

September 8, 2015

The meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Ralph Dybdahl. Members present: Marc Dick, Ron Scharffenberg, Steve Gordon, and Sheldon Butzke.

Chairman Dybdahl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dybdahl called for approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Scharffenberg to approve the Agenda as sent. Second Gordon and motion carried.

The minutes from the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Chairman Dybdahl called for approval of same. Motion made by Butzke to approve these minutes for publication. Second Dick and motion carried.

Commissioner Reports: none.

Hwy Supt, Mic Kreutzfeldt, presented a utility permit for approval. Motion made by Gordon to approve Telephone Utility Permit for Golden West Telecommunications. Scope of project is to provide service to a cell tower. Second by Butzke and motion carried. Time was spent reviewing the 2016-2020 McCook County Transportation Plan; 5 year highway and bridge improvement plan. Motion made by Dick, to set 9:30 a.m., October 13<sup>th</sup>, as time to accept sealed bids for surplus property; 1992 Ford pickup and 1994 tilt bed trailer and sell 1966 Oshkosh snow blower and asphalt pump by on-line public auction. Second Scharffenberg and motion carried.

Motion made by Butzke to convene as Drainage Commission. Second made by Gordon and motion carried.

Roger Hofer met with the Commission inquiring as to why townships need to sign off on drainage permit applications. Hofer stated that Union Twp has same question. No one was present from the township. Drainage Administrator Kreutzfeldt was present and stated that the township acceptance is required in many cases because their right-of-way is affected just the same as any downstream landowner.

No drainage permits.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

At 10:30 a.m. the Provisional Budget Hearing was held as advertised. Alicia Petersen, 4-H Youth Advisor, met with the Board to again request a fulltime secretary instead of part-time. The Board wants to talk with Carol Lauer, Treasurer, who at this time shares a fulltime employee with the Extension Office. Roger Hofer was present and asked about various budgets and their expense breakdowns. Following review of budgets these changes were made: increase Developmentally Disabled \$2520 and lower Tourism \$5000. Adoption of the 2016 Annual Budget is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on September 22<sup>nd</sup> when further review will be done.

Don Kom, Canistota Mayor, and Kathy Townsend, Canistota City Finance Officer, met with the Commission to ask the Commission to consider abating taxes, currently \$6588.44, and forgive the interest, currently \$795.18, and also forgive a county aid lien in the amount of 614.63 that are noted against property (parcel 21.10.2207) that has been given to Canistota City. Townsend noted that a Quit Claim Deed has been filed. The City wants to begin clean-up of the property with the intention of it being sold at a future date. Carol Lauer, Treasurer, and Roger Gerlach, Deputy States Attorney, were present. Lauer noted that the County cannot waive the taxes that are due and this

property would have been ready for taking tax deed in 2016. The new owner takes responsibility of past due property taxes. Gerlach reiterated that the County doesn't have the authority to forgive taxes, but can forgive a county aid lien and possibly abate the interest, not sure.

Commissioner Dick left the meeting at this time.

Brenda Schulte, Enterprise Facilitator SEFP, and Nancy Larsen, retiring Facilitator, met with the Commission to update them on the staff change. Larsen presented The August Activity Report for SEFP and the 2015 Semi-Annual Report. These were noted and filed.

Mike Fink, States Attorney, met with the Commissioners to discuss/review a letter from Meierhenry Sargent LLP regarding a centrally assessed property tax appeal with regard to the State under assessing utility property. Fink's recommendation is that the Commission retains this law firm to represent McCook County. Motion was made by Scharffenberg to retain Meierhenry Sargent law firm and proceed with an appeal.

Second Butzke and motion carried.

The following building permits were issued the month of August:

2015-42	Jerry Paweltzki	steel grain bin	E 709.5' of NW4 26-101-56
2015-43	James Wolf	overhang on shed	N450' of W400' NW4 Ex land deeded for road purposes 20-103-54
2015-44	C&E Family Farms	grain bin	Tract 2 of C&E Family Farm Addn NW4 2-104-54
2015-45	Gene Hofer	grain bin	SE4 4-101-55
2015-46	Engbarth Properties	remodel/sm addition/siding	W2W2SE4 30-102-53
2015-47	Brian Paweltzki	grain bin	E 709.5' of NW4 26-101-56
2015-48	Jeff O'Hara	storage building	SW4NW4 Ex 3Ac Cemetery & NW4SW4 Ex RR 22-103-53
2015-49	Jason Hofer	grain bin	SW4 Ex 1/02Ac Hwy & Ex Lot H2 1.39Ac 12-101-55

2015-50 NE4 12-103-55	Cathy Ries	new house	S565' of E483' of
2015-51 4-102-56	Randall Bunger	grain bin	125Ac in SE4 of I-90
2015-52 Addition	Rod Dorale	new house	Lot 11, Eagle Ridge
2015-53	Dan & Don Miles	grain bin	W2NW4 14-104-53
2015-54 12-101-56	Verizon	cellular tower	Replat of Lot 1 SE4

Welfare Director Sherman, Mariann Oyen, Benefits Specialist, and the Commissioners reviewed Care of Poor cases and payments received for Care of Poor and Court Appointed Attorney liens. One Notice of Hospitalization was received from Sanford Medical Center. Auditor Sherman noted that a request for assistance with an outstanding hospital bill was denied because the individual has Medicare Part A and the County didn't receive a Notice of Hospitalization.

In other business, Auditor Sherman informed the Board that an organizational Food Pantry Board meeting was held on August 12<sup>th</sup>. A question was raised with regard to payment of a \$20 delivery fee charged for Feeding SD to deliver food items to Salem and Bridgewater. Sherman told the group that she'd ask the Commissioners about payment of this fee and get back to the Food Pantry Board. Motion made by Scharffenberg to approve County payment of the \$20 delivery fee. Second Gordon and motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented the 2016 Emergency Management Performance Agreement for signature. Motion made by Scharffenberg to authorize Chairman Dybdahl to sign the agreement for grant awards. Second made by Gordon and motion carried.

The August Law Enforcement Report was noted and filed.

Motion made by Butzke to declare the following items as surplus property as they are no longer usable for purpose acquired and have been junked: fixed asset #821A Dell OptiPlex computer, #822A Dell OptiPlex computer, #823A Dell OptiPlex computer, #824A Dell OptiPlex computer, #784 receipt printer, #807A Epson printer and #881 Epson receipt printer. Second by Gordon and motion carried.

Mike Fink, States Attorney, joined the meeting to discuss contracting with a public defender. No action taken at this time.

Motion made by Gordon, second Butzke, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 8/30/15: Commissioners 1461.55, mileage 113.40; Auditor 2848.33; Treasurer 3409.32; States Attorney 2186.54; Custodian 1139.04; Dir of Equalization 2793.12; Register of Deeds 2750.16; Veterans Service Officer 589.05; Sheriff 5595.30; Contract Law 4053.86; Care of Poor 115.38; Welfare 269.04; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1549.31; Extension Secretary 461.26; Weed Dept 389.50; Drainage 307.69; Planning & Zoning 192.31. A & B Business, desk pad, 13.57; Keith Aden, VSO training expenses, 420.05; Affordable Auto Body, replace windshield, 310.46; AMG Rural Clinics, new employee physical, 134.00; AutoEx LLC, auto service & supplies, 456.56; C & R Supply, sprayer pump, 148.80; Card Service Center, supplies & travel expenses, 1859.61; Chesterman Company, water, 56.00; City of Bridgewater, September ambulance payment, 2936.41; Dust-Tex Service, dust mop rental, 27.17; Hillyard/Sioux Falls, janitorial supplies, 217.56; Tracy Hofer, 2 cameras, 192.85; Inter-Lakes Comm Action, September CSW funds, 682.67; Larry's Food & Auto, oil change, 47.10; Bill Lehrman, weed board meeting & mileage, 35.92; Marco Inc, monthly copier contract, 36.79; McCook County EMS, September ambulance payment, 7242.45;

McCook County Publishers, publishing, 963.07; McCook County Treasurer, postage, 397.29; McCormick Motors, tires & oil change, 895.93; Dwayne McIntyre, mower fuel, 15.47; McLeod's Printing, traffic & warning tickets, 395.63; Mark Meyers, weed board meeting & mileage, 31.30; Microfilm Imaging Systems, equipment rent, 469.00; Minnehaha County Auditor, mental health expenses, 170.00; Morgan Theeler, LLP, court-appointed attorney for Robert Hemmah, 1972.30; Karl Oehlke, mental evaluation, 150.00; RBS Sanitation, garbage service, 56.25; Record Keepers Inc, vault box storage, 19.25; Alicia Reif, mileage & camping fee, 151.14; Salem City, utilities, 68.61; Salem Farmers Market, extension supplies, 20.91; Salem Sales, auto fuel, 3312.73; SD Achieve, services-4 residents, 240.00; SD Sheriff's Association, conference registration, 85.00; Brenda Stadel, website design changes, 62.50; T & C's Pit Stop, auto fuel, 57.00; Total Stop Food Store, auto fuel, 276.34; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 947.93; Michael Unke, court-appointed attorney for Duwane Black Tail Deer, 200.22, court-appointed attorney for Clinton Deffenbaugh, 198.42; Annette VanEmmerik, state fair expenses, 18.97; Verizon Wireless, cell phone/internet modem service, 310.29; Ben Visser, weed board meeting & mileage, 44.32; Walgreen Co, prisoner care, 569.50; Judy Weber, grand jury court reporting, 257.50; Mark Wilder, Brookings training expenses, 77.52; Xcel Energy, utilities, 783.95; Zapp Hardware, supplies, 134.36.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 8/30/15: Hwy Dept 18358.23. Boyer Trucks, fuel level sender 64.74; Card Service Center, office supplies 168.45; Central Farmers Coop, lp gas 29.59; Concrete Materials, G-2 asphalt 509.50; Dakota Fluid Power Inc, pump/motor repair 1495.42; Fleetpride, axle cradle 49.73; Gessner Welding & Repair, parts & labor, 1539.85; Mac's Inc, wrench, 20.39;

Productivity Plus Acct, parts, 756.13; Puthoff Repair, parts, 496.99; RBS Sanitation, garbage service, 56.25; Salem City, utilities, 67.69; Salem Lumber, Bridgewater shed & supplies, 1551.36; SD DOT, share of state project costs, 228.99; Sheehan Mack, filters, 80.37; Stan Houston Equipment, blades & supplies, 428.62; Sturdevant's Auto, supplies, 330.27; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 99.81; Xcel Energy, utilities, 387.47; Zapp Hardware, supplies, 30.47.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Golden West

Telecommunications, 911 telephone service, 371.72; Triotel Communications, 911 telephone service, 231.20.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 8/30/15:

EDS Director 1259.54. Brad Stiefvater, August mileage 192.36; Sturdevant's Auto Supply, generator battery, 55.19; T & C's Pit Stop, auto fuel, 28.19; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 93.88.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 8/30/15: Sheriff

Secretary/Dispatcher 96.15.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 8/30/15: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 2829.18, Medicare 661.69; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution 2785.03; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield, county share of health insurance premium 4518.73.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of August, 2015: deposits in banks, \$2,876,991.11; cash to deposit \$1,298.85; CC payments \$350.20; checks to deposit \$43,255.59; Cash Items (postage) \$397.29; Treasurer's Cash \$1,272.71;

Register of Deeds \$450.00; Sheriff \$500.00; CD's \$800,000.00. The total deposits on hand: \$3,724,515.75.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

Ralph Dybdahl

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Chairman, McCook

County Commission

ATTEST:

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