

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, August 18, 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, Gregory County Auditor.

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jessy Biggins to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion to hire a part-time deputy sheriff. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting with the following corrections: The Chair for the meeting was Vice-Chair, Jessy Biggins, and the correct Auditor’s Account with Treasurer should be as follows: I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County as of July 31, 2020.

Total Amount of Actual Cash.....	\$	525.00
Checking Account.....	\$	2,742,289.46
Insufficient Fund Checks.....	\$	00.00
Cash Over.....	\$	854.87
TOTAL.....	\$	2,743,669.33

Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor
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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.

Approval of Plat: The following plat was presented for approval: Lots 5, 6 and 7 and the 20 foot private access road located in the SW ¼ of Section 21, T97N, R68W. Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to offer the following resolution of approval:

APPROVAL-GREGORY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (SDCL 11-3-8)

WHEREAS: the owners of the land herein platted as **LOTS 5, 6 and 7, and the 20 foot private access road**, located in the SW ¼ of Section 21, Township 97 North, Range 68 West 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 do not lie within the platting jurisdiction of any municipality and that responsibility of the development and maintenance of the 20 foot private access road is by the owners of the lots, and it appears that this plat conforms to all requirement of SDCL 11-3-8, NOW THEREFORE;
BE IT RESOLVED: that the plat be approved this 18th day of August, 2020.

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

Approval of Plat: The following plat was presented for approval: Lot 1, Sengelmann First Subdivision, located in the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 21, T96N, R72W. Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jessy Biggins to offer the following resolution of approval:

**APPROVAL-GREGORY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS (SDCL 11-3-8)**

WHEREAS: the owners of the land herein platted as **LOT 1, Sengelmann First Subdivision**, located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ Section 21, Township 96 North, Range 72 West of the 5th P.M., Gregory County, SD have presented to the Gregory County Board of Commissioners for their consideration and approval, and it appears that the land lies outside the platting jurisdiction of any municipality, WHEREAS: it appears that this plat conforms to all requirement of SDCL 11-3-8, NOW THEREFORE;
BE IT RESOLVED: that the plat be approved this 18th day of August, 2020.

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

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.

Variance Request: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Kelsea Sutton to approve the following variance application:

Scott and Karen Frauen – Build a house on a parcel of land less than 40 acres in an Ag District in Lot D, Papousek 2nd Subdivision, Section 29-97-68.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

County Health Insurance Policy Discussion: The Commission discussed the county's health insurance policy for the 2021 year. Mike Emery of Risty Benefits discussed options with the Board. Risty Benefits is in the primary business of covering public entities. The Commission will discuss policy options at a later date.

Petition to Vacate Section-Line Road: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Myron Johnson to acknowledge receipt of a Petition to Vacate Section-Line Road in Section 27, T97N, R70W. The petition was filed on August 12, 2020. The States Attorney will be consulted on the timeline for the public hearing to consider the petitioner's request. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Travel Requests: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Kelsea Sutton to approve the following requests:

- Auditor/Treasurer/Register of Deeds: County Convention, Sioux Falls, SD – Sept. 14 & 15, 2020
- Director of Equalization & Deputy: Ag Adjustment Training – Pierre, SD – Aug. 7, 2020 (Burrus)
Ag Adjustment Training – Brookings, SD – Aug. 17, 2020 (Matucha)
Ag Adjustment Training previously approved but rescheduled due COVID-19.
- Laura Kahler, Extension: State Fair (mileage only) – Huron, SD – Aug. 29 & Sept. 5-6-7, 2020

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Extension Office Assistant: Laura Kahler from the Extension Office met with the Board to report on Achievement Days and upcoming fall activities, and to introduce Ashley Meyer as the new office assistant.

Courthouse Property Repairs: Wendy Broome met with the Commission to discuss the following repairs on the courthouse property:

1. Parking Lot – the Highway Superintendent will work to reshape the parking lot for ease of snow removal and parking.
2. Courthouse sidewalks – a contractor will be hired to fix areas of the sidewalks that are broken and displaced due to tornado damage to the property.
3. Courthouse roof – Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jessy Biggins to contract with L.L. Jirsa Architect to advertise for bids for courthouse roof replacement. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

City of Burke Street Drainage Project: Brad Stranghor of Ulteig and Rachelle Norberg, Attorney for the City of Burke, met to discuss a street drainage project scheduled for 2021. The Commission was advised that 8th and 9th Streets will have work performed on them and that it will affect CR23 (Sale Barn Road) insofar as drainage. A twin set of culverts will be placed under CR23 at the intersection with 8th Street. The county road ditch project will be completed yet this year and the Highway Superintendent requests that a sand trap be installed when the culverts are placed under CR23 to avoid water backup from the drainage through the culverts. The city desires to work with the county to assure both projects are completed to comply with engineering specifications.

Executive Session: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Myron Johnson to enter into executive session at 11:45 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Myron Johnson to adjourn from executive session at 12:08 p.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Part-time Deputy: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessy Biggins to approve hiring Lafe Gildemaster as a part-time Deputy Sheriff effective August 12, 2020 at \$15.00 per hour. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Employee Resignation: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to accept the resignation of Richard Weller effective August 27, 2020. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

2021 Provisional Budget: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Myron Johnson to publish the 2021 Gregory County Provisional Budget for final adoption on September 16, 2020. The provisional budget allows for a 2% salary increase and keeps the health insurance premium at the 2020 rate. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Jeff Johnson, Chair