

February 27, 2024

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

Members present: Chuck Mehlbrech, Marc Dick, Dean Koch, and Steve Gordon.

Chairman Liesinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kris Tott was present.

Chair Liesinger called for approval of the agenda. Motion Koch to approve the agenda as posted. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

The minutes from the February 13th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion made by Dick to approve the minutes for publication. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Public comment: none.

Commissioner Reports: Koch & Gordon attended district meeting held in Davison County and Mehlbrech attended Sioux Metro Growth Alliance meeting.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, presented Bid Tabulation for 2024 Microsurfacing Project to the Board. Bids were received from Asphalt Surfacing Company \$180718.38, ASTECH Corp \$189791.65, and Missouri Petroleum Products \$286551.99. The bid letting was handled by IMEG Corp. The Commission needs to award the bid with the IMEG recommendation of awarding to Asphalt Surfacing Company. Motion Mehlbrech to award the bid to Asphalt Surfacing. Second Dick. Motion carried. Raap presented a letter from SECOG noting that Secog is applying for Planning and Demonstration Grant from US Dept of Transportation through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program to assist in the cost of developing a regional Safety Action Plan. To participate in the development of this grant, a letter of commitment is required by Friday, March 15, 2024. No action taken. Raap presented a utility permit for approval. Motion Koch to approve Electric Utility Permit for Southeastern Electric for installation of 1ph URD to eliminate overhead at 443rd Ave, 400' N of 257th St. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Raap informed Board that load limits went on February 15th and will remain until State removes theirs, can be as late as April 30th. Current projects include crack sealing and blading roads.

Michelle Stubkjaer, Alternative HR Consultant, joined the meeting to discuss the Build Dakota Scholarship Program and building partnerships with school districts within McCook County. As an Industry Partner, the County pays \$2750/semester for a total of \$11000 for a 2-year A.A.S. program student (diesel mechanic) or \$5500 for a 1-year diploma program student (heavy equipment operator). The student commits to a 3-year work commitment with the County. A contract is drafted. County determines who to interview. Following discussion, motion Mehlbrech to move forward with the Build Dakota Scholarship Program. Second Dick. Motion carried. Stubkjaer and Hwy Supt Raap will be visiting with the Bridgewater/Emery School Principal this afternoon to share information. We want local school districts to know that McCook County is looking to sponsor a student through the programs offered at the tech schools.

Motion Dick to convene as Drainage Commission. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

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

D23-011	Langerock Irrevocable Trust	N2NE4 32-101-54
D24-001	Mark & Sheryl Ortman	N2NW4 32-101-54 less cemetery

Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization, informed the Board that county equalization hearings begin on April 9th and county board ends on April 30th. At this time, Director Kaufmann and Auditor Sherman would like to hold county boards on April 16th and if there isn't sufficient time on that date, we can select another Tuesday or a Thursday. Kaufmann asked if her office could use one of the retired

law enforcement vehicles because the suburban needs tires and has engine issues. The Board noted that both of the law enforcement vehicles will be kept and utilized where/as needed.

Auditor Sherman presented the 2024 Siren Service Agreement with Frontline Warning Systems for the siren located at Lake Vermillion. Motion Koch to authorize Chairman Liesinger to sign the agreement. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Geralyn Sherman, Auditor/Welfare Director, reviewed Care of Poor cases with the Commissioners. A Notice of Hospitalization was received from Sanford USD Medical Center (2024-06).

Auditor Sherman informed the Board that 2 claims will be sent to the SD Assn County Commissioners, one Catastrophic County Poor Relief (CCPR) claim and one County Legal Expense Relief Program (CLERP) claim. Both claims will be reviewed by committees for reimbursement of allowable expenses.

Motion Dick, second Gordon, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/17/2024: Commissioners 2079.80; Auditor 6014.98; Treasurer 4650.89; States Attorney 3763.21; Custodian 1390.90; Dir of Equalization 4618.24; Register of Deeds 3619.78; Veterans Service Officer 325.20; Sheriff 13760.56; Contract Law 8432.14; Care of Poor 228.16; Welfare 480.35; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1521.10; Extension Secretary 1481.90; Drainage 105.98; Planning & Zoning 628.18. SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-Redfield 60.00; Transamerica Employee Benefits, February contribution 3705.48; Grand Jury, fees & mileage 473.44; Alvine Law Firm, court appointed attorney for Richard Cage (2 claims) 2401.58 Raeanna Ramirez 1201.60 and Kevin Bergheim, 1423.97; Card Service Center, supplies, gas, TV screen, dog food, motel rooms 1704.06; Century Business Products, 2 monthly copier contracts, 258.67; Davison County Sheriff, January jail Service 5565.00; Heiman Inc, annual fire extinguisher inspection 76.50 & 5 fire extinguishers 445.00; Holiday Inn Hotel & Conf Center, lodging weed conference 275.97; Iron Wheel, unplugged sink & toilet repair 630.50; Lewis Drugs Inc, prisoner care 16.28; McCook County Fair Board, 2024 appropriation 6400.00; McLeod's Printing, election supplies 179.88; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 716.09; OPD Business Solutions, office supplies 208.63 Garmins for Dodge Durango's 412.98; Adam Puthoff, meals-weed conference 56.72; Travis Raap, meals-weed conference 61.91; RBS Sanitation, garbage service courthouse 109.00 garbage service food pantry, 106.00; Relentless LLC., 3 day criminal training 699.00; Laurie Schwans, meal-district meeting 12.99; SDACC, 1st quarter CLERP fees 575.00; SDACES, 2024 membership dues 45.00; SDAE4-HP, Spring Program Development Conference 75.00; TriTech Software, mobile PS Pro annual fees 1228.49; Zapp Hardware, replace faucet & supplies 293.92.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/17/2024: Hwy Dept 20316.91; cell phone reimbursement 200.00. Transamerica Employee Benefits, February contribution 1717.42; Arrowwood Resort, asphalt conference lodging 108.92; Avera Occupational Medicine, CDL drug tests 142.00; Card Service Center, supplies 367.78 asphalt conference registration 125.00; Heiman Inc, annual fire extinguisher service 485.00 & 4 new extinguishers 705.00; Ron Heumiller, parts 50.53; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 339.21; RBS Sanitation, garbage service, 81.00; Salem Lumber, sales tax on cost of 2 doors 160.99; SD Dept. of Transportation, share of State Project 1516.14.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Motorola Solutions, PTX subscription and app 169.00; Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower utilities 62.49.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/17/2024: EDS Director 1497.26. Transamerica Employee Benefits, February contribution 96.51. Frontline Plus Fire & Rescue, annual contract-siren at Lake Vermillion 350.00.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 2/17/2024: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 212.81.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 2/17/2024: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 4396.65, Medicare 1028.24; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 4361.19; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SD, county share of health insurance contribution 17988.26.

Motion Koch, second Gordon, and carried, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2024-04

Whereas insufficient appropriations were made in the 2024 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 \$200.00 be transferred from Contingency to Coroner.

Dated this 27th day of February 2024.

Charles Liesinger _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County

Becky Hoiten, Deputy Auditor, reviewed the 2023 County Annual Report, the Financial Analysis of the County, opt out information, and County Road & Bridge Levy information, with the Board. Rhonda Olinger, Deputy Auditor, Laurie Schwans, Register of Deeds, Mark Norris, Sheriff, and Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization/Planning Administrator, were present. Hoiten told the Board that she took a call from Roger Hofer, and he'd like it known that he is strongly opposed to constructing a new building because we'll have \$2 corn this Fall, need to wait couple of years before building new.

Mike Fink, States Attorney, joined the meeting.

Auditor Sherman presented questions from Peter Begemann to the Commission and States Attorney Fink. When will the Commission begin discussion on Class C CAFO's, when does the moratorium end, and how soon will building permits be processed following the lifting of the moratorium? Class C CAFO discussion will be held on March 12th, if the ordinance isn't referred it can be rescinded on March 12th or let it go until April 1st when it's set to expire, and building permits will be processed individually as time allows. A list of current CDs, dollar amounts, interest rates, maturity dates, and the bank they are held in was reviewed.

Motion Koch to enter Executive Session at 11:50 a.m. to discuss pending litigation, SDCL 1-25-3, with Mike Fink, States Attorney. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, and Auditor Sherman were present. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried. Chair Liesinger declared out of Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.

In other business, Auditor Sherman asked the Board to consider increasing the credit card limits on the Auditor's card for Courthouse Departments and the Hwy Dept card from \$1000 to \$3000. Sherman noted that we are finding that some vendors will only accept payments by credit card and rooms for conference lodging must be reserved by credit card because direct billing is no longer allowed, and this can take away from the credit line for several months. Motion Gordon to increase the limit to \$3000 on the Auditor and Hwy Dept credit cards. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 27th day of February 2024.

Charles Liesinger _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____

Auditor, McCook County