

January 24, 2023

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

Chairman Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dick called for approval of the agenda. Motion made by Koch to approve the agenda as posted. Second by Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

The minutes from the January 10th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion made by Gordon to approve the minutes for publication. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Public input: Roger Hofer presented copies of drainage case laws to the Board and Drainage Administrator Kreutzfeldt.

Commissioner Reports: Mehlbrech received packet from ICAP but hasn't reviewed yet. Gordon attended VBWWD annual meeting held in Centerville. Koch noted that a Food Pantry meeting was held yesterday; finances are good and new location is working. Koch has received several calls against the proposed ordinance amending the Definition of "lot of record" as contained in Chapter 19.02 of the 2014 Revised Zoning Regulations. Drew Peterson called Koch with questions concerning the VBWWD, solar energy project, and the pipeline project.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, and Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, met with the Commission. Kreutzfeldt informed Board that Travis Raap is the only internal applicant for the Hwy Supt position. Stubkjaer told the Board that they don't have to open the position to outside applicants but does recommend that they hold an interview with Raap, at this point. Stubkjaer updated the Board of progress in the search for a highway maintenance worker.

Kreutzfeldt presented diesel fuel & gasoline bids for 2023 to the Board. Bids were received from Coles Petroleum, Stern Oil, and Central Farmers and are on file in the Auditor's Office. Following review of the quotes, motion was made by Koch to accept bid from Central Farmers. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Kreutzfeldt presented a utility permit for approval. Motion made by Gordon to approve Communications Utility Permit for Leap Communications for fiber to the home project in southeastern McCook County. Second Koch. Motion carried. Kreutzfeldt reminded the Board that last year they adopted an on-going resolution that establishes Spring thaw load limit restrictions and presented a letter addressed to the Motor Carrier Division requesting assistance with weight limit enforcement, to the Board for signature. Motion made by Gordon to authorize Chairman Dick to sign the letter. Second Koch. Motion carried. Snow blower update found hydraulic pump and auger drive motor (need two) through Federal Surplus. Kreutzfeldt noted that he has been working with National Grid Renewables regarding fencing of the solar plants; fencing will be placed around equipment only, and not obstructing waterways. Special thanks to David Eichacker, Cordell Hofer, and Todd Bies for their assistance with recent equipment breakdowns. Current projects include snow removal and annual sign inspections.

Auditor Sherman presented a letter from SD Dept of Public Safety, Wildland Fire Division, regarding appointment of a designee who can request county rangeland fire protection. Sherman noted that the Board adopted an on-going resolution last year and she will send it to the contact person, if so approved. Motion made by Mehlbrech to send a copy of the resolution adopted in 2022 showing that Brad Stiefvater Jr is the appointed designee for McCook County. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman informed the Board that John Barnett would like to receive annual payment for the storage unit utilized by the Food Pantry and doing this allows the County a 10% discount. Motion made by Koch to pay the storage unit rent on an annual basis instead of quarterly. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Motion made by Liesinger, second Gordon, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/21/2023: Commissioners 1980.75; Auditor 6235.41; Treasurer 4355.46; States Attorney 3155.92; Custodian 1381.16; Dir of Equalization 2645.78; Register of Deeds 3437.71; Veterans Service Officer 309.75; GIS 1642.50; Sheriff 13126.32; Contract Law 6490.61; Care of Poor 217.30; Welfare 378.40; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1451.80; Extension Secretary 1411.20; Drainage 296.89; Planning & Zoning 598.25. SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-Redfield 60.00; Transamerica Employee Benefits, January contribution 3172.84; AutoEx, vehicle maintenance 469.25; John Barnett, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Qtrs storage unit rent 810.00; Century Business Products, 3 copier contracts 304.08; English Law, court appt attorney for Chloe Ferguson 797.90; Inter-Lakes Community Action, January CSW funds 836.33; Lewis Family Drug, prisoner care 47.17; McLeod's Printing, office supplies 282.15, 4000 assessment notices 269.90; Meyer Motor, repairs 2020 Ford Explorer 1414.89; ODP Solutions, office chair & supplies 408.16; Salem Community Drug, office supplies 8.92; SD Planners Assn, 2023 membership dues 50.00; SDAE4-HP, 2023 membership dues 120.00; Michael D Sharp Esq, court appt attorney for Skylah Conner 1436.20 for David Johnston 3595.40 for Braedon Bonnell 1882.14 for juvenile 122.70; Vital Records Control, vault box storage 144.95.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/21/2023: Hwy Dept 22745.05. Transamerica Employee Benefits, January contribution 1802.96; Townships & Cities, 4th Qtr 2022-wheel tax collections 6493.28; American Garage Door, repair door 333.67; Appeara, mat and towel rent 71.62; Auto Value, parts 59.98; Blackstrap Inc, road salt 7722.88; CHS Inc, lp gas 601.40; Dakota Riggers & Tools, parts & supplies 589.12; Knife River-SD, asphalt 2785.25; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, supplies 199.29; Northwestern Energy, utilities 117.06; SDACHS, 2023 Short Course registration 200.00; SDSU-SDLTAP, 2023 SD Asphalt Conference registration 250.00; Sperling Repair LLC, labor & parts Mack truck 2130.58.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower utilities 63.00.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/21/2023: EDS Director 1454.68. Transamerica Employee Benefits, January contribution 96.51. Brad Stiefvater Jr, December 2022 expenses 135.34.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 1/21/2023: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 202.68.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 1/21/2023: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 4278.85, Medicare 1000.65; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 4083.44; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SD, county share of health insurance contribution 18390.98.

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

At 10:30 a.m. a public hearing was held to receive input concerning request for Conditional Use Permit. Applicant: Golden View Colony, Brian Waldner present. Landowner: Richard & Sally Wobig. Reason: finishing barn 4800 swine. Legal description: NW4 Section 7 Sun Prairie Twp. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented the Conditional Use application to the Board. Mike Fink, States Attorney, and approximately 15 citizens were present. Chairman Dick opened the hearing for public comment. Concerns voiced: may want to build a home on a parcel N of this site-will setbacks allow this? Yes. And odor control. Waldner-we are doing our best to keep site clean and we use additives for odor control. Koch noted that Golden View Colony is a good neighbor with their existing barns. Chairman Dick closed public comment portion of hearing. Motion made by Koch to approve the Conditional Use Application with following conditions: haul road agreement in place with County, must plant trees, and use additives for odor control. Second Mehlbrech. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

At 10:40 a.m. a public hearing was held to receive input concerning request for Conditional Use Permit. Applicant: Golden View Colony, Brian Waldner present. Landowner: Heartland Partners SD LLC. Reason: finishing barn 4800 swine. Legal description: SW4 Section 3 Pearl Twp. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented the Conditional Use application to the Board. Mike Fink, States

Attorney, and approximately 15 citizens were present. Chairman Dick opened the hearing for public comment. Odor control has come a long way. Concerns: Smell. And why build along a township road, why not build along a highway or closer to main roads? The snow on township roads doesn't get moved until a farmer takes care of it. Waldner-we are opening roads ourselves and will have an agreement with the township like we do with the county. And this location was selected because it has utilities. Brad Schock, Pearl Twp-colony has been a good neighbor and believe this barn must be 3 miles from any existing barns. Yes. Chairman Dick closed public comment section of the hearing. Koch noted that he feels a haul road agreement with Pearl Twp is necessary and like the other location, trees must be planted. Motion made by Liesinger to approve the Conditional Use Application with following conditions: haul road agreement in place with Pearl Twp, must plant trees, and use additives for odor control. Second Koch. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, informed the Board that Jim Davies, Hanson County States Attorney, will be attending the February 14th meeting to discuss the Road Haul Agreement for the Alan Schmeichel Gravel Pit that Hanson County refuses to sign.

Joey Borracci and Trey Lester, Summit Carbon Solutions, met with the Commission to provide a project update and answer questions. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, and Roger Hofer were present. Hofer asked about the harm of the carbon dioxide. Borracci stated that he didn't want to get into politics. Lester asked the Board how the County wants to handle the township crossing. Kaufmann noted that the County doesn't have regulations for this, so they (Summit Carbon Solutions) will need to work with Ramsey Township.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Geralyn Sherman, Auditor/Welfare Director, and the Commissioners reviewed Care of Poor cases. The applicant requesting \$2500 is re-working the application form and will provide documentation to support it (2023-01). Applicant seeking funeral assistance hasn't provided verification of information yet (2023-02). Two Notices of Hospitalization were received from Avera McKennan Hospital (2023-03, 2023-04). A Notice of Hospitalization was received from Sanford USD Medical Center (2023-05).

Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, and Sheriff, Mark Norris, joined the meeting. Stubkjaer asked the Board if one of them could be available for job interviews on Monday, January 30th. Gordon will attend. The updated SRO Agreement was reviewed and Stubkjaer explained that we came up with the \$82,576.46 based on the current pay and benefits for two Certified SRO's. The schools will need to figure how many days each of them is taking and there won't be any ½ days. The amount paid by each school district depends on the number of days per week that a school utilizes an SRO. Motion made by Mehlbrech to approve the updated SRO Agreement and send it to each of the school districts. Second Koch. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 24th day of January 2023.

Marc Dick _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County