

October 26, 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, and Steve Gordon. Absent: Charles Liesinger.

Richard Nolte was present for a portion of the meeting.

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 Dick. Motion carried.

The minutes from the October 12th 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: Koch noted that the Food Pantry quarterly meeting will be held next Monday.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, informed Board that SD DOT has approved the 2022-2026 Five-Year County Highway & Bridge Improvement Plan. Applications for the BIG Program can now be submitted for structures as listed in the approved Plan. Motion made by Koch to set 10:00 a.m., December 17th, as time to hold bid letting for 2022 asphalt paving. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Kreutzfeldt reported that base course has been hauled to 453rd Ave from Rechnagel Pit near Parker. Held discussion on possible salvage and crushing of waste concrete in the future. Kreutzfeldt to visit with Salem City as this is normally handled by cities.

Liesinger joined the meeting.

Kreutzfeldt noted that RR crossing on 431st Ave has been replaced. Kreutzfeldt informed the Board that air quality in Hwy Dept Shop and office area is poor, especially during the winter months. Koch referenced information regarding an air exchanger for the office area. Current projects include fall mowing, hauling gravel, and minor patching. Reminder that the District Weed Meeting will be held in Mitchell on November 4th.

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

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Drainage Administrator, had no drainage permit applications to present to the Board, but did have a question regarding who must sign the downstream form in contract for deed situation. It was agreed that the question needs to be referred to States Attorney Fink.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Motion made by Liesinger, second Gordon, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/16/21: Commissioners 1923.05; Auditor 5209.29; Treasurer 3835.07; States Attorney 2840.05; Custodian 1213.10; Dir of Equalization 3712.97; Register of Deeds 2999.27; Veterans Service Officer 262.80; Sheriff 13479.20; Contract Law 5113.37; Care of Poor 192.31; Welfare 236.74; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1409.80; Extension Secretary 1212.50; Weed Dept 940.41; Drainage 307.61; Planning & Zoning 544.53. Transamerica Employee Benefits, October healthpak premium 3406.95; Grand Jury fees & mileage 460.48; A&B Business Solutions, monthly copier contract 79.99; Card Service Center, DARE supplies 156.82; Feeding South Dakota, Food Pantry delivery charges 70.00; G&R Controls, boiler repairs & labor 2549.82; Galls LLC, duffle bags 249.79 supplies 48.44; Kathryn Heumiller, blood alcohol draw 125.00; Hillyard/Sioux Falls, recycle containers 129.16; Rebecca Hoiten, travel expense 50.64; Inter-Lakes Community Action, October CSW funds 783.08; Iron Wheel Sales & Service, air/heat unit 4580.31 supplies & labor 804.90; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, new officer uniforms 1199.12 Deputy uniforms 542.77; Carol Johnson, grand jury transcript 79.80; McLeod's Printing, office supplies 135.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 60.19; Noll Collection Service, lien collection fee 43.63; Office Depot, office supplies 91.67; Paul's Towing, SD HP towing 2956.00; Peters Distributing, troubleshoot wireless devices 251.53;

Presto-X, pest control-Food Pantry 39.00; Salem Community Drug, office supplies 13.08; Michael D Sharp, court appt attorney for Trevor Bynum 646.15 for Christopher Lenius 679.30 (2 claims); Geralyn Sherman, mileage-election workshop 161.28; Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare, 4th Qtr allotment 1404.50; Tyler Technologies, annual software maintenance 23143.14; United Laboratories, janitorial supplies 1506.16; Van Diest Supply, weed spray 1486.80; Lori Viereck, travel expense 9.45.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/16/21: Hwy Dept 21169.44. Townships & Cities, 3rd Qtr Wheel Tax distribution 11885.30; Transamerica Employee Benefits, October healthpak premium 2618.71; Avera Occupational Medicine, drug screen 58.00; Blackstrap Inc, road salt 1810.53; Cole's Petroleum, diesel fuel 16271.95; Concrete Materials, asphalt 3894.70; IMEG Corp, engineering design 10500.00; Jebro Inc, liquid asphalt 5574.66; Lyle Signs, freight charges 21.01; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 18.51; Northwestern Energy, utilities 10.00.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower utilities 62.80.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/16/21: EDS Director 1412.31. Transamerica Employee Benefits, October healthpak premium 96.51. Stan Houston Equipment, generator repairs 304.65.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/16/21: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 192.16.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 10/16/21: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 3860.39 Medicare 902.86; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 3929.40; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SD, county share of health insurance contribution 18042.69.

Motion made by Koch, second Dick, and carried, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2021-10

Whereas insufficient appropriations were made in the 2021 budget to discharge just obligations of said appropriation.

Whereas SDCL 7-21-32.2 provides that transfers may be made by Resolution of the Board from the Contingency appropriation established pursuant to SDCL 7-21-6.1 to other appropriations.

Therefore, be it resolved that appropriation of \$1,800.00 be transferred from Contingency as follows: Human Resources \$500.00, Coroner \$1,100.00, and Intergovernmental Expense (wheel tax) \$200.00.

Dated this 26th day of October 2021.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County

Motion made by Koch to approve an Automatic Supplement to Rural Access Infrastructure Funds in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Second Dick. Motion carried.

Geralyn Sherman, Auditor/Welfare Director, and the Commissioners reviewed Care of Poor cases. Two Notices of Hospitalization were received from Avera McKennan Hospital (2021-34). One Notice was returned because the patient is a resident of Minnehaha County. A Repayment Contract was sent to individual who received county assistance with two hospital claims (2021-08 & 2021-22), to be returned by November 1st.

Randy Sabers, Randy Sabers and Associates, met with the Board to review the Wellmark BCBS health insurance renewal information for county employees. The renewal shows a 6.26% increase. There is no change with the premiums through Transamerica Employee Benefits / Transconnect. Motion made by Dick to continue health insurance coverage with Wellmark BCBS and Transamerica Employee Benefits/Transconnect. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization/Zoning Administrator, asked the Board for input regarding specialty use permits noting that there have not been any applications received at this time. The process of applying was discussed to ensure that proper process is followed when an application is received. When an application for a special use permit is received, Kaufmann will present the application to the Board to ensure that all parties are aware, but per codified law Kaufmann will continue to approve the permits received.

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

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented 2 plats for approval. Following review of the 1st plat review form, motion was made by Dick 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 Lot 1 of Canistota Substation Addition in the SW ¼ of Section 6, Township 101 North, Range 53 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.

Dated this 26th day of October 2021.

Chair, Board of Commissioners
McCook County, South Dakota

Following review of the 2nd plat review form, motion was made by Dick 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 Lot 2 of Eagle Ridge Addition in the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 102 North, Range 53 West of the 5TH Principal Meridian, McCook County, South Dakota be and the same is hereby approved.

Adopted this 26th day of October 2021.

Chair, Board of Commissioners
McCook County, South Dakota

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

At 10:45 a.m. the Board of Adjustment held a public hearing to receive input concerning a request for a conditional use.

Applicant: East River Electric. Legal description: Lot 1 of Canistota Substation Addition in SW4, Section 6, Spring Valley Twp. Reason: construction & operation of an electrical distribution substation as a Public Utility Facility. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, read through Conditional Use Application. Chairman Mehlbrech opened the hearing for public comment. Paul Letsche, RLS, Land Management Team Lead East River Electric, provided information and answered questions from the Board. Public comment section of the hearing was closed. Motion made by Dick to approve the Conditional Use Application noting the following conditions: haul road agreement on file, noxious weed management, and a security fence. Second Koch. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dick, Koch, Gordon, Liesinger, and Mehlbrech. Nays: none. Motion carried.

States Attorney Fink joined the meeting.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board of Adjustment held a public hearing to receive input concerning a request for a conditional use.

Applicant: Sawyer Wollman. Legal description: E158' of S319' of SE4SW4, Section 35, Bridgewater Twp. Reason: manufacture livestock equipment. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, read through the Conditional Use Application. No public present. Following discussion, motion made by Liesinger to approve the Conditional Use Application with the following conditions: haul road agreement with township and rezone if employees' number more than three. Second Gordon. Roll call vote. Ayes: Liesinger, Gordon, Koch, Dick, and Mehlbrech. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

At 11:15 a.m. the Planning Commission held a public hearing to receive input concerning a request to rezone property from agricultural to rural residential to build a home. Applicant: Scott Morrison (not present). Legal description: Lot 2 in Morrison's Tract 1 Addition in NW4NE4, Section 27, Spring Valley Twp. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, read through the Rezone Application. Roger Morrison was present and inquired as to why he received an empty envelope that was sent by certified mail. Kaufmann explained that the applicant is to notify adjacent landowners of the rezone hearing, but Scott Morrison sent empty envelopes to all parties involved. States Attorney Fink noted that the applicant can reapply, but nothing can be done today because neighboring landowners didn't receive the proper notification. Motion made by Dick to deny the Rezone Application because proper procedure wasn't followed by the applicant. Second Liesinger. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dick, Liesinger, Koch, Gordon, and Mehlbrech. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Brad Preheim, Vermillion Basin Water Development District, and Jay Gilbertson, East Dakota Water Development District, met with the Commission to discuss option of McCook County being added to the VBWDD. Fred Butzke, McCook County Conservation District, and Mike Fink, States Attorney, were present. Preheim gave an overview of projects that the VBWDD has helped with in local communities throughout the basin and reviewed steps taken over the past two years, working on legislation, then having it pulled and then being told to take it to a referendum vote. States Attorney Fink reviewed statute (46A-3A-16) requirements and suggested the Commissioners hold public meetings in the future to educate individuals on the process. Preheim asked the Board if they are okay with him putting informational articles in local newspapers and meeting with municipalities and organizations to provide them with the same information that he gave the Commissioners today. Commission had no issue with this. The question as to whether McCook County should be added to the VBWDD would be on the General Election ballot in November 2022.

Motion was made by Dick to enter Executive Session at 12:25 p.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2.1. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Auditor Sherman left the meeting. States Attorney Fink was present. Chairman Mehlbrech declared out of Executive Session at 12:45 pm.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 26th day of October 2021.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County