

July 30, 2024

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

Chairman Liesinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Liesinger called for approval of the agenda. Auditor Sherman noted an addition of Executive Session at the end of the meeting. Motion Koch to approve the agenda with addition noted. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Roger Hofer asked the Board if they've considered bidding for an ambulance service. No. What ordinance rewrites are you doing? Looking at reviewing zoning ordinances for revision purposes. Primary Election errors shouldn't happen, all ballots should have the official ballot stamp.

Marc Dick joined the meeting.

Commissioner Reports: Liesinger received call regarding Pearl Twp and routine drainage ditch clean out and individual replacing culverts in his driveway. Koch noted that he's not hearing the same story.

Conflict of Interest: none

Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, joined the meeting. Auditor Sherman noted a question regarding the salary line in States Attorney budget. St Atty Fink told Auditor's Office that a 3% pay increase is okay for him because of the increase that he received in 2024. HR Consultant Stubkjaer noted that the States Attorney is outside the pay plan, so a different pay increase is allowed.

The Human Resources budget options were reviewed. Keeping with the current Support Level 2 (12 hours/week) the annual appropriation would be \$81000 and going to Support Level 1 (9 hours/week) would be \$67200. The current appropriation is \$74100.

The Food Pantry budget was reviewed next. Beth Skaff, Food Pantry Coordinator, Glenda Blindert, Blindert Insurance, and Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization, were present. Skaff explained needed updates which include mini splits (heat & air), concrete, paint, windows, etc., are totaling an estimated \$30,000 because contractors, suppliers, and individuals are donating time and items. And Craig and Glenda Blindert are gifting the building to the county. Unbelievable community that we live in. Per Brad Kranz the building is sound. Blindert stated that she will continue to mow the yard area. Work in the building can begin prior to the end of this year. Koch asked if repairs and updates can be paid out of the 2024 budget. Sherman noted that repairs are budgeted under Courthouse Building and expenses will be paid from there. Motion Koch for Skaff and Blindert to work out agreement details. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Kaufmann explained the existing lot lines. A plat will be drawn up for Salem City and provided to the County.

The Ambulance budget was reviewed next. The 2025 request from McCook County EMS is \$304,300 and the Bridgewater City request is their fair share, currently \$46,400. Following discussion, the request from McCook County EMS was lowered \$50,000 as noted in an excerpt from 9/26/2023 meeting minutes; whatever the Board decides to give (in 2024) is one time and then budget for McCook County EMS goes back to \$254,300. Auditor Sherman will notify Brad (BJ) Stiefvater, Jr, owner of ambulance service.

Motion Koch to enter Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for personnel discussion. Second Dick. Motion carried. Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, and Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization/Zoning Administrator, were present. Chairman Liesinger declared out of Executive Session at 10:55 a.m.

Motion Dick to enter Executive Session at 10:56 a.m. per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for personnel discussion. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, and Jessica Klinkhammer, Community Health Nurse Secretary, were present. Chairman Liesinger declared out of Executive Session at 11:26 a.m.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, and Sean Hegyi, Planner Secog, joined the meeting. Time was spent reviewing the 2014 Revised Zoning Regulations regarding updates/rewrites that they'd like to consider. Kaufmann referred to the "Book for Revision

Purposes” that she provided to them earlier this year. Review began with Ordinance #2020-05 Solar Energy and Section 11.15 Wind Energy Conversion Systems in the 2014 Revised Zoning Regulations.

Motion Koch to enter Executive Session at 12:10 p.m. per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for personnel discussion. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, and Geralyn Sherman, Auditor, were present. Chairman Liesinger declared out of Executive Session at 12:20 p.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 30th day of July 2024.

Charles Liesinger _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County