

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jeff Johnson, Myron Johnson, Jessy Biggins, and Bob Hausmann. Members absent: Kelsea Sutton. Also, present: Julie Bartling, Auditor.

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to approve the minutes of the December 31, 2019 and January 7, 2020 meetings as read. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Conflicts of Interest: The Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest from members present. None were notated.

Ex-Parte Communications: The Chair inquired if there has been any ex-parte communications by any member present. None were notated.

Public Input: The floor was opened for public input. No one appeared to meet with the Commission.

Credit Card Usage Policy: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jessy Biggins to implement the following credit card usage policy:

No personal credit cards may be used for the purchase of office equipment or supplies without prior approval of the County Auditor. Personal credit cards may be used for emergency travel needs, if necessary. Any unapproved purchases made with personal credit cards will not be reimbursed by the County. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

County Employee Raise: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Bob Hausmann to approve a \$.20 per hour raise to Paul Born and James Claussen effective January 17, 2020, as they have completed their six-month probationary period. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Bridge Inspection Engineering Contract: The Commissioners and Highway Department Superintendent discussed the Bridge Inspection Engineering Contract necessary for 2020 bridge inspections. Mr. Ellwanger will get a contract with Ultieg Engineering for their continued services.

Truck Shed Furnace Quote: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to accept a quote from Mid Dakota Heating for \$8,622.47 for a heating system to heat the new truck shed rebuilt after the tornado damage. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Travel Requests: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to approve the following travel requests:

DeWayne Bennett & John Jensen (Weed Dept.) – February 18 thru 21, 2020 in Aberdeen, SD – Weed & Pest Conference

Julie Bartling (Auditor) – January 29, 2020 in Mitchell, SD – Annual Report Workshop

Brad Ellwanger (Hwy. Supt.) – April 7-8, 2020 in Chamberlain, SD – Landfill Re-certification

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Jail Contracts: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to authorize the Chair to enter into the following contracts for jail services for 2020:

Charles Mix County - \$65.00 per prisoner per day (adults)

Hughes County - \$295.00 per prisoner per day (juveniles)

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Abatement of Taxes: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the following Application for Abatement of 2019 property taxes:

SD Fireworks, Inc./State of South Dakota – Outlot “N” in NE¼ NE¼, Section 35-95-67 -\$171.28

(Property is owned by State of South Dakota – exempt from tax).

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Jeff Johnson, Chair