

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jeff Johnson, Myron Johnson, Kelsea Sutton, and Bob Hausmann. Members absent: Jessie Biggins. 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 Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the minutes of the May 5, 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 has been any ex-parte communications by any member present. None were notated.

Public Input: The Commission opened the floor for public input. No one appeared at the meeting.

Amy Bartling Jacobsen, State’s Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss actions surrounding COVID-19 and precautions taken at the Courthouse for the safety of the employees and the public. Ms. Bartling Jacobsen advised the Board to have each office install shields as a proactive measure. The Auditor will see that each office has shields installed.

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

Casey Burrus, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented a variance application from Josh Fox for placement of a home on a parcel less than 40 acres in an Ag District in Lot 1, Jones First Subdivision in Section 30-97-71, Burke Civil Township.

Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the variance request. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Kelsea Sutton to adjourn as a Board of Adjustment and to convene as a Board of Equalization. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Casey Burrus, Director of Equalization, reported the following information on approved valuation assessment freezes for 2020:

# of Applications:	66
Assessed Values:	\$3,908,915

Approved Freeze Values: \$2,117,497

Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Myron Johnson to approve the report. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Extension Staffing Change: Laura Kahler, SDSU Extension Specialist, and Mollie Andrews, Extension Secretary, met with the Board to discuss staffing changes in the Extension office. Mollie Andrews has accepted a full-time teaching position with the Burke School District; therefore, the office will need to hire an office secretary for a 10-month position with benefits.

Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to accept the resignation of Mollie Andrews effective August 14, 2020 and to approve advertising for a 10-month office secretary, who would be able to work with Ms. Andrews for a couple of weeks prior to August 14. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Department Bridge Inspections Report: Brad Stanghor, of Ultieg Engineering, Inc., met with Commission to present his preliminary bridge inspection report.

County Road & Bridge Update: Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, reported on the condition of roads across the county, especially since receiving upwards of 4 inches of rain.

Highway Department Employee: The Highway Superintendent reported that the recent hire for the Highway Department has not responded to his calls to begin work. He will work with the employees currently hired until a potential new hire comes along.

June Commission Meeting: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Bob Hausmann to set the first meeting of June to Wednesday, June 3, 2020, so that Primary Election ballots may be canvassed. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Jeff Johnson, Chair