

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

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

The meeting was opened and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jeff Johnson to approve the agenda with no additions. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2019 meeting as read. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Training/ Travel Request: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the travel request to send Stacy Gunslinger of the Register of Deeds office for passport training in Pierre on August 15, 2019. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Plat Approval: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessy Biggins to approve the following plat for Soesbe Subdivision:

APPROVAL – GREGORY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS: the owner of the land herein platted as **LOTS 8, 9 AND 10, SOESBE SUBDIVISION, and the Access Drive**, Lot 8 located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lots 9 and 10 located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, T 97 N, R 73 W of the 5th P.M., Gregory County, SD, have presented to the Gregory County Board of Commissioners the described plat, and that the platted lands lie within the platting jurisdiction but outside the City Limits of Gregory, SD, and that it appears that this plat meets all requirements of SDCL 11-3-8, NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED: that the plat be approved the 16th day of July, 2019.

Upon call for vote: Bob Hausmann-aye; Kelsea Sutton-aye; Jessy Biggins-aye; Jeff Johnson-aye; Myron Johnson-aye. Resolution passed.

Conditional Use Permit: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Jessy Biggins to approve a conditional use permit from Walden Olson to operate a campground, with no more than 10 sites, in an agricultural district:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$; W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 16-95-66, Randall Township.

Upon roll call: Jeff Johnson-aye; Jessy Biggins-aye; Kelsea Sutton-aye; Bob Hausmann-aye; Myron Johnson-aye. Motion carried.

County Commission Reconvene: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Jessy Biggins to adjourn as a Board of Adjustment and to reconvene as a Board of County Commissioners. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Director of Equalization Software: Casey Burrus, Direction of Equalization, inquired as to whether to pay for the Ultra assessment program, or to proceed with purchase of another program. The option of another program is being discussed as a 2020 budget matter, therefore, Ms. Burrus should submit the Ultra billing for payment.

Sheriff's Department Special Deputy Request: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Kelsea Sutton to hire Cheyenne Doyle as a special deputy for the Burke Stampede Rodeo at a wage of \$12.35 per hour, and to keep Cheyenne Doyle as an on-call deputy when special event needs arise. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Resident Concerns: Ed Dostal met with the Commission to relay his concerns about the conditions of several county roads, the recently approved highway use permits for hauling on posted roads, and the request to be placed on the bid list.

The Commission and Highway Superintendent appreciate Mr. Dostal's concerns and input.

Courthouse Upgrade Request: Wendy Broome, Custodian, met with the Commission to discuss replacing some of the carpets in the Courthouse. Ms. Broome will get quotes for replacing the carpets in the Auditor, Treasurer, and Commissioners offices.

Code Enforcement of Zoning Regulations: Mike Olson d/b/a OCCS Consulting/Contracting Service and Casey Burrus, Planning and Zoning Administrator met with the Commission to discuss the process of enforcing the zoning ordinance in Gregory County.

Mr. Olson is a professional arbitrator for zoning ordinance enforcement. Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to enter into a contract with Mike Olson of OCCS for limited services at an hourly fee of \$75.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

County Road #57 Repair Issues: Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, relayed the need to repair and/or move County Road #57 (Whetstone Township). Before any reconstruction can commence, agreements will have to be reached with the Corps of Engineers, SD Game, Fish & Parks and area land owners.

Machinery Needs: The Highway Superintendent reported that he has located a 627E scraper to move dirt and cover landfill cells, in accordance with the landfill permit. The cost of the machine is \$48,750.00. Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Kelsea Sutton to approve purchase of the machine. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Excessive Rain/Flooding Disaster Declaration: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Bob Hausmann to offer the following disaster declaration:

EXCESSIVE RAIN/FLOODING DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, heavy rains and flooding continue to hit Gregory County; and
WHEREAS, the excessive moisture and flooding of July 3, 2019 and July 4, 2019, continue to cause extensive damage to roads, bridges, dams, farm sites, and farm ground; and,
WHEREAS, damage of roads, bridges, dams, farm sites, and farm ground will continue to add to the financial burden of the farmers and ranchers of Gregory County;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Gregory County Board of Commissioners to declare Gregory County a disaster area due to the excessive rain and flooding damage, effective July 5, 2019; 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.

Upon call for vote: Jeff Johnson-aye; Jessy Biggins-aye; Kelsea Sutton-aye; Bob Hausmann-aye; Myron Johnson-aye. Resolution passed.

Haul Route Agreement with Trans Canada: The Commission discussed the proposed Haul Route Agreement with Trans Canada. The Board would like to delay signing the agreement until the Highway Superintendent can review the agreement.

State and Local Agreement (SLA) for EM&D Service: Brad Christensen, Gregory County EM Director, and Brent Kelstad, Region 5 EM Coordinator, met with the Commission to discuss the protocol required by the SLA.

The Commission will need to decide whether or not to continue with the SLA. Gregory County does have an emergency mitigation plan, which entitles the county to reimbursement of funds expended for emergency repairs.

Social Media Usage Policy: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessy Biggins to approve the following policy regarding social media usage on the county website or Facebook page:

Gregory County, South Dakota uses social media to interact with citizens and other page visitors about the business of the County and other important public issues. You can submit questions, comments, and concerns. Please note this is a moderated online discussion site.

The page reserves the right to hide or remove unacceptable comments or to ban users for engaging in harassing or abusive behavior. Any banned users will be given an alternative way to communicate with the County about public issues.

You participate at your own risk, taking personal responsibility for your comments, your username and any information provided.

Comment and posts that violate any of the guidelines listed below may be hidden or removed;

- Do not post graphic, obscene, explicit, illegal, or threatening comments. We also do not allow comments that are abusive, hateful, vindictive, unsupported accusations, or intended to defame anyone or any organization;
- Do not post content that promotes, fosters, or perpetrates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation;
- Do not post any solicitations (i.e.: asking users to “like” your Facebook page, visit your website, sign a petition, contribute to a fundraiser);
- Do not post advertisements, prize contests or giveaways. This includes promotion or endorsement of any financial, commercial or non-governmental agency;
- Do not post details about an ongoing investigation or legal or administrative proceeding that could prejudice the processes or could interfere with an individual’s rights;
- Apparent spamming or trolling will be removed and may cause the author(s) to be blocked from the page without notice;
- Do not post copyrighted or trademarked images or graphics. Imagery posted on the Facebook wall should be owned by the user;
- Do not post comments, photos or videos that suggest or encourage illegal activity;
- Do not post confidential or non-public information without proper consent; and
- All comments must be topically related to the post. Comments that are not topically related will be removed or hidden.

The Gregory County, South Dakota page reserves the right to modify these policies without notice. Any modification will be effective immediately upon posting the modification on this policy page. Use and continued use of the Gregory County, South Dakota page signifies the acceptance of these policies. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Employee Resignation: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Bob Hausmann to accept the resignation of Cheyenne (Cook) Doyle effective July 6, 2019 as the 24/7 Program Deputy. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Myron Johnson, Chair