

October 25, 2022

The meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Steve Gordon.

Members present: Dean Koch and Charles Liesinger. Absent: Marc Dick and Chuck Mehlbrech.

Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the October 11th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion made by Koch to approve the minutes for publication. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Public input: Roger Hofer read his letter to the editor regarding the VBWDD referendum that is on the General Election ballot. Hofer noted that he'd like to see drainage districts instead of the county having a drainage ordinance.

Commissioner Reports: Koch noted that November 2nd is moving day for the Food Pantry.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, presented a utility permit for approval. Motion made by Koch to approve Communications Utility Permit for Triotel Communications. Scope of Project: dig fiber optic cable for residential use. Location of Installation: 244th St at intersections 451st Ave & 452nd Ave. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Kreutzfeldt informed Board that the 5-Year Transportation Plan has been approved by SDDOT. Motion made by Liesinger to set December 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. as time for bid letting for 6.1 miles of asphalt concrete mill & overlay of 248th St. Second Koch. Motion carried. FEMA has approved payment of the claims for emergency response & road sign expenses from May 12 Derecho. Discussed progress in search for an employee to replace a retiring maintenance worker. Kreutzfeldt informed Board that National Grid Renewables will be holding an open house on November 9th, 5-8 p.m., at the Canistota Legion Hall. Details about a proposed solar facility and timeline will be shared and questions about the project will be answered. Current projects include re-graveling 443rd Ave, gravel pit restorations, and culvert repairs.

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

At 9:45 a.m. a drainage hearing was held to receive input concerning Drainage Permit Applications D22-022 & D22023, applicant Huls Family Inc. Legal descriptions: S2NE4 & Lot 1 of SE4 Inc RR17-103-55 and SE4 Inc RR over and across N2SE4 17-103-55. Project description: place drain tile to increase in crop yields. Mic Kreutzfeldt, Drainage Administrator, noted that not all signatures were obtained from downstream landowners. Bryce Gillen of Gridline Tile was present and noted that USF&W has no opposition to the amended permits being sought. Motion made by Koch to approve the drainage permits, authorizing Chair Gordon to sign same. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Kreutzfeldt informed Board that a landowner has questioned Bridgewater City replacing a 24" pipe with a 42" pipe without obtaining a county drainage permit. Following discussion, Kreutzfeldt's opinion is that the project is city water draining onto a city owned property and not falling under the county drainage ordinance.

Motion made by Liesinger to convene as Planning Commission. Second Koch. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board of Adjustment held a public hearing to receive input concerning a request for variance. Applicant: Larry & Alyce Paweltzki (not present). Legal description: NE4 26-101-56. Reason: Reduce Setback. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented the Application for Variance, explaining that Paweltzki would like to reduce the setback from the right-of-way to build a shed. The request is to reduce the setback to 15 feet. This would allow for the structure to be built 18 feet from the right-of-way and allow for a three-foot overhang. Following review of the area, motion was made by Liesinger to approve the variance request. Second Koch. Ayes: Liesinger, Koch, and Gordon. Nays: none. Absent: Mehlbrech and Dick. Motion carried.

Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented a plat for approval. Following review of the plat review form, motion was made by Liesinger to approve the following County Commission Resolution. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of McCook County, South Dakota, that the Plat of Lot 1 of CHS First Addition, a Subdivision of the NE ¼ of Section 14, T 101 N, R 56 W of the 5TH P. M., Portions of which lie in the City of Bridgewater, McCook County, South Dakota, which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, is hereby approved and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 25th day of October 2022.

Chair, County Planning Commission
McCook County, South Dakota

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

Applicant: Allen Schmeichel. Legal description: SW 80 acres of SW4 9-104-55. Reason: Rock, Sand, & Gravel Extraction. Cori Kaufmann, Zoning Administrator, presented the Conditional Use Application, explaining that Hanson County will be taking over the pit and doing the gravel extraction at this location, as McCook County was the previous applicant at this location. The Hanson County Hwy Supt and Hwy Dept Secretary were present along with Allen Schmeichel. Koch noted that the Commission feels that Hanson County should be the applicant, not Schmeichel, because the county is doing the gravel extraction and if there are issues, Schmeichel as applicant, will be the responsible party. Koch also noted that several conditions would be part of the approval process, a road haul agreement, copy of Hanson County's mining permit from the State, no hauling on township roads, and dust control, if necessary, in front of residences. The Hanson County Hwy Supt asked why this was necessary now, when they've been in this pit for the past year without a permit because they didn't know one was required. Kaufmann noted that the applicant is responsible for road maintenance and under the existing permit McCook County Highway would be responsible for these items. Motion made by Koch to deny the application for conditional use. Second Liesinger. Ayes: Koch, Liesinger, and Gordon. Nays: none. Absent: Mehlbrech and Dick. Motion carried.

At this time, Schmeichel asked that Hwy Supt Kreutzfeldt check the site because of reclamation concerns that he has.

A call was placed to Kreutzfeldt who joined the meeting. Board and Kreutzfeldt discussed need for a conditional use permit for pit mining. Koch informed Kreutzfeldt that Schmeichel has concerns about reclamation of gravel pit, and asked that he check with him.

The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Casey Entwisle was unable to attend this meeting.

At 11:00 a.m. a hearing was held to consider adoption of a Supplemental Budget for 2022. Auditor Sherman presented a Supplemental Budget Resolution to the Board, for their consideration. Motion made by Koch, second Gordon, and carried, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2022-19

ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET for McCook County, South Dakota

WHEREAS SDCL 7-21-22 provides that the Board of County Commissioners must make, approve, and adopt a supplemental budget providing therein for an appropriation for such purposes in such amount as the Board may deem necessary, and such budget shall set out in detail each item for which an appropriation is made and the amount thereof.

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Supplemental Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

WHEREAS due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Supplemental Budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that such Supplemental Budget be approved and adopted.

The amount of the appropriations is as follows: \$40,000.00 to Jail, \$40,000 to Contract Law, \$20,000 to GIS, \$20,000 to Human Resources, \$20,000 to Court-appointed Attorneys all within the General Fund and \$110,000 to the ARPA Fund.

The Supplemental Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor.

Dated this 25th day of October 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MCCOOK COUNTY, SD

_____ Chairman
_____ Commissioner
_____ Commissioner
Dick absent _____ Commissioner
Mehlbrech absent _____ Commissioner
ATTEST: _____ Auditor

Motion made by Liesinger, second Koch, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/15/22: Commissioners 1980.75; Auditor 5365.27; Treasurer 4087.49; States Attorney 2925.25; Custodian 1249.51; Dir of Equalization 2465.15; Register of Deeds 3098.45; Veterans Service Officer 279.90; GIS 1564.50; Sheriff 13221.71; Contract Law 6874.63; Care of Poor 198.03; Welfare 304.85; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1456.99; Extension Secretary 1382.51; Weed 180.99; Drainage 298.48; Planning & Zoning 557.35. Grand Jury, fees 500.00 mileage 93.84; Transamerica Employee Benefits, October contribution 3365.86; AAA Collections, lien collection fee 489.64; Best Western Ramkota Hotel-Aberdeen, sheriff conference lodging 616.00; Century Business Products, 3 monthly copier contracts 309.51; Claims Associates, lawsuit deductible 2000.00; Davison County Sheriff, jail services 8645.00; English Law, court appt attorney for Kenneth Rose 383.80 for Marisela Flores-Torres 540.00 for Christopher Tassler 870.00 for Ralli Tenfingers 484.80 for Jeremy Stricherz 222.20; Inter-Lakes Community Action, CSW October hours 794.67; Carol Johnson, transcript 19.20; Lewis Family Drug, prisoner care 543.47; McLeod's Printing, election supplies 87.69 office supplies 108.92; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 148.76; Mitchell Clinic, prisoner care 404.00; Morgan Theeler LLP, court appt attorney for Kurtis Hansen 2752.00; ODP Business Solutions, office supplies 529.73; Ramkota Hotel-Pierre, lodging-Assessor conference 490.00; Michael D Sharp, court appointed attorney for Dylan Jaimes 1109.32 for Luke Wisneski 966.46; Geralyn Sherman, election mileage 46.89; Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott, tax forms 93.42; Tyler Technologies, annual VSO software fee 449.00; Vital Records Control, vault box storage 41.22; Dava Wermers, court appt attorney for Dana L Hansen 2267.60.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/15/22: Hwy Dept 21717.34. Transamerica Employee Benefits, October contribution 2268.09; Townships & Cities, 3rd Qtr 2022-wheel tax collections 12269.02; Diesel Machinery Inc, parts 196.31; Kibble Equipment, hydraulic quick coupler 254.84; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 22.93; Northwestern Energy, utilities 10.00; Pomp's Tire Service, tires 2484.60; Ramkota Hotel-Pierre, conference lodging 77.00; Rockmount Research, zeta strip 1109.04; SD Dept of Transportation, county share of state project 2570.33; Transource Truck & Equipment, flashing conveyor 637.23; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service 81.88.

911 SERVICE FUND: Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower utilities 62.70.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/15/22: EDS Director 1454.68. Transamerica Employee Benefits, October contribution 96.51.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 10/15/22: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 216.44.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 10/15/22: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 4088.64, Medicare 956.22; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 3981.90; Wellmark BlueCross/BlueShield of SD, county share of health insurance premium 21192.17.

Motion made by Koch to make payment, less deductions noted on the closing statement, to Frances Streff for the land purchased by McCook County. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Randy Sabers, Randy Sabers and Associates, met with the Commission to review the 2023 health insurance renewal information. Sabers noted that there is a 6.37% decrease in the renewal rate for the county. Sabers asked if the Board wanted to see any other plan options. No, employees are happy with Wellmark BCBS and nothing needs to change. Motion made by Liesinger to continue as is with the county's health insurance coverage through Wellmark BlueCross/BlueShield, along with TransAmerica for Gap coverage. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Beth Skaff, Food Pantry Coordinator, and Glenda Blindert met with the Board to give them an update on the new location (Blindert building) for the food pantry. The location is 640 S Nebraska St in Salem, building south of Blindert Insurance located along SD81. Blindert explained that the cost of repairs to utilize the building is a donation and suggested that we see what the cost of utilities are before deciding on an amount for rent. Skaff noted that she has talked with John Barnett about renting a storage unit for shelving and other items that don't fit in the new location. Cost would be \$90/month and payments can be made quarterly. A recycling dumpster will be rented through RBS Sanitation.

Geralyn Sherman, Welfare Director, reviewed Care of Poor cases with the Commission. A Notice of Hospitalization was received from Madison Regional Health System (2022-45). Three Notices of Hospitalization were received from Avera McKennan Hospital (2022-46, 2022-49, & 2022-50). One Notice of Hospitalization was received from Sanford USD Medical Center (2022-48). A request for assistance with an \$800 water bill (water shut off) was discussed & denied. Sherman noted that this request is same as (2022-37) and the bill was \$549 at that time. The renters are and have been giving the landlord money to pay the water bill, but she isn't doing that.

Motion made by Koch to enter Executive Session for personnel discussion (SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 1:00 p.m. Michelle Stubkjaer, Alternative HR Consultant, and Auditor Sherman were present. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Chair Gordon declared out of Executive Session at 2:15 p.m. Motion made by Koch to make the position of 4-H Youth Program Advisor a full-time position (35 hours/week) based on SDSU recommendation. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 25th day of October 2022.

Steve Gordon _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County