

October 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, Steve Gordon, Dean Koch, and Charles Liesinger.

Chairman Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kris Tott attended the meeting.

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

The minutes from the October 10th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Gordon to approve these minutes for publication. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports: Mehlbrech attended Sioux Metro Growth Alliance conference held in Brandon. Gordon attended VBWWD meeting, noting that the McCook County Conservation District has applied for project assistance. Koch received a complaint from a Richland Twp board member about the curve W of Montrose.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Public comments: Roger Hofer: bet taxes on Hanson County land that is selling across county line are less than if land was in McCook County; the claim of \$14,000 from Salem City for the county's share of engineering costs for the city's sewer project is way too high. Auditor Sherman noted that there was an error in the calculation and the county was reimbursed \$11514; Hanson County should subsidize McCook Emergency Medical Services, so should Salem City; county should consider going back to a volunteer ambulance service.

Time was spent reviewing a building plan for a building that will house the food pantry, be storage for Emergency Management equipment, and storage for the Sheriff's Office.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Maintenance Worker, informed the Board that he is sitting in for Travis Raap, Hwy Supt. Kreutzfeldt presented Notice for Bids for crushing gravel noting that a motion is needed for setting the date and time of the bid letting. Motion Gordon to set 10:00 a.m., December 6, 2023, as time for bids to be opened. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

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

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Drainage Administrator, reviewed a Settlement Agreement between David E Ortman, Appellant, and McCook County, Lawrence & Delores Arbeiter, and James & Debra Tieszen, Appellees, regarding Drainage Permits D20-007, D23-008, and D23-009 with the Board. Following discussion, motion by Gordon to authorize Chairman Dick to sign the Settlement Agreement. Second Koch. 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.

D23-012	Cedar Flats LLC	NE4 25-103-55
D23-013	George B Weber	SE4 7-102-53
D23-014	George B Weber	NW4 7-102-53
D23-015	Jeff Niedert	SW4 Ex RR ROW therein 16-102-54
D23-016	Lloyd Stockwell	NE4 26-101-53

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Geralyn Sherman, Welfare Director, and the Commissioners reviewed Care of Poor cases. A Notice of Hospitalization was received from Avera McKennan Hospital (2023-024). A Hospital Request for Payment was received from Avera McKennan Hospital. A letter denying payment was sent to the hospital, Attorney Robert Nelson, and the patient. No determination of eligibility can be made because the individual has not applied for county assistance.

Motion Mehlbrech to enter Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Michelle Stubkjaer, Alternative HR Consultant, joined the meeting. Second Koch. Motion carried. Mark Norris, Sheriff, joined the meeting. Chairman Dick declared out of Executive Session at 10:00 a.m.

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

At 10:30 a.m. a public hearing was held by the Board of Adjustment to receive input concerning request for a conditional use permit. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented an application for conditional use. Applicant Tom Neuberger was present. Legal description: SE4 Ex S996' of W675' SE4 21-102-53. Neuberger explained the reason for the transfer of the building eligibility. Motion Mehlbrech, to approve the request for conditional use. Second Liesinger. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Auditor Sherman presented bankruptcy documentation for Michael R Neve & Linda M Neve, including an Order of Discharge, to the Board, noting that States Attorney Fink has reviewed the information and recommends the Commission release the lien filed against Michael Neve in the amount of \$6,340.47 (claim paid to Sanford Medical Center). Motion Liesinger to release the lien filed against Michael Neve. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Motion by Mehlbrech, second Koch, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/14/2023: Commissioners 1980.75; Auditor 4074.37; Treasurer 4225.23; States Attorney 3155.92; Custodian 1324.40; Dir of Equalization 4465.18; Register of Deeds 2307.57; Veterans Service Officer 309.75; Sheriff 17571.22 Contract Law 8166.03; Care of Poor 217.30; Welfare 264.88; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1451.80; Extension Secretary 1411.20; Weed 185.85; Drainage 166.04; Planning & Zoning 602.37. Transamerica Life Insurance, October Healthpak premium 3365.86; Grand Jury, fees & mileage 480.58; Avera McKennan Hospital, mental health hold 830.00; Best Western Ramkota-Aberdeen, lodging-Sheriff's conference 462.00; Century Business Products, 2 monthly copier contracts 241.14; Country Inn & Suites, lodging-Assessor conference 375.00; Davison County Sheriff, September jail services 8970.00 UA services 70.00; FedEx, shipping charges 17.68; Grocott Ink & Thread, DOE shirts 232.00; Rebecca Hoiton, meals-election workshop 52.82; Holiday Inn Express, lodging-election school 308.00; Inter-Lakes Community Action, October CSW hours 836.33; Iron Wheel Sales & Service, restroom repairs 215.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, custom badges 341.49; Carol Johnson, transcription service 2695.00; Lewis Drugs Inc, prisoner care 300.62; McLeod's Printing, office supplies 63.19; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 118.00; Morgan Theeler LLP, court appointed attorney for Cayla M Sederstrom 1175.23 for Samuel E Blancomorales 793.90 for Saul Alberto Cruz 1902.40 (4 claims) for Andrea Alex Flowers 221.00; ODP Business Solutions, office supplies 227.39; SDACC, 3rd & 4th Qtr CLERP allocation 1168.00 1% LACTF funds (NACO) 1000.00; Geralyn Sherman, mileage to election workshop 197.88; Tim Simmermon, meal expenses/K-9 training 26.32 K-9 expenses 9.50; Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare, 4th Qtr allotment 1404.50; Tyler Technologies, annual software maintenance 30510.51; Van Diest Supply, Amine 4125.00; Vital Records Control, vault box storage 212.90.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/14/2023: Hwy Dept 24012.92 cell phone stipends 225.00. Townships & Cities, 3rd Qtr 2023-wheel tax collections 12092.58; Transamerica Life Insurance, October healthpak premium 1717.42; Avera Occupational Medicine, drug screen 71.00; Mike Carpentier, CDL testing 90.00; Forman Snow & Yard, tiller rental 100.00; IMEG Corp, engineering design 7364.48; Lawson Products, bandsaw blade 266.50; Maynards Salem, office supplies 11.98; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 22.02; New Century Press, notice for Transportation Plan 14.89; Northwestern Energy, utilities 10.00; Adam Puthoff, CDL reimbursement 35.00; SD Assn of Towns & Townships, conference registration 110.00; SD Supplemental Retirement, set-up fee 45.00; Stan Houston Equipment, tools 225.39; Vander Haag's Inc, parts 357.80; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service 81.93.

911 SERVICE FUND: Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower utilities 62.59.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/14/2023: EDS Director 1454.68. Transamerica Life Insurance, October healthpak premium 96.51.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/14/2023: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 202.68.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 10/14/2023: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 4540.04 Medicare 1061.76; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 4376.04; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SD, county share of health insurance contribution 18588.58.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-10

Whereas insufficient appropriations were made in the 2023 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 appropriation of \$20,000.00 be transferred from Contingency as follows: Court Appointed Attorney \$10,000.00 and Jail \$10,000.00.

Dated this 24th day of October 2023.

Marc Dick _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County

The Board reviewed liability limits and deductibles for general liability, auto liability, and law enforcement liability, along with establishing replacement values for some of the county property, specifically buildings & contents. Motion Mehlbrech to change the deductible for property (buildings & contents, EDP, and mobile equipment) to \$2,500 and change the General Liability, Auto Liability, and Law Enforcement Liability limits to \$3,000,000 with this renewal. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Randy Sabers, Randy Sabers and Associates, presented 2024 health insurance renewal rates to the Board. The County's plan saw a decrease of 2.93%. Sabers noted that the plan premiums with Transamerica Life Insurance (GAP coverage) remained the same. Sabers also provided the Board with a Summary of Benefits and Coverage explaining what the Plan covers and what the employee pays for covered services. Motion Mehlbrech to approve the renewal of health insurance coverage with Wellmark BCBS and Transamerica. Second Koch. Motion carried.

McCook Central School's FFA Conduct of Chapter Meeting Team joined the Commission Meeting to present their presentation before the Commission members, prior to going to the National FFA Convention being held in Indianapolis next week. Following their present the students, Commissioners, Instructor Terry Rieckman, Coach Cori Kaufmann, and several other guests enjoyed pizza.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 24th day of October 2023.

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