

May 9, 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, Charles Liesinger, and Steve Gordon.

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 Gordon. Motion carried.

The minutes from the April 18th, April 21st, and April 25th meetings were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion by Koch to approve the April 18th minutes for publication. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Motion by Gordon to approve the April 21st & April 25th minutes for publication. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Public comment: Roger Hofer shared his opinions on the drainage ordinance, roof for new building, eminent domain & Summit Solutions tax credits.

Commissioner reports: none.

Conflict of Interest: none.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, and Brad (BJ) Stiefvater, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to update them on the project costs related to DR-4656-SD (derecho windstorm). Following FEMA reviews the project was returned because it was felt that costs submitted were not reasonable. Equipment rates were reworked, and statements were gathered from H&R Salvage regarding the trash/#2 prepared/#2 unprepared. Kreutzfeldt, Stiefvater, and Sherman agree that the best option for the county is to accept the reimbursement of \$168,560.12, and not file an appeal. If the county files an appeal, the results must be accepted, there is no recourse. The reimbursement is approximately \$187,407.73 less than the invoices from H&R Salvage for the debris removal. Following review of the information, motion made by Koch to accept the reimbursement amount of \$168,560.12. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, and Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, met with the Board. Kreutzfeldt read a resolution regarding accumulation of funds for capital outlay purposes and presented same for approval. Motion by Liesinger, to approve Resolution 2023-02 and authorize Chair Dick to sign same. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-02

WHEREAS SDCL 7-21-51 authorizes the accumulation of funds for capital outlay purposes, and

WHEREAS McCook County desires highway & bridge construction to be completed on Federal-Aid highways & bridges, and

WHEREAS the total cost for such construction work is now extraordinary in nature, exceeding the funding ability of a single-budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Surface Transportation Program Block Grant Funds shall be accumulated to a maximum of \$2,000,000 over a period not exceeding seven years for construction work.

Vote of Commissioners: Yes 5 No 0

Dated at Salem, SD, this 9th day of May 2023.

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Commission Chairman

Hwy Supt Kreutzfeldt presented 2 copies of the State of South Dakota Dept of Transportation Joint Powers Agreement to provide for the Striping of County Roads within McCook County to the Board for approval. The parties will share eligible Project costs totaling \$32,284.54 with the State paying 60% up to \$19,370.72 and the County paying 40% match up to \$12,913.81. The County is responsible for 100% of all ineligible Project costs, including any costs in excess of \$32,284.53. Motion by Mehlbrech to approve the Agreement and

authorize Chair Dick to sign the two copies. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Hwy Supt Raap informed Board that the hydraulic pump went out of the Superior Broom, and county will be renting one from TranSource, Aberdeen. Current projects include asphalt patching and weed spraying.

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

D23-003	Ernest Christensen	SE4 8-104-53 & Part of S2SW4 lying E of Valley Road
D23-004	Ernest Christensen	SE4 1-104-54

Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization, and Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, met with the Commission. Kaufmann noted that there are three applicants who will be interviewed for the GIS position. Kaufmann asked the Board if they would consider the option of working 3 days in office and 2 days remotely for the GIS Technician because this job doesn't require face to face work with customers. Also, with the, offered, hourly pay rate not being negotiable, this will provide another talking point for the position. Kaufmann added that there can be a probationary period to see if the process is working. Koch asked if an applicant has already made this suggestion. Kaufmann stated no, we don't want to go into the interview process and not know if this idea is an option we can offer. Stubkjaer asked the Commission if they would like to add a remote work policy to the Employee Handbook. Auditor Sherman asked if she could offer input. Yes. Sherman noted that she feels it is best for this to be an office specific agreement, not an additional handbook policy. Commission agreed. Commission approved utilizing this workday option and re-evaluating it after 6-month probationary period.

Motion by Liesinger to convene as Planning Commission. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Arnold & Beth Tappin asked for time for public comment. Chair Dick allowed it. Tappins would like to have experts on solar energy industry meet with the Commission to make them aware of the dangers. They don't believe that Grant Solar is finished but will be back. Beth noted that she's done her own research and provided a handout titled Issues with Grant Solar Project for McCook County and an Information Binder to the Board. Tappins just want the Commission to be educated on this topic. Beth asked when the zoning ordinance updates would be reviewed for adoption. Zoning Administrator Kaufmann noted that per St Attorney Fink, the County has been advised to not make changes to the ordinance at this time.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented a plat for approval. Following review of the plat review form, motion made by Liesinger to approve the plat. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Be it resolved by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the Plat showing Tract 1 of Finch Addition in the Southeast Quarter and the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 102 North, Range 56 West of the 5TH Principal Meridian, McCook County, South Dakota, having been examined, is approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-6, and any amendments thereof.

Dated this 9th day of May 2023.

Chair, County Planning Commission
McCook County, South Dakota

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Motion made by Mehlbrech, seconded by Liesinger, and carried, to pay claims. 4/29/2023: Commissioners 1980.75 mileage 217.26; Auditor 6210.37; Treasurer 4515.14; States Attorney 3155.92; Custodian 1324.40; Dir of Equalization 4419.16; Register of Deeds 3437.72; Veterans Service Officer 309.75; Sheriff 16566.06; *new hire: Christopher Mailloux, Deputy Sheriff/School Resource Officer, \$20.66/hour (uncertified officer), start date 4/17/2023; Contract Law 5768.27; Care of Poor 217.30; Welfare 340.56; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1451.80; 4-H Youth Assistant 1411.20; Drainage 307.70; Planning & Zoning 600.31. Grand Jury, fees & mileage

425.48; A&B Business Solutions, monthly copier contract 73.60; Alternative HR LLC, May HR support 5692.50 2 job postings 198.00; Auto Value, mower parts 4.49; Avera Queen of Peace Hospital, blood alcohol services 650.00; Blindert Insurance Agency, food pantry rent 200.00; Bobs Lock & Key, repair door lock 205.00; Card Service Center, Assessor book 125.00 surge protector 51.97 travel expenses 257.62 law enforcement supplies 1195.02; Century Business Products, 2 monthly copier contracts 321.03; Chesterman Co, water 119.00; City of Bridgewater, May ambulance appropriation 3866.67; Corporate Translation, interpreter service 9.01; Dailey Law Prof, court appt attorney for Michael G Robins 1286.90; Dakota Data Shred, shredding service 60.47; Elections Systems & Software, service contract 4837.88; Feeding South Dakota, food pantry deliveries 70.00; Mike Fink, April expenses 612.65; G&R Controls, boiler supplies & repair 1034.46; Gessner Welding & Repair, mower repairs 95.00; Gordon Flesch Co, monthly copier contract 24.00; Inter-Lakes Community Action, May CSW funds 836.33; Jack's Uniform's & Equipment, Deputy uniforms 44.95 SRO/Deputy uniforms 699.10; Carol Johnson, transcription service 509.60; Jessica Klinkhammer, WIC expenses-Minnehaha County 113.18; Carol Lauer, file cabinet 60.00; McCook County EMS, May appropriation 11559.09; McCook County Fair Board, 2023 appropriation 6400.00; McCook County Treasurer, postage 262.43; McCormick Motors, vehicle maintenance 1016.79; Meyer Motor, vehicle maintenance 88.49; New Century Press, publishing 373.54; ODP Business Solutions, office supplies 531.80; Presto-X, food pantry pest control 44.28; RBS Sanitation, garbage services 98.00 food pantry service 56.50; Salem City, utilities 120.99; SD Achieve dba LifeScape, services for 6 residents 360.00; SD Supplemental Retirement, special pay plan fee 45.00; SDAAO, conference registration 350.00; Stacey Sieverding, travel expense-Spring conference 77.00; Tech Solutions, Managed IT services 3687.15; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 761.66; US Postal Service, box rent 94.00; Ventosa K9 Kennel, German shepherd 7800.00; Verizon Wireless, iPad service 40.01 cell phone service 421.20; Vital Records Control, vault box storage 149.95; Wash 'N' Go, car wash tokens 200.00; Dava Wermers, court appt attorney for Van Zahrbock 322.60; Xcel Energy, utilities 541.14; Zapp Hardware, supplies 127.69.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 4/29/2023: Hwy Dept 24916.67. Alternative HR, job position posting 99.00; Appeara, mat & towel rental 74.72; Auto Value, parts & supplies 1028.19; Avera Occupational Medicine, 4 drug screens 324.00; Butler Machinery, parts 755.53; Capital One Trade Credit, parts & supplies 639.92; Card Service Center, travel expense 481.50 Galaxy tablet & supplies 339.89; Central Farmers Coop, fuel 12173.90; Century Business Products, monthly copier contract 148.38; Chesterman Company, water 6.00; Core & Main, storm drain supplies 262.21; Dakota Fluid Power, parts 142.73; Fremar, bromegrass seed 525.00; Gessner Welding & Repair, supplies & parts 676.20; Hollaway Construction, metal posts & guards 9800.00; Iron Wheel Sales & Service, air filters 71.85; Istate Truck Center, parts 439.23; Lyle Signs, signs 1204.28; McCormick Motors, fuel filter & cap 96.49; Pheasantland Ind, safety clothing 1945.73; Puthoff Sales & Service, parts 22.29; RBS Sanitation, garbage service 74.00; Running Supply Inc, safety jacket 199.99; Salem City, utilities 172.27; Salem Lumber, supplies 392.94; SD Dept of Transportation, share of State projects 12478.40; SD Supplemental Retirement, special pay plan fee 45.00; Southeastern Electric, utilities 33.39; Spencer Quarries, mixed aggregate & chips, 4580.28; Tech Solutions, desktop computer 599.00; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 126.86; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service 154.32 cell phone 349.00; Xcel Energy, utilities 726.69; Zapp Hardware, supplies 269.95.

911 SERVICE FUND: Golden West Telecommunications, 911 telephone service 200.00; Triotel Communications, 911 telephone service 181.20.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 4/29/2023: EDS Director 1454.68. Brad Stiefvater Jr, April expenses 115.84; Total Stop, S&R fuel 88.25; Triotel Communications, telephone & internet service 142.94.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 4/29/2023: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 214.08. PharmChem, sweat patch analysis 95.85.

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

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Puetz Design & Build, design fees for building 2542.50.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 4/29/2023: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 4585.50, Medicare 1072.38; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 4488.58; Wellmark BlueCross/BlueShield of SD, county share of health insurance premium 5656.60.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of April: deposits in banks, \$8,281,683.53; cash to deposit, \$12,487.75; checks to deposit, \$430,102.31; CC payments, \$3,721.27; Cash Items \$262.43; Treasurer's Cash, \$1,307.57; Register of Deeds, \$450.00; Sheriff, \$500.00; CD's, \$800,000.00. The total deposits on hand: \$9,530,514.86.

Motion by Liesinger to convene as Drainage Commission. Second Dick. Motion carried.

A drainage hearing was held at 11:00 a.m. Kreutzfeldt presented the application for Lawrence Arbeiter (present) for Permit #D20-007. Legal description: S2NE4 23-101-54. Reason for hearing: lack of downstream signatures. Present: Mike Fink, States Attorney, David Ortman via phone, James Tieszen, Andy Tieszen, Nathan Voorhees, Eric Tieszen, Dakota Tiling, and Roger Hofer. Auditor Sherman handed out comments submitted to the Drainage Board by David Ortman, a copy of a letter dated June 19, 2021, from IMEG regarding a Report of Hydraulic Analysis, and a letter from Bruce Toay, Manager of Conservation Programs-South Dakota, Ducks Unlimited. Arbeiter: shared the cooperative changes involving Jim Tieszen. Tieszen explained the tiling project as far as his involvement as contractor. Ortman: application needs to follow drainage regulations, this one does not. Arbeiter: tile reductions have been made, no 10" main, only 8". Tieszen: the project is 3x smaller than originally planned. Ortman: need to update the application to clearly show the changes. Fink: with the project changes, need to start over or set a date for continuation. Following this discussion, motion made by Gordon, to continue this hearing on May 23, 2023, at 1:00 pm. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Kaylee Langrell, Stakeholder Relations Manager, Summit Carbon Solutions, met with the Commission to provide them with a project update. Commission questions were answered, and the Board thanked Langrell for her time and explanations.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, Mark Norris, Sheriff, Brad (BJ) Stiefvater, Emergency Management, and Beth Skaff, Food Pantry Coordinator, met with the Board to review an updated design for the west building. Norris suggested scratching the whole thing and start over. Skaff asked why the food pantry was cut down so much. Comm Dick noted that this site is only used 12 times during the year. Following discussion, the Commission asked Kreutzfeldt to contact Puetz Design + Build, letting them know that the Board would like to proceed with the site survey and soil borings. Request noted to reduce the food pantry vestibule and waiting room to 100 SF with 46 SF being added to the food pantry.

The following building permits were issued in April:

2023-010	Kurt & Kerry Greeno	12x16 shed	W247' of E297' of N300.50' of NE4 Ex that part of Lot H-4 contained therein
2023-011	David Osborn	repair storm damage	W648' of E1675' of S520' & W149' of E1279' of N1105.5' of S1625.5' of SE4 Ex Lot H-1 19-103-53
2023-012	K&W Farm Inc	living room addition	W2SW4NW4 29-101-54
2023-013	Lyle & Shirley Puthoff	replace storage shed	Lot 2 Welbon's Tract an Add in E2SE4 of 23-103-55 Ex Lot H-2 & Ex Land Deeded for Road
2023-014	Amanda & Cody Chesney	60x120 hoop barn	Tract 1&2 Petersons Add in SW4 13-104-54
2023-015	James & Debra Tieszen	80x100 machine shop	W724' of N1475' W2W2 26-101-54
2023-016	Michael & Michele Eichacker	116x70 machine shed	SW4 22-103-54
2023-017	Mark & Margret Glanzer	replace roof cattle shed	E565' of W940' of N775' of W2NW4 31-102-54
2023-018	Ronald Leitheiser Etal	grain bin	SW4 4-101-55
2023-019	Greg & Lisa Ordal	replace home	N540' of W800' of NW4 2-104-53
2023-020	Spencer Quarries	ofc building/rest area	That Part of NE4 lying N&W of H-1, Ex H-1 & that Part of NW4 lying N&W Lot H-1, Ex H-1 & that Part of SW4 lying N&W of H-1, Ex H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4 19-103-56
2023-021	Donald & Donna Larson	move in mobile home	SE4 11-101-53 Ex Aspen Ridge Tract 1 Ex Tracts B, 2 & 3 Buckmiller's Add & Ex Vermillion Heights Estates
2023-022	Donald & Donna Larson	70x120 machine shed	E2SW4 Ex Tr 3 of Larson's Addition 35-102-53

2023-023	Richard & Sally Wobig	hog confinement	NW4 7-104-55
2023-024	Heartland Partners SD LLC	hog confinement	SW4 3-104-56
2023-025	Bob Donelan	house & car port	Lot 1 Donelan's Add SW4 7-103-53
2023-026	Jeffrey & Karen Parham	68x26 & 42x26 storage sheds	N2SE4 4-101-54 Ex Tract 1 Parhams Add N2SE4 4-101-54
2023-027	Heartland Partners SD LLC	Ag cold storage addition	SE4 26-104-56
2023-028	Charles & Kay Addy	new deck on house	W550' of 350' of N1150' of NW4 8-101-55
2023-029	Jalmar Jorgenson	100x256 ag shop	NE4 7-104-53
2023-030	Patrick & Dawn Scheier	replace bin/2 grain bins	SE4 18-104-54
2023-031	Lehrman Living Trust	bathroom remodel	Tract 1 of Keith's Add in SW4SE4 & SE4SW4 of 6-104-56
2023-032	Adam & Susan Carlson	storage shed/shop for semi	E1316' of W2236' of S662' of S2SW4 36-102-54

Auditor Sherman presented an abatement to the Board for approval. Abatement #6, Parcel 12.18.2000, Berg Family Trust.

Reason for adjustment: error on split. Amount to be abated: \$1718.56. Motion by Koch to approve the abatement and authorize Chair

Dick to sign same. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented an Election Services Agreement (Coding & Ballots) with Election Systems & Software to the Board for approval & signing. This Agreement will cover all elections through December 31, 2026. Motion by Koch to approve the Agreement and authorize Chair Dick to sign same. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 9th day of May 2023.

Marc Dick _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County