

July 18, 2017

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

Members present: Ralph Dybdahl, Marc Dick, Dean Koch and Charles Liesinger.

Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Gordon called for approval of the Agenda. Auditor Sherman noted deletion of Kris Graham at 11:30; unable to attend.

Motion made by Dybdahl to approve the Agenda with deletion. Second Koch and motion carried.

Department heads met with the Commissioners for initial review of the 2018 budget requests.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, and Gary Parry, Weed Supervisor, met with Board to review Weed budget.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt/Drainage Adm, met with the Board to review Hwy Road & Bridge and Drainage budgets.

Mark Norris, Sheriff, and the Board reviewed the Sheriff, Jail and Contract Law Enforcement budgets. Much discussion was held regarding number of FT and PT Deputies. Dybdahl stated that he'd like to see another FT deputy hired and no PT deputies, with Courtroom Security being handled by rotation of the FT Officers. Norris asked the Board if they were sure about this, adding that he would utilize another officer as an Investigator. Norris will check into a COPS MORE Grant application and get back to the Board.

Following break, Norris informed Auditor Sherman that there are no COPS grants.

Tracy Hofer, Dir of Equalization/Zoning Administrator, reviewed Director of Equalization, Planning & Zoning and GIS budgets with the Commission. Hofer noted that the flyover of County scheduled for 2017 has been rescheduled to 2018. Hofer also requested another FT employee in the Dir of Equalization office due to the work load, presenting documentation to substantiate the request.

Pam Hanna, Executive Director, for LifeQuest, presented the Board with a summary of services that are provided for residents. Hanna noted that the 2018 request is \$6000.00, a \$240 increase over 2017.

Carol Lauer, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's budget with the Board. Lauer informed the Board that a Treasurer's Task Force is working on the tax deed process.

Laurie Schwans, Register of Deeds, reviewed the Register of Deeds and Modernization & Preservation budgets with the Board.

Geralyn Sherman, Auditor/Welfare Director, reviewed the Auditor and Care of Poor budgets with the Board

Brad Stiefvater, EDS Director, and the Board discussed implementation of a burn ban. Motion was made by Koch to implement a burn ban effective immediately, 07/18/2017, and authorize Chairman Gordon to sign the following resolution. Second was made by Liesinger and motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-06

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY REGULATION OF FIRE HAZARDS IN MCCOOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, McCook County is experiencing very dry conditions due to the lack of rain, and

WHEREAS, McCook County is dedicated in taking steps to protect the health and safety of all residents of the County and all property within the County, and

WHEREAS, the McCook County Commission has consulted with the Emergency & Disaster Services Director, who has consulted with local fire officials and law enforcement officials in regard to the severity of this issue, and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Resolution, "open burning" shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warning fires, charcoal grill fires, or the prescribed burning of fence rows, fields, wild lands, trash and debris. This resolution excludes fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas fueled stoves, fireplaces within all buildings, charcoal grill fires at private residences and permanent fire pits or fire grates located on supervised developed picnic grounds and campgrounds, and

WHEREAS, unduly hazardous fire conditions now exist in McCook County, and

WHEREAS, due to several fires in surrounding areas there may be a lack of mutual aid and fire fighting man power;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the McCook County Commissioners enact this resolution on an emergency basis and impose a ban to prohibit or restrict open burning in order to protect the public health and safety, **effective July 18, 2017.**

**Questions can be directed to McCook County Emergency Management Director:
Brad Stiefvater – at 605-421-1302**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ban will be in place until fire conditions improve as determined by Emergency personnel within McCook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars for each violation, or imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty days for each violation, or both the fine and imprisonment, if found in violation of this Resolution, as per South Dakota Codified Law 7-18A-2, and that the costs for suppressing any fire, including response fees, mutual aid assistance from other agencies or fire departments, reimbursement to governments for suppression efforts and compensation to the firefighters for time from their employment, be borne by the individual or individuals responsible for setting the fire.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2017.

_____ Chairman

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ATTEST:

_____ Auditor

Brad Stiefvater, EDS Director, reviewed the Emergency & Disaster Service and 911 budgets with the Board. Stiefvater informed the Board that the revenue from reimbursement of salary expenses for Emergency Management is now behind more than one year and asked the Board to consider NOT signing the contract with the State that will be coming within the next couple of months. Stiefvater noted that nothing changes if the County doesn't participate in the contract and looking ahead, when someone is hired as his replacement that individual won't be required to attend training courses that do not help McCook County. Stiefvater added that in the future there will be a lot of work to do locally. Local Emergency Management duties include 911 coordination, rural addressing, HazMat reporting, the Homeland Security Grant Program and the State Credentialing System maintenance. Time would be better spent working on local issues rather than being absent from the county attending required training and meetings that do not benefit the county.

Brad Stiefvater, Jr, McCook EMS, presented the budget request for 2018 to the Commission; noting a 3% increase.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 18^h day of July, 2017.

Steve Gordon _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County