

November 20, 2025

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

Chairman Mehlbrech led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Conflict of Interest: none.

Prior to the virtual meeting with Geronimo Power, Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, presented a utility permit for approval. Motion Gordon to approve Communications Utility Permit for Golden West Telecommunications to bore under 451<sup>st</sup> Ave and trench parallel to 451<sup>st</sup> Ave, at 26217 451<sup>st</sup> Ave, Canistota. Second Liesinger. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. a Teams virtual meeting was held with representatives from Geronimo Power; Sophia Gilleland, Permitting Associate, Amber Miller, Permitting Director, Tim Bloom, Senior Construction Manager, and Tom Magnuson, Portfolio Risk Lead. Travis Raap, Hwy Supt, Mike Fink, States Attorney, and Anna Flogstad, Zoning Administrator, were present. Changes made to the Road Use and Haul Agreement by States Attorney Fink were reviewed. Gilleland noted that in the past, Geronimo Power had paid a County for staff time and additional maintenance of roads, if needed. Raap: it would simplify the process if Geronimo would go off SD42 for access, not 446<sup>th</sup> Ave. It was noted that this would work for heavy equipment and use of a laydown yard is beneficial for trucks with lighter loads. Raap added that S of SD42, this is a township road, not county road. Bloom stated with design of driveways we, Geronimo, must use 446<sup>th</sup> Ave. Raap noted that the County will request a Rover evaluation on 446<sup>th</sup> Ave prior to any hauling so damage can be determined after the project is completed. Magnuson noted that a performance bond and a surety bond provide remedies if there are issues following construction of the site. Fink asked how much the bond is and for how long. Magnuson noted \$1 million bond for 3 years. Raap asked about the maintenance of the paved road after construction. County Hwy Dept does the work and is reimbursed. Action items include a surety template and methods for damage mitigation.

In other business, Hwy Supt Raap, asked the Board for time to discuss on-going issues (2 years) with Daryl Janssen regarding bridge project #44-010-185. Raap added that Janssen won't provide fencing so the Hwy Dept can put his fence in and we, the county, will keep jumping through hoops because today he wants things done this way and tomorrow he changes his mind. Janssen's demands are never ending and always changing. States Attorney Fink noted that the County has met its obligation with this bridge project. Fink added that he will send a letter to Mr. Janssen informing him that the proposal for the Hwy Dept to install a culvert on his property is withdrawn, that he, Janssen, talks to States Attorney Fink, only, and that all correspondence/proposals are to be in writing, sent to Fink by Janssen or his attorney.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

Charles Mehlbrech \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:

Geralyn Sherman \_\_\_\_\_  
Auditor, McCook County