

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Bob Hausmann, Kelsea Sutton, Jessy Biggins via speaker phone, Jeff Johnson and Myron Johnson. Also present: Jim Waterbury, Auditor and Patti Connealy, Gregory Times Advocate. The meeting was opened and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting as read. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Bob Hausmann to adjourn as a Board of Commissioners and convene as a Board of Adjustment. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Conditional Use: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jeff Johnson to table a conditional use permit to expand a campground by 20 sites and erect an 11 unit commercial storage building in an ag district for Kelly and Karen Janousek. Mr. Janousek is going to expand the storage building to 20 units and submit a new application. Upon roll call vote: All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Variance: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to approve a request for a variance for a home on a parcel less than 40 acres in an ag district from Seth and Teresa Webster.

Lot 1, Moerike 1st Subdivision in Lot 4 in Section 3-97-72 (Rhoades Township)

Upon roll call vote: All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Variance: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Kelsea Sutton to approve a request for a variance for a home on a parcel less than 40 acres in an ag district from Aaron Schmitz.

E2NW4; NE4SW4 in Section 17-95-67 (Star Valley Township)

Upon roll call vote: All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Kelsea Sutton to adjourn as a Board of Adjustment and reconvene as a Board of Commissioners. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Equalization: Casey Burrus, DOE, met with the Board to discuss equalization. The commissioners will meet as a Board of Equalization on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Audit: Toby Qualm, Legislative Audit, met with the Board to present the engagement letter for the audit years of 2017 and 2018.

Travel: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jeff Johnson to approve a travel request for Nikki Matucha to attend the 2019 SDAAO Annual Conference at Deadwood on May 21-24, 2019. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Report: Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss various projects within the county. Mr. Ellwanger told the Board the weight limit on county roads went into effect on March 18, 2019.

Disaster Resolution: The following resolution was offered by Kelsea Sutton and second by Jeff Johnson:

STORM DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, a severe storm of snow and rain has hit Gregory County; and,

WHEREAS, the moisture and flooding has caused extensive damage to roads, bridges, dams, livestock and farm sites; and,

WHEREAS, damage of roads, bridges, dams, livestock and farm sites will surely add to the financial Burden of the farmers and ranchers of Gregory County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Gregory County Board of Commissioners to declare Gregory County a disaster area due to the storm damage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to urge the Gregory County FSA committee and the Governor of the State of South Dakota to take appropriate action to prohibit any further economic injury to Gregory County producers.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2019.

Upon call for vote, all members voted aye. Resolution passed.

Executive Session: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jeff Johnson to enter into executive session at 9:58 a.m. to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Kelsea Sutton to adjourn from executive session at 11:45 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Special Meeting: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Bob Hausmann to hold a special meeting to interview candidates for the auditor position on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 starting at 1:00 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Kelsea Sutton to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
James Waterbury, Gregory Co. Auditor

Myron Johnson, Chair