June 10, 2025

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

Chairman Mehlbrech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the May 29th meeting were sent to Board members for review prior to publication. Motion Liesinger to approve these minutes for publication. Second Dick. Motion carried.

States Attorney, Mike Fink, joined the meeting.

Public input: Martin Barattini provided public comment. Roger Hofer provided public comment.

Commissioner Reports: Comm Liesinger: received call from Ann Richards regarding jake brake noise. States Attorney Fink: the County can create an ordinance, No Unmuffled Jake Brakes, but cannot place signs on State Highways. Comm Heumiller stated why bother if we can't put signs up and enforce it, load limits aren't enforced. Comm Mehlbrech: received a call from Drew Peterson regarding ambulance service and Medicaid reimbursement.

Conflict of Interest: none noted.

Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, and Adam Polley, IMEG Engineering Corp, met with the Board to discuss request for payment of dirt on bridge project #44-010-185 from Leonard Matthaei, in the amount of $103,407.50. Hwy Supt Raap noted that all handwritten weigh tickets were thrown out. Polley explained that IMEG reviewed all documentation received and there are 3 different quantities (31,554, 30,447, and 29,766) provided by Matthaei and many items cannot be confirmed. Polley noted that the project plan projected 23,636 cubic yards of dirt and payment for this item is paid off of plan quantities as stated on page 6 of the bridge plans. The contractor, Hollaway Construction, has received payment for the dirt and should in turn submit payment to Matthaei. Following discussion, motion Gordon to not pay for dirt above the amount of cubic yards noted in the project plan. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

Jerae Wire, Construction & Permitting Coordinator East River Electric, met with the Board and Hwy Supt Raap to discuss and request a 20-year franchise agreement. Hwy Supt Raap explained the current process for approval of utility permits due to issues with Hanson Rural Water System in 1999. Wire noted that 10-year franchise agreements have been granted for Southeastern Electric, 2011 and 2021. Wire presented a handout to the Commission which outlined East River Electric's goal/mission and included a McCook County franchise map. A resolution authorizing the construction of electric transmission and distribution lines on the public highways of McCook County was reviewed. Raap noted that the resolution should be changed to a 10-year franchise agreement, like Southeastern Electric, and that verbiage notifying the county of any projects, should be added. Comm Heumiller asked what a franchise gives a utility company; is it free rein. It was agreed that no action would be taken today because there is a hearing process and the Board would like States Attorney Fink to review the resolution taking into consideration suggestions from Hwy Supt Raap.

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

Will Vanderlinde met with the Board to discuss straightening the existing tree line and plant more trees on his property along SD38. Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, noted that a variance hearing is required to plant trees due to setback regulations. Because this property is located along SD38, Flogstad will provide contact information for SDDOT so Vanderlinde can follow up with the State regarding ROW regulations before proceeding.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Planning Commission of McCook County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Tract 1 of Kipp Addition in the East Half of the Northeast Quarter Section 6, Township 103 North, Range 53 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 10th day of June 2025.

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Chair, County Planning Commission
McCook County, South Dakota

The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

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

25-022	Joan Raap	house/mobile home	SE4 of 27-104-53
25-035	Northern States Power Co	addition to substation	NSP Tract 2 SW4 13-101-54
25-036	Trent & Amy Sabers	replacing garage	S420' of W39 Acres on NW4 12-103-55
25-037	Trenton Wollman	new house, shed	Stahl's Add SE4 of SW4 35-102-56
25-038	Golden View Hutterian Brethren	new housing	SW4 Inc Streff's Add Tr 1 Ex Streff's Add Tr 2 & 3 Ex S385' of W550' N1020' 28-103-55
25-039	Mark & Keri Feterl	storage/garage	Tract 1 Feterl Addition W2NE4 18-103-54
25-040	C&E Family Farm	office	Tract 2 of C&E Family Farm Add NW4 2-104-54
25-041	Sheldon & Janet Butzke	moving bin	SW4 19-104-55
25-042	Jacqueline Wobig Testamentary	new bin	W2SW4 5-104-55
25-043	Leann Hoenscheid	storage/pole building	W458.6' of E1420' of RR ROW Running Across S2NE4 18-103-56
25-044	Amy Heumiller	grain bin (used)	E2 of Tr 1 & Lots 1-4 & Lot 6 of Tr 2 Heumiller's Add W2SW4SW4 24-103-55

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

Auditor Sherman presented the renewal of the County's membership in Optilegra to the Board. The vision plan renews October 1, 2025, and there is no need to raise rates for next year, so the current plan will be renewed at the current rates. Motion Liesinger to approve continuation with the Optilegra vision plan. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Dakota State University and McCook County to the Board. This project is undertaken to protect and enhance cybersecurity in the county. Motion Liesinger to authorize Chairman Mehlbrech to sign the MOU. Second Dick. Motion carried.

Auditor Sherman presented information from Factor360, Pierre SD, regarding a website redesign project and migration to .gov from .net to the Board. The Commission asked Sherman to contact the vendor requesting a presentation of services to them.

Motion Heumiller, second Dick, and carried, to pay claims: GENERAL FUND: 6/7/2025: Commissioners 2183.80; mileage 165.60; Auditor 6316.87; Treasurer 4869.99; States Attorney 3730.38; Custodian 1610.20; Dir of Equalization 4688.84; Register of Deeds 3693.45; Veterans Service Officer 341.40; Sheriff 16028.72; Contract Law 9868.93; Care of Poor 228.92; Welfare 303.66; Extension Secretary 1556.11; Weed, 905.84; Drainage 146.17; Planning & Zoning 669.39. A & B Business, monthly copier contract, 82.97; Alternative HR, June HR services, 5600.00; AutoEx, vehicle maintenance, 1390.83; Avera Queen of Peace, blood alcohol services, 274.00; Central Farmers, fuel, 126.36; Century Business Products, monthly copier contracts, 705.22; Chesterman Company, bottled water, 66.00; City of Bridgewater, June ambulance appropriation, 3866.67; Clubhouse Hotel & Suites, lodging-Spring Workshop, 448.00; Corporate Translation, translation services, 3.36; Dakota Data Shred, shredding services, 87.05; Mike Fink, May expenses, 530.87; Fremar, Trimec weed spray, 66.93; Interlakes Community Action, June Community Service worker, 1107.58; Iron Wheel, fill freon, 362.00; Lincoln County Auditor, evaluations & board hearings, 531.34; McCook County EMS, June ambulance appropriation, 11559.09; McCook County Treasurer, postage, 129.55; McCormick Motors, vehicle maintenance, 1652.14; Microfilm Imaging, monthly scanning equipment rent, 626.00; New Century Press, publishing, 330.02; Salem City, courthouse water & sewer, 167.86, food pantry water & sewer 133.66; Salem Lumber, supplies, 17.11; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, May contract, 200.00; Tech Solutions, managed IT services, 3667.00, cable & switch 161.00; Total Stop, care of poor-gas, 28.26; Triotel, telephone/internet,

860.53; US Postal Service, post office box rent, 774.00; Verizon Wireless, iPad service, 40.01, cell phone service, 477.30; Dava Wermers, court appointed for juveniles, 1889.10; Xcel Energy, utilities, 890.90.

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 6/7/2025: Hwy Dept 25550.56; *new hire: Trent Foss, seasonal highway worker, $18.00/hour; Avera Occupational Medicine, random drug test, 80.30; Appeara, mat & towel rental, 148.67; Auto Value, supplies, 1680.01; Butler Machinery, 10W30 oil, 881.87; C & B Operations, parts, 353.94; Card Service Center, supplies, 455.74; Central Farmers Coop, tires & gas, 9995.78; Century Business Products, monthly copier contact, 147.01; Chesterman Company, water, 6.00; Commercial Asphalt, hot mix, 949.00; Gessner Welding, repairs & supplies, 646.50; IMEG, project engineering PCN 08XC/CA, 22487.53; Istate Truck Center, supplies, 366.99; Lyle Signs, signs, 119.75; McCormick Motors, parts & supplies, 386.10; NAPA Auto Parts, parts & supplies, 715.34; Pomp's Tire Service, Galaxy EarthPro R1, 1260.00; Running Supply, vests, 39.98; Salem City, water & sewer, 267.75; Southeastern Electric, utilities, 45.42; Spencer Quarries, rip rap & rock, 693.61; Transource Truck & Equipment, supplies, 285.39; Triotel, telephone & internet, 109.93; Xcel Energy, utilities, 737.05.

911 EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM FUND: Golden West Telecommunications, 911 telephone service, 200.00; Triotel, telephone/internet, 183.20.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 6/7/2025: EDS Director 1572.12. Brad Stiefvater, May expenses, 208.32; Triotel Communications, telephone/internet, 144.82.

24/7 SOBRIETY FUND: Bi-Weekly Payroll: 6/7/2025: Sheriff Secretary/Dispatcher 236.77; PharmChem, sweat patch analysis & fentanyl screens, 255.60.

PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS – ALL FUNDS: 6/7/2025: Dir of IRS, county share of FICA 4969.51, Medicare 1162.23; SD Retirement System, county share of retirement contribution, 4890.00.

TOTAL CLAIMS: $82,704.31

The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for the month of May 2025: deposits in banks, $8,282,787.45; cash to deposit, $2,609.41; checks to deposit, $35,871.13; CC payments, $3,794.24; Cash Items (postage) $129.55; Treasurer's Cash, $1,440.45; Register of Deeds, $450.00; Sheriff, $500.00; CD's, $700,000.00. The total deposits on hand: $9,027,582.23.

Motion Heumiller to enter Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. for personnel discussion, SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Michelle Stubkjaer, HR Consultant, was present. Second Dick. Motion carried. Chairman Mehlbrech declared out of Executive Session at 12.10 p.m.

Motion Gordon to convene as Drainage Board. Second Heumiller. 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.

D25-019 Gordon Five Farms LLC SW4 13-103-53

Drainage Adm Kreutzfeldt and the Board discussed current fees being charged. Kreutzfeldt informed the Board that his duties as drainage administrator will end December 31, 2025.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 10th day of June 2025.

Charles Mehlbrech _____
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman _____
Auditor, McCook County