April 8, 2025

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

Chairman Mehlbrech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mehlbrech called for approval of the agenda. Auditor Sherman noted the addition of an Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. for discussion re pending litigation, SDCL 1-25-2 (3). Motion Dick to approve the agenda with addition noted. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

The minutes from the March 25th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Dick to approve these minutes for publication. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Public input: Roger Hofer provided public comment.

Commissioner Reports: Heumiller attended South Eastern Council of Governments meeting in SF.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, met with the Commission. John Wartenbee, VP Northern Truck Equipment, was present to discuss the county's need for a truck box. Wartenbee explained that he has a build slot in September 2026, and he can promise a truck box so the county can proceed with an equipment order. Raap did reach out to J-Craft after the March 25th meeting asking for cost information for a truck box but has heard nothing from this vendor. Raap noted that the pricing for a Crysteel 16' Stainless Steel dump body, plow, V-box sander, and Monroe 8' wing per Monroe Sourcewell Contract #062222 is $214,640.00. Northern Truck Equipment is on the Sourcewell Contract. Following more discussion, Wartenbee guaranteed delivery of a truck box by the end of 2026. Motion Heumiller to purchase a truck box from Northern Truck Equipment and authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign a Sales Order for same. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Hwy Supt Raap presented a utility certificate and right-of-way certificate for the construction of Project Number BRO-B 8044(15), PCN 09A2, Bridge #44-091-040 to the Board for signature. Motion Liesinger to authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign the Utilities Certificate for this project (no utilities at this location). Second Dick. Motion carried. Motion Liesinger to authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign the Right-Of-Way Certificate for this project (no easement required for this project). Second Gordon. Motion carried. First Rate Excavate and SDDOT will be meeting tomorrow to discuss a haul road agreement for 02AB. Raap provided information regarding 20-year life cycle of 245 St, road going to Sun Prairie Baptist Church. Raap informed the Board that he'd like them to consider a request to hire summer/seasonal help as the Hwy Dept is still short an employee. A CDL would not be required. Request approved.

Motion Gordon to enter Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss pending litigation, SDCL 1-25-2 (3). Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, and Auditor Sherman were present. Second Dick. Motion carried. Chairman Mehlbrech declared out of Executive Session at 9:40 a.m.

Auditor Sherman informed the Board that a CD at Security State Bank, Montrose, will mature on 4/19/2025 and she'll present interest rate options to them at their 4/22 meeting.

Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, met with the Board to provide information regarding HB1218, adding new sections to SDCL Chapter 7-18. A board of county commissioners may not, by any method or means, prohibit or restrict an individual who is a county employee, officer, or volunteer, from lawfully possessing any concealed firearm and compatible ammunition, while the individual is within any county building, facility, or vehicle, or while on any real property, owned or leased by the county. A policy for the employee handbook is being worked on.

Carol Lauer, Treasurer, met with the Commission to provide them with an office update regarding the implementation of changes made by the SD Motor Vehicle Division.

Motion Liesinger to convene as Planning Commission. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization/Zoning Administrator, presented a plat for approval. Following review of the plat review form, motion Liesinger to approve the plat. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Tract 1 of Hofer Addition in the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 101 North, Range 55 West of the 5TH 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.

Adopted this 8th day of April 2025.

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Chair, County Planning Commission
McCook County, South Dakota

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Auditor Sherman presented a letter of agreement for the grant between the McCook County Weed & Pest Board and the SD Weed & Pest Control Commission for the FY2026 Weed & Pest Grant. The grant amount is $7,600. Motion Liesinger to authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign the agreement. Second Gordon. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented an email from Julie Dykstra, SE Region Nursing Manager, regarding the nurse's office, to the Board. Questions. 1. Would the small room off the 2nd floor break room be available for the nurse's office, this would allow for an internet connection for the State Network, and a specific space each time they need to meet with a client. Would the county pay $5000 for the office furniture in the existing nurse's office? Can the refrigerator be moved somewhere temporarily? Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization, and Angie McCormick, Dir of Equalization Clerk, were present. Auditor Sherman will check into a more permanent office space. Motion Heumiller to offer payment of $3500 for the office furniture. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Auditor Sherman will contact the Dept of Health and report back to the Board at the April 22nd meeting.

The following building permits were issued in the month of March:

25-005	Christie Wobig Trust	window replacement	S1020' of E720' of NE4 6-104-55
25-006	Immanuel Lutheran Church	fellowship hall	NW Corner of NW4, 80 Rods from W to E and 40 Rods N to S 12-104-56
25-007	Christopher Moreno	detached garage on concrete slab	Lot 6 Eagle Ridge Add W2SW4 35-102-53
25-008	Gregory Kipp	basement remodel	E766' of N475' SE4 36-104-54
25-009	Dusty & Jared Leisinger	finishing basement	W787' of N1106.6' SW4 35-101-53
25-010	Janelle Ferrie	new garage	Tract 1 Beckers Add N2 30-101-54
25-011	Dave Gordon	40x64x16 shed	Lot 3 Gordon Addition 27-102-53
25-012	Cordell & Sheryl Hofer	40x80 cattle shed	Lot 1, Feuerhelm's Add SE4 19-102-55
25-013	Nancy & Michael Laufman	garage remodel	E2 N2/3N2NE4 4-101-54
25-014	Christopher & Lisa Pierson	deck addition	Tr 1 Riverview Estates an Add SE4 3-101-53
25-015	Donelan Farms LLC	living space renovation	S2NW4 Ex Tr 1 Thompsons Add & Ex Lot S-1 & Ex Land Deeded for Road & SW4NE4 Ex Land Deeded for Road 3-103-53
25-017	Darlene Lauck Rev Trust	phone tower maintenance	NW4 Ex All Portions of the NW4 which lie W of Hwy 81 & Ex 6AC & Ex Lots H2 & H3 13-102-55
25-018	Jasmond & Taia Johnson	residence addition	W850'of E1325'of N225' N2NE4 17-103-55

The March Law Enforcement Report and a report showing the breakdown of calls made and hours worked in each community were noted and filed.

Mike Fink, States Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss the disposition of surplus property, old RR line NW of Salem that is owned by McCook County, and deeding the same to Gayle P Streff, because of its proximity to her land. Laurie Schwans, Register of Deeds, Anna Flogstad, Dir of Equalization, and Angie McCormick, Dir of Equalization Clerk, were present. The board of commissioners will serve as the committee to appraise the property. Heumiller raised questions about hanging onto this property for now and utilizing it for drainage purposes on the north edge of Salem if it would fit that need. Following more discussion, motion Gordon to declare this piece of RR property (former railroad right of way of the Chicago Northwestern Transportation Company over and across the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township 103 North, Range 55 West, of the 5th P.M., McCook

County, South Dakota, as surplus property. Second Liesinger. Motion carried. Motion Liesinger to appraise the property at $1.00, based upon the fact that the piece is much less than one acre, and is basically isolated inside of other property owned by Mrs. Streff, and is of no real value to any other person. Second Gordon. Motion carried. Motion Dick to have St Atty Fink prepare a County Deed for said property deeding it to Gayle P Streff. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented a list of lien payments received in February and March to the Board.

Auditor Sherman informed the Board that John McCormick, Custodian, asked Fred Olinger to fill in for him for a week, in his absence. Motion Liesinger to approve the part-time help, $17.76 hourly rate. Second Heumiller. Motion carried.

Motion Heumiller, second Liesinger, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 3/29/2025: Commissioners 2183.80 mileage 252.60; Auditor 6308.23; Treasurer 5142.37; States Attorney 3730.38; Custodian 1402.84; Dir of Equalization 4693.55; Register of Deeds 3693.45; Veterans Service Officer 341.40; Sheriff 15348.96; *Kimberly Berry, COLA increase after 6 months employment, $24.15/hour; Contract Law 8224.13; Care of Poor 228.92; Welfare 336.73; 4-H Youth Assistant 1556.10; Drainage 209.48; Planning & Zoning 669.85. Reemployment Assistance Division of SD, 1st Qtr 2025 contribution, 1403.76; SD Dept of Revenue, SD Developmental Center-Redfield, 60.00; A& B Business, monthly copier contract, 82.97; Alternative HR, April HR services, 5600.00; Alvine Law Firm, court appointed attorney for Kamdon Sandhurst, 432.00; AutoEx, vehicle maintenance, 2410.31; Avera Queen of Peace Hospital, blood alcohol service, 274.00; C & R Supply, pump and sprayer repair, 1489.26; Card Service Center, supplies, 3279.22, DOE classes, 250.00, dogfood, 49.59; Century Business Products, monthly copier contracts, 738.81; Chesterman Co, water, 121.00; City of Bridgewater, April ambulance appropriation, 3866.67; Corporate Translation, interpreter service, 20.24; Dakota Data Shred, shredding services, 104.46; Davison County Sheriff, March jail services, 2730.00; Mike Fink, March expenses, 499.86; Gordon Flesch, monthly copier contract, 30.00; Inter-Lakes Community Action, April Community Service Worker funds, 1107.58; Iron Wheel Heating Cooling, boiler repairs, 296.70; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms, 126.85; Lentsch Tree Service, snow removal, 180.00; LifeQuest, 2nd Quarter Appropriation, 750.00; Lincoln County Auditor, reimburse mental health expenses, 108.67; Maynards, supplies, 20.37; McCook Conservation District, 2nd Qtr allotment, 3750.00; McCook County EMS, April ambulance appropriation, 11559.09; McCook County Fair Board, 2025 appropriation, 6400.00; McCook County Treasurer, postage, 527.50; McCormick Motors, vehicle maintenance, 825.88; McLeod's Printing, office supplies and property cards, 343.94; Meyer Motor, vehicle maintenance, 1026.34; MidAmerican Energy, food pantry utilities, 71.49, courthouse utilities, 660.11; New Century Press, publishing, 1226.98; ODP Business Solutions, supplies, 33.93; Pennington County Jail, prisoner transport, 103.36; RBS Sanitation, food pantry garbage service, 109.71, courthouse garbage service 111.46; Running Supply, clothing, 58.97; Salem City, 3 months water & sewer, courthouse 488.88, food pantry 397.48; SD Achieve/dba LifeScape, services for six residents 360.00; SD Dept. of Public Safety, 6 month teletype service, 2340.00; SD Public Health Laboratory, lab services, 410.00; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, March contract 200.00, services, 62.00; Tech Solutions, Managed IT services, 3667.00; Total Stop, pizza for jurors, 100.88; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service, 682.73;Verizon Wireless, iPad service 40.01, cell phone service 477.40; Xcel Energy, food pantry utilities, 47.67, courthouse utilities, 667.44.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 3/29/2025: Hwy Dept 23959.87. Reemployment Assistance Division of SD, 1st Qtr 2025 contribution, 807.28; Townships & Cities, 1st Qtr 2025 wheel tax collections, 880.00; Appeara, mat & towel rental, 124.78; Butler Machinery, parts & supplies, 97.56; Card Service Center, supplies, 541.29; Central Farmers Coop, gas and supplies, 9558.76; Century Business Products, monthly copier contract, 138.85; Chesterman Company, water, 39.00; City of Sioux Falls, disposal at landfill, 146.28; Equipment Blades Inc, supplies, 900.00; The Lodge at Deadwood, conference lodging, 315.00; Lyle Signs, supplies & materials, 3236.06; MidAmerican Energy, utilities, 214.00; Midstates Equipment, maxwell primer-drum, 2648.75; New Century Press, publishing, 6.86; Pheasantland Industries, supplies, 46.25; RBS Sanitation, garbage service, 82.82; Salem City, water &

sewer, 510.30; Salem Lumber, supplies, 249.06; Southeastern Electric, utilities, 87.63; Stan Houston Equipment, supplies, 461.55; Transource Truck & Equipment, supplies, 687.06; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet service 109.33; Xcel Energy, utilities, 14.58.

911 SERVICE FUND: Golden West Telecommunications, 911 telephone service 200.00; Triotel Communications, 911 telephone service 173.20.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 3/29/2025: EDS Director 1572.12. Reemployment Assistance Division of SD, 1st Qtr 2025 contribution, 56.60; AT&T Mobility, EM iPad service, 40.04; Jefferson Fire & Safety, personal protective gear for S&R members, 22145.80; Brad Stiefvater Jr, cell phone expense, 47.93; Triotel Communications, telephone & internet service 144.62

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 3/29/2025: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 223.44. PharmChem, sweat patch analysis, 415.35.

MODERNIZATION & PRESERVATION FUND: Microfilm Imaging System, scanning equipment rent, 626.00.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 3/29/2025: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 4681.53, Medicare 1094.87; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 4704.21; Wellmark BCBS, county share of health insurance premiums, 6214.65.

Total Claims: $107,569.45.

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of March 2025: deposits in banks, $6,014,352.04; cash to deposit, $3,103.02; checks to deposit, $58,893.52; CC payments, $1,612.30; Cash Items (postage) $527.50; Treasurer's Cash, $1,042.50; Register of Deeds, $450.00; Sheriff, $500.00; CD's, $700,000.00. The total deposits on hand: $6,780,480.88.

Nicole Webster, SEFP Enterprise Facilitator, met with the Board to provide an update on the Career Fair hosted by McCook Central School. There were 35 vendors and 253 attendees. Webster noted that several investors have been added to the SEFP network. Webster also noted that the Hutchinson County Commission budgets $20,000 for new business start-ups. Individuals can apply for a portion of these funds, like a grant application, which is reviewed by the Commission, with funding being approved or denied. Auditor Sherman will follow up with the Hutchinson County Auditor to get specifics as to how this process works. Webster presented an invitation for the 2025 Annual Investor Reception to the Commission, to be held on April 23rd, at Twisted Pines Venue, Parker.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 8th day of April 2025.

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Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County