

October 22, 2024

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

Chairman Liesinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Liesinger called for approval of the agenda. Auditor Sherman noted the removal of the 12:30 pm Executive Session. Motion Koch to approve the agenda with change noted. Second Dick. Motion carried.

The minutes from the October 1st & October 8th meetings were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Gordon to approve the minutes for publication. Second Dick. Liesinger abstained from the October 8th meeting due to absence. Motion carried.

Public comment was provided by Roger Hofer, Barb Hoiten, Doreen Quinn, and Gloria Rayman.

Commissioner Reports: Koch noted that the Food Pantry meeting was moved to a different date; construction plans delayed.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Motion Koch to enter Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. to discuss pending litigation (SDCL 1-25-2 (3)). Second Gordon. Motion carried. Chairman Liesinger declared out of Executive Session at 9:25 a.m.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, filling in for Hwy Supt Raap who is attending a Road Conference, requested a motion for date & time to accept bids for gravel crushing. Motion Gordon to set 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2024, as time to open bids for gravel crushing. Second Dick. Motion carried. Request to declare fixed asset #984, one-way plow & hitch, as surplus property as wing is no longer usable. Motion Gordon to declare fixed asset #984 surplus property. Second Dick. Motion carried. Kreutzfeldt presented documents for bridge project #44-180-068 for Commission approval and Chairman signature. Motion Gordon to authorize Chairman Liesinger to sign Agreement for Voluntary Right of Way Donation (Roger & Elizabeth Kipp-parcel 07.01.3002). Second Koch. Motion carried. Motion Gordon to authorize Chairman Liesinger to sign Agreement for Voluntary Right of Way Donation (Healy Rev Liv Trust-parcel 08.06.4001). Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried. Motion Gordon to authorize Chairman Liesinger to sign Right-Of-Way Certificate for Project No BRO 8044(00)23-1. Second Dick. Motion carried. Motion Gordon to authorize Chairman Liesinger to sign Utilities Certificate – Bridge Improvement Grant Project No BRO 8044(00)23-1. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Motion Koch to convene as Drainage Commission. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Drainage Administrator, presented drainage permit D24-05 to the Board, noting that the downstream landowner signature was obtained and he, Kreutzfeldt, has signed off on it.

D24-006 George B Weber SW4 7-102-53 Ex Tract 1 Klueber's Addn in SE4SW4

Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Geralyn Sherman, Auditor/Welfare Director, and the Commission reviewed Care of Poor report & September payments received for county aid liens. A Notice of Hospitalization was received from Avera Queen of Peace Hospital (2024-16). A Notice of Hospitalization was received from Sanford USD Medical Services (2024-17).

Auditor Sherman presented the Weed & Pest Grant – FY2026 Application to the Board for approval and signature. Motion Koch to authorize Chairman Liesinger to sign the grant application. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented a request from Risty Benefits to get rates for group health, dental, vision, and life insurance coverages for county employees to the Board. The Commission is not interested in looking into other insurance options, at this time.

Auditor Sherman presented 2025 Wellmark BCBS health insurance renewal rates to the Board. The County's plan saw an increase of 15.56% and the plan premiums with Transamerica Life Insurance (GAP coverage) remained the same. Motion Koch to approve the renewal of health insurance coverage with Wellmark BCBS and Transamerica. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

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

At 10:30 a.m. the Board of Adjustment held a public hearing to receive input concerning a request for a conditional use permit. Applicant: Wayne & Bonnie Schmidt. Legal description: NW4 Quarter to SE4 Quarter 17-101-53. Reason: transfer building eligibility. Anna Flogstad, Staff Appraiser, presented the Conditional Use Application to the Board and informed them that the legal description should be NW Quarter Quarter to SW Quarter Quarter, not the SE Quarter Quarter. Following discussion, motion Dick to approve the conditional use request, noting the correct legal description. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board of Adjustment held a public hearing to receive input concerning a request for a variance. Applicant: Raymond Shape. Legal description: Lot A Tract 1 Lehrman Addition SW4 20-103-56. Anna Flogstad, Staff Appraiser, presented the Application for Variance to the Board. Motion Gordon to approve the request for variance. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Anna Flogstad, DOE Staff Appraiser, presented 3 building permits to the Commission for approval. Motion Gordon to approve permit #24-074, Raymond Shape, home, Lot A Tract 1 Lehrman Add SW4 20-103-56. Second Koch. Motion carried. Motion Dick to approve permit #24-080, Travis Fiegen, 24x48 storage building, Tract 2 "B" Erikson's Add NE4NE4 14-101-53. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Motion Koch to approve permit #24-081, John & Janice Ecklein, replace roof & gutter, Outlot 1 Ex Lot H-2 in SE4SE4 11-103-55. Second Dick. Motion carried.

At 10:50 a.m. the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-03, An Ordinance of McCook County, South Dakota, amending Ordinance 2014-01 – 2014 Revised Zoning Regulations for McCook County by amending Chapter 3, AG: Agricultural District, Section 3.03 Conditional Uses; Chapter 4, RR: Rural Residential District, Section 4.02 Conditional Uses; Chapter 5, LR: Lake Residential District, Section 5.02 Conditional Uses; Chapter 6, C: Commercial District, Section 6.02 Conditional Uses; Chapter 7, LI: Light Industrial District, Section 7.02 Conditional Uses; Chapter 8, HI: Heavy Industrial District, Section 8.02 Conditional Uses; Chapter 9, FC: Floodplain/Conservation, Section 9.02 Conditional Uses; Chapter 11, Additional Use Regulations, Section 11.19 Solar Energy Systems; and Chapter 19, Definitions, Section 19.02, Definitions. Chairman Liesinger read the proposed ordinance. Kris Tott was present. There was no public comment. Motion Dick to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-03 and schedule 2nd reading for 10:30 a.m., November 7th. Second Mehlbrech. Ayes: Dick, Mehlbrech, Gordon, Koch, and Liesinger. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization Staff Appraiser, and Angie McCormick, Dir of Eq/Zoning Clerk, met with the Board to discuss software for permit management tracking. Schneider Geospatial was paid \$17028 in March 2024 for Geo Permits setup, hosting, and implementation. Staff was told nothing about GeoPermits and knows of no testing or plans for implementation of this software. Auditor Sherman presented a status report from Schneider Geospatial which indicated completion of priority permits requested by Cori Kaufmann. The report also noted that Schneider Geospatial is ready to begin work on Hwy Dept priority permits-drainage, entrance, and fencing. Flogstad & McCormick noted that they've continued to work with IWORQ Systems through the year and would like to remain with them because it's software that they know, and it provides what is needed. The Board agreed to put GeoPermits on hold and talk with Hwy Supt Raap about the permit process for the Hwy Dept. Approval was given to pay the IWORQ invoice (\$3000), that was not presented for payment at the beginning of the year. Auditor Sherman will contact both vendors.

Motion Mehlbrech, second Liesinger, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/12/2024: Commissioners 2079.80; Auditor 6080.68; Treasurer 4487.60; States Attorney 3598.21; Custodian 1390.90; Dir of Equalization 8328.18;

Register of Deeds 3431.46; Veterans Service Officer 325.20; Sheriff 16800.10; Contract Law 7024.91; *new hire: Kyle Elder, Deputy Sheriff (certified) \$23.00/hour, DOH 10/7/24; Care of Poor 228.16; Welfare 371.88; 4-H Program Assistant 1481.90; Weed 414.63; Drainage 25.33; Planning & Zoning 1821.91. Grand Jury fees & mileage 348.24; AAA Collections, lien collection fees, 153.08; Access Elevator & Lift, replace bearings and rollers, 1268.04; Alvine Law Firm, court appointed attorney for Mathiew Brandt, 650.17, for Eric Sibbald, 2022.60; Avera McKennan Hospital, mental health hold, 863.00; Avera Medical Group, new hire physical, 176.00; Century Business Products, monthly copier contracts, 216.37; Davison County Sheriff, September jail services, 11655.00; Election Systems & Software, coding services, 1429.11; Gordon Flesch, monthly copier contract, 30.00; HireClick – KELO Employment job postings, 708.00; InterLakes Community Action, October CSW funds, 1101.58; IWORQ Systems, permit & fee tracking software, 3000.00; Lewis Drug, prisoner care, 1924.21; Morgan Theeler, court appointed attorney for Ethan Gur, 691.81; ODP Business Products, office supplies, 175.63; Geralyn Sherman, mileage, 50.49; Southeastern Behavioral, 4th Qtr allotment, 1420.50; Tech Solutions, managed IT services, 3549.00, Van Diest Supply, CB 4# amine, 12450.00; Wash N Go, car wash tokens, 200.00; Wass Funeral Home, burial assistance, 3125.00.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/12/2024: Hwy Dept 25391.54; cell phone reimbursement 250.00. Diamond Mowers, parts, 484.20; Hollaway Construction, payment #17 bridge #44-010-185 project, 19189.53; Knife River - SD, asphalt 4644.00; Loiseau Construction, depaving 1 mile, 23275.20; Midwest Petroleum Equipment, service on pumps, 205.00; Northwestern Energy, utilities, 10.00; Peterson Repair, 4 tires, 1012.00; Pomp's Tire Service, tires, 6400.36; Salem Ready Mix, concrete, 10560.00; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service, 82.74

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower, 81.44.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/12/2024: EDS Director 1497.26. Brad Stiefvater Jr., September expenses, 47.91.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/12/2024: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 216.81.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 10/12/2024: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 5029.41, Medicare 1176.25; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 4879.60; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SD, county share of health insurance contribution 18800.20.

TOTAL CLAIMS: \$112,851.97

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

RESOLUTION 2024-14

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 \$31,200.00 be transferred from the General Fund Contingency as follows: Court Appointed Attorney \$15,000.00; Jail \$15,000.00; and Mentally Handicapped \$1,200.00.

Dated this 22nd day of October 2024.

Charles Liesinger _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County

Auditor Sherman presented an email inquiry from Glenda Blindert regarding the Food Pantry parking lot and the need for extra dirt for the parking lot behind the building. Comm Koch will contact Hwy Supt Raap about the dirt.

Auditor Sherman presented an email sent by the Montrose Finance Officer regarding McCook County Emergency Medical Services (ambulance service owned by BJ Stiefvater) to the Board. Sherman voiced concerns about the email because it notes that Montrose City will pay McCook County 12 equal installments and there will be a contract between the city and county. This is not what came out of the final budget meeting held on September 24th. Comm Koch noted that per States Attorney Fink the county will not enter into contracts with the cities because the county is not providing an ambulance service, nor will the county be taking checks from the cities to pass on to McCook County Emergency Medical Services.

Motion Gordon to enter Executive Session at 11:50 p.m. for personnel discussion (SDCL 1-25-2 (1)). Second Dick. Motion carried. Auditor Sherman presented information from Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, regarding Dir of Equalization interviews to the Board for their review. Chairman Liesinger declared out of Executive Session at 12:15 p.m.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 22nd day of October 2024.

Charles Liesinger _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County