

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Myron Johnson, Jessy Biggins, and Kelsea Sutton. Absent: Bob Hausmann and Jeff Johnson. Also present: Julie Bartling, Auditor. The meeting was opened and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessy Biggins to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2019 and April 9, 2019 meetings. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Bob Gnirk, Jr. met with the Board to present his concerns and those of his neighbors concerning condition of the county roads. The Commission and the Highway Superintendent relayed their concerns as well and assured they are doing all they can to make the roads passable and safe.

Executive Session: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessy Biggins to enter into executive session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessy Biggins to adjourn from executive session at 9:40 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Deputy Sheriff Position: Sheriff Tim Drey and Deputy Sheriff Cody Spann met with the Commission to discuss the hiring of a full time deputy.

Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Kelsea Sutton to approve hiring Chelsea Biehl as Gregory County Deputy Sheriff at an annual salary of \$43,840. The deputy will begin employment May 1, 2019. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Travel Request: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessy Biggins to approve the following travel requests:

Kristie Carlson, Nurse Secretary	4/29/19 @ Pierre for Region 2 staff meeting.
Dale Reber, VA Office	5/8/19 @ Pierre for VA Benefits Conference.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Board of Adjustment: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Kelsea Sutton to adjourn as a Board of County Commission and convene as a Board of Adjustment. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Variance: Kelly and Jody Bailey, applicants.

A variance permit request to build a 100' X 60' calf shelter 75' from the center of the road in an Ag District in N1/2 less Lot 1, Subdivision lying N of Rd., Section 25-97-69 (Whetstone Twp.) was presented for approval. The Planning Committee approved the application, however, there are concerns from the Highway Superintendent about the close proximity to the road. Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by

Jessy Biggins to delay a decision until a full board is present and until the Baileys can appear to discuss. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Conditional Use Permit: Kelly and Karen Janousek, applicants.

A permit to expand a current campground by 20 sites and to build a 20-unit commercial storage building in an Ag District located in Lot 1, Janousek First Subdivision, SE4, Section 24-96-69 (Schriever Twp.) was presented. Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Kelsea Sutton to approve the permit. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessy Biggins to adjourn as a Board of Adjustment and convene as a Board of County Commissioners. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approach Concerns: David Gnirk met with the commission to discuss repair of an approach leaving his property onto the county road. Mr. Gnirk offers to repair the approach and the county road with magnesia and rock, if the county could supply the gravel for the road. The Highway Superintendent will work with Mr. Gnirk to take care of the situation.

Appraisal System Discussion: Casey Burrus, Director of Equalization, and a representative of Vanguard Appraisal System met to discuss updating the computer appraisal system for Gregory County. This system would replace the Ultra Assessment program and the Marshall and Swift cost assessment tool.

The Board will delay further discussion about the system change until the full Board is present.

Highway Superintendent Report: Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent reported on road conditions due to spring flooding and recent snow storms.

Dump Days: The Highway Superintendent informed the Commission that May 3-4, 2019 is designated as Dump Days for the county. All regulations are to be set by the Superintendent.

Gravel Purchase: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Kelsea Sutton to buy 50,000 tons of crushed gravel at \$6.00 per ton from Kelly Bailey, Mulehead Gravel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Travel Details: Brad Ellwanger, informed the Commission, he will be attending a meeting in Pierre on April 18, 2019 for the Emergency Relief Program and a meeting with the South Central Water Development District on May 14, 2019.

Easement for Water Line: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessy Biggins to grant an easement to Beverly Hogen to bore a water line under CR 69 in Section 21-95-67 (Star Valley Twp.). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Employee Resignations: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Kelsea Sutton to accept the resignations of Sam Drey and Cory Wittmeier of the Highway Department. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

County Resident Burial: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessy Biggins to approve an application for county burial assistance for a county resident at \$2500. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Myron Johnson, Chair