

June 25, 2024

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

Chairman Liesinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion made by Gordon to approve the minutes for publication. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none.

Commissioner Reports: Water is over my road. Plugged culvert.

Conflict of Interest: none

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, asked the Commission for motion to transfer \$760,000 from Capital Outlay Accumulations to Road & Bridge Fund to pay for road projects. Motion Koch to approve the transfer these funds. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Hwy Supt Raap informed Board that the half of the bridge inspections being done by IMEG are completed. Reviewed cost estimates for repairs to some of the sites damaged by flooding.

Jake Morris, DGR Engineering, presented information regarding DGR Project No 672117, Phase 2 Street and Utility Improvement Project for Salem City to the Board. This project will be adjacent to county property. It will replace aging water and sewer infrastructure, improve drainage, and repair or replace roadway surfacing throughout the community. Lori Heumiller, Salem City Finance Officer, was present. Following discussion and questions, motion Mehlbrech to authorize Chairman to sign Temporary Construction Easements and a Sanitary Sewer Easement. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Darrell Janzen met with the Commission telling them that he is looking for answers and he's not going away. Janzen-I signed an easement & thought we had an agreement. Hwy Supt Raap-dirt will be moved, haven't been able to do this due to the rain and sure can't do it now. Janzen-want more than one approach. Raap-one approach to a parcel, NO approaches in work zone due to safety concerns. Comm Koch-three of us did look at the site and don't see advantage to more approaches. Raap-there has never been an approach where you (Janzen) are talking about because you drove in the ditch. Nothing will be done until water goes down. Janzen-county hasn't done weed spraying, letting tumble weeds grow. Comm Dick-lots of us are in the same position as far as the flooding and it's not the county's job to spray your weeds. Koch-some things you just have to put up with and upon completion of the bridge project, we will look at it. Dick-let's move on, enough of this.

Geralyn Sherman, Auditor/Welfare Director, presented a letter from Robert Nelson, Attorney for Avera McKennan Hospital and Avera Heart Hospital of SD, which referenced a Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing for an individual who requested county assistance. The patient did apply for county assistance which was denied because he had received a \$195,000 inheritance and chose not to purchase health insurance (indigent by design) (2022-02). The list of lien payments received in May was reviewed.

Auditor Sherman presented the results of the Post Election Audit for the June 4, 2024 Primary Election to the Board. Commissioners Koch & Gordon and States Attorney Fink and four members of the public were in present. Salem City Precinct 5 was selected for the audit, after the County Canvas held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The manual count results of both the Democrat (30) and Republican ballots (163) matched the election night tabulator count and County canvas. Motion Koch to approve the Post Election Audit Report. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Motion Mehlbrech, second Dick, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 6/8/2024 & 6/22/2024: Commissioners 2079.80, 2079.80 mileage 144.84; Auditor 6553.71, 6126.70; Treasurer 4835.31, 4458.66; States Attorney 3598.21, 3598.21; Custodian 1540.90, 1410.77; Dir of Equalization 4668.23, 4736.81; Register of Deeds 3331.84, 3452.48; Veterans Service Officer 336.04, 325.20; Sheriff 13658.91, 13978.59; Contract Law 9111.51, 9759.18; Care of Poor 228.16, 228.16; Welfare 144.62, 475.18; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1521.10, 1521.10; Extension Secretary 1481.90, 1638.15; Seasonal help: Ava Sieverding, \$12.50/hour, effective 6/5/2024; Weed 52.36; Drainage 350.23, 127.46; Planning & Zoning 632.08, 629.05. SD Dept of Revenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ Predatory Animal Control Fund 1567.05, SD Developmental Center-Redfield 60.00; Post Election Audit, board members pay 225.00; Transamerica Employee Benefits, June contribution 3608.97; AmericInn of Fort Pierre, lodging for Spring workshop 327.00; AutoEx, repairs and supplies for vehicles, 8539.45; Century Business Products, 2 monthly copier contracts 262.05; Chesterman Company, water 162.00; Dailey Law Office, court appointed attorney for Heriberto Villarreal 1393.40; Dakota Data Shred, shredding services, 64.09; Davison County Sheriff, May jail services 7560.00; First Circuit CASA, 2024 appropriation 1500.00; Anna Flogstad, travel expense-meals 22.50; Kathryn Heumiller, blood alcohol services 280.00; Hillyard, courthouse supplies 410.85; Interlakes Community Action, community service work for June 1101.58; Jack's Uniforms, name plate 32.94; Corissa Kaufmann, mileage 188.70; Lewis Drug, prisoner care 100.83; Marco Technologies, toner collection container 44.71; McCormick Motors, repairs and supplies, 1416.35; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 50.68; ODP Business Solutions, office supplies 112.78; Pioneer Designs, striping/lettering for 2 law enforcement vehicles 850.00; Puthoff Sales & Service, lawn mower blade 70.26; SD Achieve dba Lifescape, service for 6 residents 360.00; SD Public Health Laboratory, lab services 200.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, animal call/quarantine 86.19; Southeast Enterprise Facilitation Project, 2024 appropriation 5000.00; Stiles, Papendick, and Kiner, court appointed attorney for involuntary commitment 529.00; Tech Solutions, managed IT services 5930.00; US Postal Service, box rent & postage 2750.00; Deb Wollman, supplies 7.01.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 6/8/2024 & 6/22/2024: Hwy Dept 23048.48, 25105.73 cell phone reimbursement 225.00. Transamerica Employee Benefits, June contribution 1529.60; Chesterman, water 6.00; Hollaway Construction, bridge project 95791.73; Jebro Inc, liquid asphalt 206973.60; Knife River - SD, asphalt 7269.75; Lawson Products, quickpeel solvent 542.44; Master Blaster, 6 HP motor & supplies 2551.49; Northwestern Energy, utilities 13.73; Pulse Electric, repairs from generator surge 1177.96; Puthoff Sales & Service, parts/supplies 54.35; Ryan's Repair, weld in tanker 250.00; SD Dept of Transportation, share of project CS8044, 1611.19; Sign Solutions, ST bridge make stripe 2115.36; Southeastern Electric, utilities 38.41; US Postal Service, postage stamps 136.00; Verizon Wireless, cell phone & iPad service 81.92.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Motorola Solutions, monthly wave PTX, 143.00; Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower services 81.12.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 6/8/2024 & 6/22/2024: EDS Director 1497.26, 1497.26. Transamerica Employee Benefits, June contribution 96.51; Frontline Plus Fire & Rescue, padlock for siren 136.80; Brad Stiefvater Jr., blankets 274.50.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 6/8/2024 & 6/22/2024: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 212.82, 212.82.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 6/8/2024 & 6/22/2024: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 4633.93, 4781.38, Medicare 1083.76, 1118.23; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 4613.96, 4723.82; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SD, county share of health insurance contribution 5167.65, 18146.65.

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

#### RESOLUTION 2024-09

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 the appropriation of \$6,000.00 be transferred from Contingency to Court Appointed Attorney.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

Charles Liesinger \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

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

Motion Gordon to convene as Planning Commission. Second Koch. Motion carried.

At 10:45 a.m. the Board of Adjustment held a public hearing to receive input concerning request for a conditional use permit.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented the permit application to the Board. Applicant: Bryan & Heather Bjork. Legal description: from Lot A of Dr Hofer's First Add, SE Quarter Quarter, 05-104-56 to SW Quarter Quarter. Reason: transfer building eligibility. Following discussion, motion Koch to approve the request for conditional use. Second Gordon. All members voted aye.

Motion carried.

At 10:50 a.m. the Board of Adjustment held a public hearing to receive input concerning the request for a conditional use permit.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented the permit application to the Board. Applicant: Lisa Sabers & Bridgett Burling. Legal description: from SE Quarter Ex Lots 1-3 Van Wyhe's Add, 33-103-54 to Lot 3 Van Wyhe's Add. Reason: transfer building eligibility. Following discussion, motion Koch to approve the request for conditional use. Second Gordon. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Staff from Sioux Metro Growth Alliance met with the Commission. Tyler Tordsen, President & CEO, Ryan Solberg, Economic Development Manager, Chris Fields, Economic Development & Member Relations Specialist, and two interns. Tordsen explained that SMGA is a nonprofit economic development organization that works to improve the economy and advocates for business development and quality of life in communities around Sioux Falls. Tordsen noted projects being worked on within Salem: searching for business prospects, bid letting for the Salem housing development infrastructure on Thursday, and the Industrial Park. Fields added that he will be visiting with local businesses over the next several months, adding that day care is an important need, also. Comm Mehlbrech asked if SMGA is looking for investors. Tordsen, yes. The need for a hotel/lodging amenity was also discussed.

Matthew White and Jeff Schaefer, Dept of Legislative Audit, met with the Commission to present the 2021-2022 Audit Report.

Mike Fink, States Attorney, Carol Lauer, Treasurer, Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization/Zoning Administrator, Becky Hoiten, Deputy Auditor, and Rhonda Olinger, Deputy Auditor, were present. Schaefer noted deficiencies in the audit report: distress warrants not issued on delinquent taxes for mobile homes, no tax certificates created for tax year 2017 pay 2018, tax deed process not initiated after 3 years from date of tax certificate, and unassigned fund balance of General Fund exceeded the maximum allowed end of December 2022.

Schaefer explained that the General Fund balance exceeded the 40% due to changes with ARPA funds that the audit recommended.

Lauer informed Schaefer that the tax certificates were created but she couldn't find them, these have since been found by Tyler Tech staff. Lauer asked Schaefer which software he prefers to work with, throughout the counties, because she doesn't care for Tyler Tech software and the Assessor also has issues with it. Schaefer noted that he can work with all of them. Motion Gordon to authorize Chairman Liesinger to sign the letter in connection with the audit of financial statements of McCook County. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting asking the Board when they want to begin reviewing the 2014 Revised Zoning Regulations with regard to updates/rewrites that they'd like to consider. Kaufmann referred to the "Book for Revision Purposes" that she provided to them earlier this year, noting that she will invite Sean Hegyi, Secog Planner, to these meetings for guidance.

Brad (BJ) Stiefvater, Jr, Emergency Manager, joined the meeting informing the Commission that he talked with Hwy Supt Raap and Crisis Track is working well for documenting disaster damaged sites. Stiefvater asked the Board if they had any concerns/questions for him. None, at this time.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

Charles Liesinger \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, McCook County Commission

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Auditor, McCook County