#928A, 2010 Ford F150 Pickup, FA#860A, 2003 420D Cat Backhoe, FA#993A 2010 Chevy Tahoe. The 1996 John Deere 7200 Tractor (declared surplus in 2019) to be sold as salvage. Second Koch. Motion carried. Motion made by Gordon to approve highway dept employee appraisals on file. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Kreutzfeldt informed Board that the County asphalt distributor is no longer operational and due to supply issues related to COVID, machines are scarce. Discussion on contracting vs distributor purchase followed. The Board feels that owning our own distributor is the best option. Motion was made by Koch to allow Kreutzfeldt and Liesinger to move forward with an emergency purchase that presents the best option for the county. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Current projects include re-graveling Co Rd 7A and Co Rd 1A.

Adam Polley, IMEG Corp, met with the Board to present initial bridge inspection report for bridge #44-190-083.

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

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Drainage Administrator, presented 2 drainage permit applications to the Board, noting that downstream landowner signatures have been obtained, and he has signed off on them. All permits are available for inspection at the Hwy Dept Office.

D21-050	Jason & Jennifer Hofer	NE4 17-103-54 with exceptions
D21-053	Kenneth Streff	NE4 15-103-55

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization/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 County Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the Plat of Tract 1 of Buseman Addition in the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 101 North, Range 54 West of the 5TH Principal Meridian, McCook County, South Dakota, be and the same is hereby approved.

Dated this 9th day of November 2021.

Chair, Board of Commissioners
McCook County, South Dakota

Motion made by Koch to enter Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2.1. Second Gordon.

Motion carried. Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization/Zoning Administrator, was present. Chairman Mehlbrech declared out of Executive Session at 10:55 p.m.

Dan Lederman, Summit Carbon Solutions, met with the Commission to review proposal to develop a new carbon capture and storage project in IA, MN, ND, SD, and NE. The project, Midwest Carbon Express, will capture carbon dioxide emissions that otherwise would be emitted into the atmosphere from biorefineries, such as ethanol plants, compress the captured CO₂, and transport it through a pipeline to ND where it will be permanently and safely stored underground in deep geologic storage locations. Lederman noted that talks are happening now, permitting in 2022, and building in 2023.

Auditor Sherman presented the Alcoholic Beverage License Application for renewal of the liquor license for Lake Time Steakhouse & Bait Shop to the Board. Sherman noted that the renewal fee of \$800 has been paid and real estate taxes are current. Motion made by Gordon to approve the application and authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign same. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Geralyn Sherman, Welfare Director, and the Commissioners reviewed Care of Poor cases. Two Applications for Poor Relief Assistance were received from Avera McKennan Hospital on behalf of the patients (2021-32 & 2021-33). Letters of denial were sent to the hospital because no financial information was provided, the forms only indicated no insurance. Neither patient has applied for county assistance. Because the County has paid two claims for an individual, the Attorney for Avera McKennan Hospital has asked the Board to reconsider payment of a third hospitalization without the need for a formal appeal (2021-33). Avera's calculated Medicaid rate for this claim is \$4453.34. Sherman feels that the claim should be sent to Dept of Social Services for Medicaid pricing, because this is done with all county aid claims. The Board asked Sherman to discuss the case with St Atty Fink and proceed according to his instruction. Sherman presented a Bankruptcy Order of Discharge for a lien in the amount of \$5731.45 filed against S.L.W. (2020-18) for payment of a hospital claim for Avera Queen of Peace Hospital. This has been reviewed by St Atty Fink who recommended release of the debt/lien. Motion made by Koch to release the \$5731.45 lien filed against S.L.W. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

The following building permits were issued the month of October:

2021-088	Orlin Schmidt	concrete pads	Tract A Buckmillers Add NE4 11-101-53
2021-090	Ben & Melissa Lueth	42x64 garage/storage bldg.	N523' S1195' E834' SE4SE4 5-103-53
2021-094	Violet Healy	60x80 shop	NW4 36-103-54
2021-095	Allen & Debra Waldner	58x78 new home	Lot 1, Block TR2, Heumiller's Add W2SW4SW4 24-103-55

The October Law Enforcement Report was noted and filed.

Auditor Sherman presented the Lake County Sheriff's Office Inmate Housing Contract for 2022 to the Board. The per prisoner-day charge is \$80.00. Motion made by Liesinger to approve the contract and authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign same. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman informed the Board that the County has a cage for a suburban that is no longer used for law enforcement and Hanson County has purchased a suburban and needs a cage for it. Sheriff Norris would like to give the cage to Hanson County. Motion made by Koch to declare the cage as surplus property and give it to Hanson County Sheriff's Office. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

The Southeast Enterprise Facilitation Project, November Facilitator's Report was noted and filed.

Motion made by Liesinger, second Mehlbrech, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/30/21: Commissioners 1923.05 mileage 54.20; Auditor 5265.01; Treasurer 3942.20; States Attorney 2840.05; Custodian 1213.10; Dir of Equalization 3601.44; Register of Deeds 2999.27; Veterans Service Officer 262.80; Sheriff 12558.61; Contract Law 5113.37; Care of Poor 192.31; Welfare 448.12; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1409.80; Extension Secretary, 1083.11; Weed 113.88; Drainage 307.61; Planning & Zoning 544.53. A & B Business, copier contract 70.83; Affordable Auto Body, repairs & supplies for 2018 Ford Explorer 14253.74; Alternative HR, HR consulting 708.75; Aumentum Technologies, ProVal migration 800.00; AutoEx law enforcement vehicle service & parts & supplies 486.38; Axon Enterprise, taser cartridges & batteries 972.92; Card Service Center, election workshop-lodging 308.00 office supplies 60.98 DARE supplies 1400.00 law enforcement supplies returned -240.48; Chesterman Co, water 93.50; City of Bridgewater, November ambulance appropriation 6083.33; Dakota Data Shred, shredding services 107.64; Dust-Tex Service, janitorial supplies 143.43; Fiferlick Drywall, window repairs 1402.69; Mike Fink, October expenses 277.27; Galls LLC, clipboard 34.31; Gordon Flesch Company, monthly copier contract 21.00; Brian Havard, mileage 61.70; Hotel Alex Johnson, P&Z conference-lodging 162.00; Inter-Lakes Community Action, November CSW funds 783.08; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, uniforms 160.84; KW Electric, Courtroom breaker 75.06; Lammers Kleibacker & Dawson, court appt attorney for April June Ward 466.00; Marco Technologies, copier contract 156.35; Maynards Salem, trunk or treat candy 147.89; McCook County EMS, November appropriation 11059.00 first aid kit 68.50; McCook County Treasurer, postage 227.36; McCormick Motors, law enforcement vehicle service 433.35; McLeod's Printing, office supplies 265.89; Meyer Motor, law enforcement vehicle service 49.80; Minnehaha County Auditor, reimburse mental health expenses 67.90; RBS Sanitation, garbage service 77.00; Record Keepers Inc, vault box storage 21.25; Salem City, utilities 104.51; SD Achieve, services for six residents 360.00; SD Public Health Laboratory, lab services 250.00; SDPAA, 2022 liability insurance renewal 43676.94; Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, tax forms 117.23; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, wrench 15.04; Sunset Law Enforcement, ammunition 252.00; Tech Solutions, monthly IT services 3686.00; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 705.95; Trittech Software Systems, annual software maintenance 5389.76; Verizon Wireless, iPad services 40.01, cell phone service 412.55; Wash 'N' Go, car wash tokens 160.00; Bob Westhoff, painting 524.25 Xcel Energy, utilities 724.90; Zapp Hardware, supplies 87.92.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/30/21: Hwy Dept 21623.18. Appeara, towel & mat rental 70.00; AutoEx, 4 tires & mounting 996.24; Batteries Plus, battery 483.80; Bierschbach Equipment, temporary signs 531.00; Boyer Trucks, parts 5373.92; Butler Machinery, parts & labor 17070.65; Capital One Trade Credit, parts 42.00; Central Farmers Coop, parts & labor 820.18; Chesterman Co, water 23.00; Commercial Asphalt, hot mix 1398.88; Concrete Materials, asphalt 2023.62; Diamond Mowers Inc, parts 251.23; Equipment Blades Inc, HDX bits, sno-shocks 15097.00; Gessner Welding & Repair, salt shed cover 3926.00 parts 3.30; Pomp's Tire Service, scrap fees 23.00; Puthoff Sales & Service, parts 91.59; Ramkota Hotel-Pierre, lodging-Safety Conference 196.00; RBS Sanitation, garbage service 68.00; Salem City, utilities 152.61; Salem Lumber, supplies 53.74; SD Dept of Transportation, bridge inspections 210.95; SDPAA, 2022 liability insurance renewal 24033.55; Southeastern Electric, utilities 33.00; Spencer Quarries, chips 1002.49; Stan Houston Equipment, gearhead 97.95; Stern Oil Co, oil 624.00; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, parts & supplies 906.99; Transource Truck & Equipment, valve & belts 233.48; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 102.25; Wheelco Truck & Trailer, parts 646.19; Xcel Energy, utilities 482.25; Zapp Hardware, supplies 17.99.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Active 911 Inc, software subscriptions 1875.00; Golden West Telecommunications, 911 telephone service 371.72; Schneider Geospatial, 911 consulting 1890.00; Triotel Communications, 911 telephone service 195.20.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/30/21: EDS Director 1412.31. SDPAA, 2022 liability insurance renewal 1000.04; Brad Stiefvater Jr, October mileage 62.16 cell phone expense 47.23; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 87.95.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/30/21: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 192.15. PharmChem Inc, sweat patch analysis 94.35.

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

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 10/30/21: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 3786.07, Medicare 885.48; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 3922.79; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SD, county share of health insurance contribution 7803.57.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of October 2021: deposits in banks, \$8,577,974.72; cash to deposit, \$876.43; checks to deposit, \$543,731.63; CC payments, \$5,898.94; Cash Items (postage) \$227.36; Treasurer's Cash, \$1,342.64; Register of Deeds, \$450.00; Sheriff, \$500.00; CD's, \$800,000.00. The total deposits on hand: \$9,931,001.72.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 9th day of November 2021.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County