

February 11, 2025

The meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Chuck Mehlbrech.

Members present: Steve Gordon, Tom Heumiller, Charles Liesinger, and Marc Dick.

Chairman Mehlbrech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mehlbrech called for approval of the agenda. Motion Gordon to approve the agenda as posted. Second Liesinger.

Motion carried.

The minutes from the January 28th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Liesinger to approve these minutes for publication. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Public input: Roger Hofer provided public comment.

Commissioner Reports: Comm Mehlbrech noted that he and Comm Heumiller attended the Hanson County Commission meeting on February 4th. Hanson County and Davison County will be holding a hearing on February 21st at 7pm at Mitchell Vo-Tech, in order to receive public input.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, presented 2 utility permits for Board approval. Motion Gordon to approve Communications Utility Permit for Golden West Telecommunications to bore across 448th Ave from an existing vault (900' S of 247th St). Location of installation: 24719 448th Ave. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Motion Liesinger to approve Communications Utility Permit for Golden West Communications to bore across 435th Ave from an existing vault (near 25705 435th Ave). Location of installation: 25704 435th Ave. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Supt Raap presented a resolution for making 252nd St at intersection of 438th Ave a 4-way STOP. Motion Heumiller, second Liesinger, and carried, to approve and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-03

A RESOLUTION SETTING TRAFFICE CONTROLS FOR 438th Ave ON MCCOOK COUNTY HIGHWAY 17G

WHEREAS, traffic has increased due to economic changes, and

WHEREAS, to maintain safety for the motoring public, and

WHEREAS, the McCook County Board of Commissioners desires to provide for smooth traffic flow.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: A four-way stop shall be placed at the intersection of 252nd St and 438th Ave.

Passed, approved and adopted this 11th day of February 2025 on a motion by Heumiller, seconded by Liesinger.

Vote of McCook County Commission: Ayes 5 Nays 0

Chairperson, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Hwy Supt Raap presented Tabulation Sheets from the bid letting held on February 6th for Hwy Dept supplies. Hwy Supt Raap, Val Krempeges, Hwy Dept Administrative Assistant, Commissioner Mehlbrech, and Auditor Sherman were present, along with several vendor representatives. Supt Raap informed the Board that a bid from Old Castle for precast concrete box culverts was missed during the opening of bids and the Board can accept it because it was filed on time, or they can hold another bid letting. Motion Liesinger to accept the bid and note it on the tabulation sheet. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Bid tallies were reviewed. Motion Liesinger, second Dick, and carried, to award bids as follows: Item #1 Liquid Asphalt – Flint Hills; Item #2 Asphalt Concrete for County Patching – Commercial Asphalt and Knife River depending on location of product; Item #3 Reinforced Concrete Culverts – Old Castle; Item #4 Precast Concrete

Box Culverts – Old Castle; Item #5 Concrete Bridge Beams – no bids received; Item #6 Quartzite Materials – Spencer Quarries Inc; Item #7 Bridge Construction/Repair – Hollaway Bridge & Culvert; Item #8 Magnesium Chloride – Dustbusters Enterprise; Item #9 Deicing Sand – Michael Johnson (location); Item #10 Overlay Patching – Commercial Asphalt; Item #11 Diesel Fuel & Gasoline – split bid: Coles Petroleum, diesel fuel and Central Farmers, gasoline; Item #12 Joint Sealant Materials – Midstate’s Equipment & Supply (both brands: WR Meadows & Maxwell); Item #13 Corrugated Metal Culverts – Custom Truck & Equipment Inc; Item #14 Polypropylene Pipe – Core & Main. All bids are on file in the Auditor’s Office for public inspection.

Brad (BJ) Stiefvater, Jr, met with the Board to provide an update on the adoption of a floodplain ordinance.

Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization/Zoning Administrator, informed the Commission that Dept of Revenue will be hosting monthly training for new Directors of Equalization via Teams. Assessment notices will be mailed to property owners tomorrow. HR has offered the Staff Appraiser position to an applicant. Kevin Weber came to the Assessor’s Office stating that he wanted seven (7) building eligibilities for property he purchased and has property in different areas to swap the eligibilities with. Flogstad informed him that swapping eligibilities in other areas isn’t allowed because the land isn’t contiguous. Weber stated that the seller told him that he had seven and it's done that way in Minnehaha County. Weber was informed that he should have checked with the Zoning Office to verify McCook County Zoning Regulations. Auditor Sherman presented a letter from Brian Kelly to the Board noting that Zoning Administrator Flogstad was also given a copy. In the letter Mr. Kelly noted that he was required to rezone his property because of the small seasonal campground that he had listed on the Hip Camp app and was operating on his property. Kelly emailed Cori Kaufmann on 6/1/2024 informing her of a new Hip Camp listing a few miles from him. She emailed back assuring Kelly that she would see that they were in compliance. Kelly heard nothing and sent a follow-up email to Kaufmann and again received no response. Later she informed him that she was vacating her position, and his complaint was in the hands of the county commissioners. Sherman noted that this is the first time she’s seen this complaint, and it was never brought to the Board. Kelly also noted the rodeo area west of him on Hwy 42 that has several RV hookups, wondering if they are properly zoned. Kelly is just looking for an even playfield, asking that everyone be treated the same, and he would be happy to attend a commission meeting, hoping the matter gets resolved by bringing it to their attention. The Commission asked Flogstad to verify the information and if Arrow B Acres is still listed on Hip Camp, contact the owners to inform them of the zoning regulations.

Auditor Sherman presented an abatement for approval. Dir of Equalization Flogstad explained that this is due to the house not being removed from the parcel two years ago but wasn’t and it was brought to her attention last week. Abatement #1, parcel 21.18.010106, Drew & Stacy Hjermstad, reason-Assessor error. Motion Liesinger to approve the abatement and authorize Chair Mehlbrech to sign same. Second Dick. Motion carried.

The following building permits were issued in the month of January:

25-001	Orland Hutterian Bretheren	decomposing shed	SW4 10-104-53
25-002	Orland Hutterian Bretheren	generator storage shed	E2NW4 & E2NW4NW4 16-104-53
25-003	Rebecca & Brett Goeden	remodel basement	Tr 5 Riverview Estates an Add & an Undivided 1/6 Int in Tr 8 Riverview Estates SE4 3-101-53

The January Law Enforcement Report and a report showing the breakdown of calls made and hours worked in each community were noted and filed.

Motion Dick to declare fixed asset #917-A, Ricoh MP 161 copier as surplus property as it is no longer suitable for purpose acquired and was junked. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Motion by Dick, second Gordon, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/1/2025:

Commissioners 2183.80 mileage 126.00; Auditor 6323.62; Treasurer 5603.55; States Attorney 7303.38; Custodian 1147.30; Dir of Equalization 3122.05; Register of Deeds 3693.45; Veterans Service Officer 341.40; Sheriff 16046.03; Contract Law 9123.04; Care of Poor 228.92; Welfare 325.35; 4-H Youth Assistant 1556.11; Weed 183.92; Drainage 127.17; Planning & Zoning 669.85. SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-Redfield, 60.00; Grand Jury, fees & mileage, 531.32; AAA Collections, lien collection fee, 201.95; Alternative HR, February HR services 5600.00; Alvine Law, court appointed attorney for Jerome Clark, 647.50; AutoEx, vehicle maintenance, 566.17; Card Service Center, supplies and gas, 475.23, dog food, 99.18; Century Business Products, monthly copier contracts, 778.08; Certified Languages, interpretation service, 66.00; Chesterman Co, water, 88.00; City of Bridgewater, February ambulance appropriation, 3866.67; Corporate Translation, interpreter service, 67.32; Dailey Law Prof, court appointed for Devin Braveheart, 762.00, Kevin Bergheim, 1034.40, Marvin Stewart, 1017.85, Crystal Yellow Eagle, 689.75, Kelly Cordier, 1486.35, Shawn Hofer, 999.65; Dakota Data Shred, shredding service, 73.07; Davison County Sheriff, January jail services 7245.00; First Circuit CASA, 2025 appropriation, 1500.00; Gordon Flesch, monthly copier contract, 30.00; Hillyard/Sioux Falls, hand soap, 188.50; Inter-Lakes Community Action, February Community Service Worker funds, 1107.58; Lentsch Tree Service, snow removal, 180.00; Lincoln County Auditor, reimburse mental health hearing, 69.00; Maynards, supplies, 37.78; McCook County EMS, February ambulance appropriation, 11559.10; McCook County Treasurer, postage, 1062.51; McCormick Motors, vehicle maintenance 1439.47; Carol McCormick, curtains for community room, 54.96; McLeod's Printing, traffic tickets, 208.95; Minnehaha Co. Juvenile Detention, juvenile housing, 5475.80; Morgan Theeler LLP, court appointed attorney for Jackson Flicker, 230.50, Amber Wallenstein, 1675.89, Annissa Leeann Kizzair, 396.58, Darcy Sue Ducheneaux, 928.22, Daniel Waithaka, 36.00, Kyle Lemme, 36.00; New Century Press, publishing, 563.53; Pennington County Jail, prisoner transport, 192.50; Pictometry International, 2024 flyover, 27853.33; Salem Lumber, supplies 25.45; Laurie Schwans, supplies for district meeting 122.03 and community room, 82.04; SD Achieve/dba LifeScape, services for six residents 360.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, January contract, 200.00; Tech Solutions, Managed IT services 4041.23; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 667.47; Verizon Wireless, iPad service 40.01 cell phone service 477.40; Xcel Energy, utilities, 1059.87.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/1/2025: Hwy Dept 20703.18 travel expense 78.03. Appera, mat & towel rental 102.74; Auto Value, parts & supplies 570.32; Avera Occupational Medicine, random drug testing, 151.00; Butler Machinery, slope meter, 174.90; Card Service Center, asphalt conference registration, 125.00, safety supplies, 1050.75, CDL training fee 25.00; Central Farmers Coop, diesel, unleaded, LP, 20250.09; Century Business Products, monthly copier contract, 148.66; Chesterman Company, water, 6.00; CHS Inc, LP gas, 450.18; Dakota Fluid Power, parts & repairs, 1207.05; DANR, stormwater annual fee, 100.00; Gessner Welding, supplies, 222.00; Maynards, supplies, 33.05; Napa Auto, parts/supplies, 2693.19; New Century Press, publishing, 42.12; PowerPlan, parts, 820.01; Salem City, utilities 254.45; Salem Lumber, supplies 43.00; Sioux International, parts/supplies, 499.14; Southeastern Electric, utilities 56.56; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 102.43; Vollan Oil, oil, 2899.50; White Cap, 12v alternator, 656.44; Xcel Energy, utilities, 15.48.

911 SERVICE FUND: Golden West Telecommunications, 911 telephone service 200.00; Triotel Communications, 911 telephone service 185.20.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/1/2025: EDS Director 1572.12. Brad Stiefvater Jr, cell phone expense, 47.93; Triotel Communications, telephone & internet service 145.06; Witmer Public Safety, earmuffs (safety equipment), 329.89.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/1/2025: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 223.43. PharmChem, sweat patch/fentanyl screen, 127.80.

MODERNIZATION & PRESERVATION FUND: Microfilm Imaging System, scanning equipment rent 626.00.

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$537,279.93.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 1/4/2025: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 4488.78, Medicare 1049.79; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 4522.17.

Total Claims: \$122,026.81.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of January 2025: deposits in banks, \$5,066,261.36; cash to deposit, \$572.69; checks to deposit, \$24,448.54; CC payments, \$4,009.62; Cash Items (postage) \$1,062.51; Treasurer's Cash, \$507.49; Register of Deeds, \$450.00; Sheriff, \$500.00; CD's, \$700,000.00. The total deposits on hand: \$5,797,812.21.

Kasey Entwisle, Pitbull Acres LLC, met with the Commission to provide an update on their medical cannabis cultivation facility/business and payment of the \$5000 fee. Auditor Sherman presented their Application for Medical Cannabis Business License for approval. Motion Gordon to approve the application and authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign Form E. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Hilary Kroupa, Program Manager, Regional Youth Educator (RYE), SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, met with the Board to explain the transition to a regional structure for county support and operations. McCook County has been assigned to the South region. Stacey Sieverding, 4-H Program Assistant, and Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, were present. Program evaluation feedback provided by Sieverding was reviewed. Kroupa also presented program evaluation feedback from clientele (4-H members, 4-H parents, and 4-H volunteers/supporters) for the 2023-2024 4-H program year. Stubkjaer asked if more assistance will be provided for the 4-H Program Assistant with regional programs being offered. Yes. Kroupa noted that this regional approach is designed to foster greater connections and improve operational responsiveness. Sieverding asked for permission to attend a conference in Mitchell, March 4-6. Board approved.

Motion Gordon to enter Executive Session at 12:10 pm for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, and Auditor Sherman were present. Chairman Mehlbrech declared out of Executive Session at 12:25 pm.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 11th day of February 2025.

Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County