

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jeff Johnson, Myron Johnson, Jessy Biggins, and Kelsea Sutton. Members absent: Bob Hausmann. Also present: Julie Bartling, Auditor and Amy Bartling Jacobsen, State’s Attorney.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jessy Biggins to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020 meeting 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 have been any ex-parte communications by any member present. None were notated.

Public Input: The Commission opened the floor for public input.

SMRWMD Appointments: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jessy Biggins to appoint Jeff Johnson and Myron Johnson as delegates to the Southern Missouri Recycling & Waste Management District Management Board with Kelsea Sutton and Jessy Biggins as alternates, respectively. It is further motioned to appoint Bob Hausmann as delegate and Jeff Johnson as alternate to the Full Member Board. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Development District III Agreement: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessy Biggins to authorize the Chair to sign the Statement of Extension to the Joint Agreement with Planning and Development District III for the program year of January 1 through December 31, 2021. Gregory County obligates itself to financial support of District III in the amount of \$13,165.00 for the year 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

2020 Budget Presentation: The following 2021 budgets were presented for Commission review:

Fire Protection	\$70,000	A&N Child Defense	\$ 3,500
Ambulance	\$ 4,500	Copy Machine	\$ 4,000
Historical Sites	\$ 1,000	911 Contract	\$82,000
Senior Citizens	\$ 4,500	Coroner	\$ 3,000
Courts	\$35,000	Court Appt. Attys.	\$80,000
County Cemetery	\$ 450		

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

Casey Burrus, Planning and Zoning Administrator, met with the Board to present two variances.

Variance Request: An application was presented from Joshua Howe to build house on a parcel of land less than 40 acres in an Ag District in Lot 5, Tract B, Mulehead Subdivision, Section 21-97-68, Whetstone Township. A plat has not been prepared as of this date; therefore, the Planning and Zoning Board has approved the variance pending plat approval. Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Kelsea Sutton to approve the variance pending the approval and filing of a plat. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Variance Request: An application was presented from Troy Travnicek to build a house on a parcel of land less than 40 acres in an Ag District in S. 466.7', W. 466.7', E. 891.7' in the SE¼ NE¼ of Section 6-96-73, Dickens Township. Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to approve the variance. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Executive Session: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Myron Johnson to enter into executive session at 9:22 a.m. with the City of Burke council members to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session Adjournment: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to adjourn from executive session at 10:14 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Courthouse Roof and Tuckpointing Discussion: Mr. Larry Jirsa of L.L. Jirsa Architect in Mitchell, met with the Commission to discuss the repair needs of the courthouse roof, the tuckpointing needs of the brick exterior, and water leakage around windows.

The Commission desires to have Mr. Jirsa put plans together for roof repair and get back to the Commission for bidding a roof repair project.

Private Land Access Road Discussion: Rebecca Gnirk Mitchell met with the Commission to discuss her request to have access to her property located in Section 26 of Turgeon Township. Ms. Mitchell presented a map to reflect that a road is currently located where she desires access to her property without having to travel through neighbor's land on dry weather roads or trails.

Kenny and Jane Taylor were also present to state their concerns about opening up the requested access road.

The State's Attorney discussed the possibility of an access easement granted to Ms. Mitchell. The parties present discussed the use of the proposed road, the right for using and the requirement of the county to maintain the road.

The county needs to focus on the section line and whether to develop it or vacate it. The Commission will get back to both parties on a decision.

County Road #35 Repair Needs: Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, discussed the necessary repairs to County Road #35 near Peterson Cemetery that has washed out. Mr. Ellwanger will work with a local land owner to relocate the road.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Jeff Johnson, Chair