

April 25, 2023

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

Vice-Chairman Liesinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Liesinger called for approval of the agenda. Auditor Sherman noted the addition of Equalization Board for two valuation adjustments. Motion made by Koch to approve the agenda adding at the end of the agenda. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

The minutes from the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion made by Gordon to approve the minutes for publication. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Chairman Dick joined the meeting.

Public input: Roger Hofer asked if commission members read an article in The Special regarding a Vermillion Basin Water Development District meeting, asking why taxpayers are paying for a City of Vermillion project? Auditor Sherman explained that the municipalities within the VBWWD are eligible to apply for project funding. With McCook County becoming a member of the district, our municipalities may also apply for project funding, it's the way the district is set up. A few of the projects include ground water studies, watershed protection & restoration, engineering studies, and water quality & quantity studies, to name a few.

Commissioner Reports: Mehlbrech and Gordon attended the Commissioners Spring Workshop held in Pierre.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Missy ? was present to watch the meeting process.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt, and Travis Raap, Hwy Supt (to be), met with the Commission. Kreutzfeldt presented the engineering proposal from IMEG for structural design for bridge to be replaced on 448<sup>th</sup> Ave, total \$73124.20. Motion made by Gordon to authorize Kreutzfeldt to sign-off on the agreement with IMEG. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Kreutzfeldt and Board revisited radio replacements. Kreutzfeldt thanked Comm Koch for input/assistance. The Hwy Dept could get by with 11 radios, hoping 5 radios from EM are reprogrammable if employees used personal phones for communication & data entry. Raap noted that the use of cell phones will be beneficial, and a stipend would be less expensive than purchasing 24 radios. Auditor Sherman added that a cell phone policy can be discussed with Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, noting that other employees use their personal cell phones for county/office business, so may need to offer to others. Motion made by Koch to pay \$25 stipend/month to Hwy Dept employees for use of their personal cell phones and utilize 11 radios for communication purposes. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried. This will be revisited as needed. Kreutzfeldt informed the Board that bridge 44-210-227 N of Monroe was hit and the rail was torn off; \$9800 for Holloway Construction to make repairs. Kreutzfeldt asked the Board if they want the west property seeded down, to keep the weeds down. Yes. Kreutzfeldt informed the Board that, going forward, Puetz Design will charge \$90/hour for designer & \$120/hour for architect work to finish changes. Raap reported that the operation & repair training on the Entyre chip spreader/distributor was very beneficial. Current projects include pulling shoulders, ditch cleanouts & patching, and weed spraying, soon. Load limits have been lifted.

Chairman Dick read letter of resignation from Kreutzfeldt. Motion made by Gordon to accept resignation of full-time status effective June 23, 2023, with transition to a part-time role. Second Koch. Motion carried.

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

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Drainage Administrator, presented a drainage permit application to the Board, noting that downstream landowner signatures were obtained, and he has signed off on it. All permits are available for inspection at the Hwy Dept Office.

D23-002      George Weber      NW4 8-102-53

Missy ? left the meeting at this time.

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

Anna Flogstad, Staff Appraiser, presented two plats to the Board for approval. Following review of the Plat Review forms, motion was made by Liesinger to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> plat. Second Mehlbrech. Motion carried.

Be it resolved by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the Plat showing Tract 1 & 2 of Eilts Addition in the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 101 North, Range 56 West of the 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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Motion made by Mehlbrech to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> plat. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Be it resolved by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the Plat showing Lot B in Tract 2 of Cannon's Addition in the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 20, Township 101 North, Range 54 West of the 5<sup>TH</sup> P. M., 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.

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The Board reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Sheriff, Mark Norris, informed the Board that all but one open position has been filled within the law enforcement department. Norris told the Board that from January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, there have been 51 drug arrests, 15 of them felonies. Norris would like to bring a drug dog back into the force and apply for a \$9000 grant: \$7800 for a dog and \$1200 for a hot dog unit for the vehicle. Liesinger and Koch noted that they don't like the idea based on past experience. Norris agreed but added there would be a different handler now. Mehlbrech, Gordon, and Dick feel it's a good idea. Dick suggested putting a time limit of 2 years on this and re-evaluate. Norris told the Board that he already applied for the grant and the application was approved (he has a \$9000 check), now he needs Board approval to move forward. Motion made by Mehlbrech, to purchase a drug dog and a hot dog unit for the vehicle, through the grant process. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Geralyn Sherman, Welfare Director, and the Commissioners reviewed a Care of Poor case. Avera McKennan is appealing the County decision to deny payment because the individual was offered health insurance through employment (2022-31).

The following township bonds have been filed with the Auditor's Office: CLERK: Mark Miles-Ramsey, Norman Peterson-Brookfield, Richard Wobig-Sun Prairie, Heather Bork-Pearl, Roland Loudenburg-Benton, Mark Eickman-Salem, Ken Krouse-Richland, John Smith-Montrose, Jeff Scott-Greenland, Ron Addy-Canistota, Jerome Tschetter-Emery, Brian Thrift-Jefferson, Lonnie Glanzer-Bridgewater, Kalyn Buse-Union, Mary Dick-Grant, and Bonnie Schmidt-Spring Valley. TREASURER: Barb Kipp-Ramsey, Ted Anderson-Brookfield, Tim Matthaei-Sun Prairie, Whit Olson-Pearl, Amelia Matthaei-Benton, Pat Gottlob-Salem, Mary Nelson-Richland, Katrina Zimmer-Montrose, Karen Hofer-Greenland, Gary Parry-Canistota, Tom Kolbeck-Emery, Vernon Hofer-Jefferson, Robin Hofer-Bridgewater, Michael Weber-Union, Steve Richarz-Grant, and Donita Davis-Spring Valley.

Motion made by Mehlbrech, second Liesinger, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 3/18/2023: Commissioners 1980.75; Auditor 6210.38; Treasurer 4423.89; \*New hire: Shelly McCorkell, Deputy Treasurer, \$18.56/hour, start date 4/4/2023; States Attorney 3155.92; Custodian 1343.32; Dir of Equalization 4406.34; Register of Deeds 3437.72; Veterans Service Officer 309.75; Sheriff 15564.13; Contract Law 9178.71; Care of Poor 217.30; Welfare 208.12; Community Health Nurse Secretary 1472.54; Extension Secretary 1411.20; Drainage 307.71; Planning & Zoning 599.07. SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-

Redfield 60.00; Transamerica Employee Benefits, April contribution 3228.51; AAA Collections, lien collection fee 768.00; Avera McKennan Hospital, mental health hold 790.00; Century Business Products, 2 monthly copier contracts 442.00; Davison County Sheriff, March jail services 4900.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, deputy uniforms 1630.25; Lewis Family Drug, prisoner care 23.19; LifeQuest, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr services 1440.00; The Lodge at Deadwood, conference lodging-sheriff 504.00; Charles Mehlbrech, travel expenses-Spring workshop 208.70; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 293.59; Mitchell Clinic, prisoner care 325.00; Paul's Towing, care of poor 75.00; SDAAO, workshop registration-Assessor 235.00; SDACO, workshop registration-officials 600.00; SDASRO, conference registration-SRO's 150.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, stray animal service 92.82; Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare, 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr allotment 1404.50; Yankton County Sheriff, serving papers 50.00; Yankton County Treasurer, reimburse mental health expenses 135.00.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 4/15/2023: Hwy Dept 25199.71. Townships & Cities, 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2023-wheel tax collections 11976.72; Transamerica Employee Benefits, April contribution 1802.96; Lyle Signs, highway signs 2023.10; Tyler Mays, travel expense 20.09; MidAmerican Energy, utilities 146.00; Northwestern Energy, utilities 169.45; Travis Raap, travel expenses 264.16; Safety-Kleen, parts washer solvent 184.98; SDACC, workshop registration 200.00; Dylan Warren, CDL testing 50.00.

911 SERVICE FUND: Sioux Valley Energy, radio tower utilities 62.90.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 4/15/2023: EDS Director 1604.68. Transamerica Employee Benefits, April contribution 96.51.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 4/15/2023: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 243.21.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 4/15/2023: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 4751.84, Medicare 1111.32; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 4674.55; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SD, county share of health insurance contribution 17754.26.

Motion made by Koch to approve an automatic supplement in the amount of \$848.00 to WIC budget, reimbursement for secretarial hours worked in Minnehaha County. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented a form received from SD Dept of Health regarding the county being a compliant vendor. Motion made by Gordon to authorize Chair Dick to sign a Certification required by South Dakota Executive Order 2023-02. Second Koch. Motion carried.

Motion by Koch to convene as County Board of Equalization. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented information from Cori Kaufmann, Dir of Equalization, to the Commission.

Parcel 07.23.2002 Brent & Kelly Deters  
Legal description: W543' NW4 23-103-54 Ex Tract 1 Deters Addition  
Reason for appeal: property was included as part of Ag land value on 07.23.2000.  
Recommended value: NAC 121,663 (22 acres transferred improperly)  
Motion made by Koch to approve recommended value, NAC 121,663. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Parcel 07.23.2000 Jeffrey Deters Etal  
Assessed value: AGA 370,799  
Legal description: NW4 Ex Lot H1 and Tract 1 Deters Addition NW4 23-103-54  
Reason for appeal: 22 acres should have been transferred before 2023 assessments were sent out.  
Recommended value: AGA 305,192 (additional 22 acres transferred to 07.23.2002)  
Motion made by Koch to approve recommended value, AGA 305,192. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

Marc Dick \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman \_\_\_\_\_

Auditor, McCook County