

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jeff Johnson, Myron Johnson, Jessy Biggins (via telephone), Kelsea Sutton and Bob Hausmann. Also present: Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor Casey Burrus, Planning & Zoning Administrator (via Zoom) and Patty Connealy, Gregory Times Advocate.

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Myron Johnson to approve the agenda for the meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Kelsea Sutton to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 and the October 27, 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 have 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 before the Commission.

Budget Supplements: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to supplement the Road and Bridge budget \$112,155.73, as FEMA funds have been received for reimbursement of expenses paid by the County for the 2019 Blizzard-Flooding damages to roads and bridges. It is further motioned to supplement the Elections budget \$6163.08 as HAVA funds have been received to assist in 2020 Primary Expenses. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Variance Approval: Casey Burrus, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented a request from Chris and Karla Bailey to build a house on a parcel of land less than 40 acres in an Ag District and a request for setback from the road to be 80' instead of 150', Section 30-97-68, Whetstone Township. The Planning Commission recommends approval after a plat has been approved and filed.

Motion by bob Hausmann, second by Jessy Biggins to approve the variance, following the recommendation of the Planning Commission. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Approval of Claims: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the following claims:

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 October 31, 2020.

Total Amount of Actual Cash.....	\$	525.00
Checking Account.....	\$	4,813,127.97
Insufficient Fund Checks.....	\$	172.52
Cash Over.....	\$	-92.78
TOTAL.....	\$	4,813,732.71

Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor
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State of South Dakota)

Statement of fees collected in the Register of Deeds Office for the month ending October 31, 2020 in the amount of \$3,778.20.

Statement of fees collected in the Sheriff's Office for the month ending October 31, 2020 in the amount of \$742.50.

Statement of fees collected in the Clerk of Courts for the month ending September 30, 2020 in the amount of \$2283.70.

October 2020 Payroll
(Listed by office)

Wellmark-\$20,045.52		SDRS-\$12,277.12
AFLAC-\$861.91		SDSRP-\$100.00
1 st Fidelity Bank 941 Deposit-\$24,347.69		Ft. Randall Credit-\$100.00
Office of Child Support-\$1,015.00		First Fidelity ACH Fee \$25.00
AAA Collections-\$208.25		MN Child Support-\$281.34
Commissioners-\$3,172.17		Auditors-\$6,514.75
Treasurers-\$8,192.73		States Attorney-\$7,155.09
Courthouse-\$4,123.97		DOE-\$7,978.86
ROD-\$7,814.86		VA-\$686.27
Sheriff-\$23,751.89		Solid Waste-\$3,964.34
Nurses-\$3,756.86		4-H/Youth-\$2,958.82
Weed-\$1,892.29		Planning/Zoning-\$725.80
Road and Bridge-\$52,911.22		EMD-\$4,433.26
24/7 Sobriety Test-\$1,054.59		
3-D Specialties, Inc	1,919.79	R&B Supplies
Appeara	133.85	R&B Supplies
Auto Body Specialties	99.68	R&B Repairs
Avera Gregory Hospital	330.00	Courts
Tiffany Bartling	225.00	Elections
Dewayne Bennett	150.00	R&B Supplies
Bonesteel Enterprise	1,341.70	Publishing
Burke Building Center	20.38	Courthouse Supplies
Burke Building Center	21,304.57	Replacement Truck Building
Burke City Finance Office	1,379.05	Utilities
Burke Gazette	1,726.19	Publishing
Burke Hospital Auxiliary	105.00	R&B Supplies
Burke One Stop LLC	42.98	Sheriff Supplies
Burke Postmaster	4.70	Election Postage
True Value Hardware-Burke	242.05	Courthouse Supplies

Don Busack Consulting	1,130.00	4/H Computer
Butler Machinery	6,417.54	R&B Repairs
Peggy Cassidy	360.00	County Cemetery
CenturyLink	228.57	911 Contract
Charles Mix Co. Sheriff	715.00	Jail Housing
CHS-Mitchell	1,312.02	R&B Supplies
Susan Chytka	75.00	Elections
Clinical Laboratory	1,743.00	Coroner
Community Memorial Hospital	170.00	Courts
Connecting Point	150.00	Auditor Supplies
Dakota Auto Care	867.45	Sheriff' & R&B Repairs
Dallas Town	27.50	R&B Utilities
Danielson Tech Supply	286.13	R&B Supplies
DrugTestsinBulk	360.82	24/7 Supplies
Election Systems & Software	1,154.95	Election Supplies
Evergreen Office Solutions	33.00	States Atty User Charges
Executive Management	92.99	Auditor \$ Rod Fee
Office of Fire Marshal-	60.00	Courthouse Fee
First National Bank Omaha	953.05	Supplies
Galls, LLC	64.93	Sheriff Clothing
Golden West	1,243.31	Utilities
Gregory Building Center	78.99	Solid Waste Supplies
Gregory City	5,001.00	R&B Utilities
Gregory Co. Treasurer	44,999.54	Partial Payment
Gregory Times Advocate	3,525.27	Publishing
Grossenburg Implement	216.01	R&B Repairs
Cathy Hansen	50.00	Elections
Hein Law Office	443.10	Court Appointed
Interstate Battery System	7.00	R&B Supplies
Marilee Janousek	225.00	Elections
Jim's Garbage Service	170.00	Utilities
Mark Katterhagen	15.00	Mentally Ill
Beverly Keegan	225.00	Elections
Ken's Auto Body	352.74	Sheriff's Repairs
Kennebec Telephone Company	47.34	911 Contract
Kimball Midwest	91.57	R&B Supplies
Koletzky Implement, Inc.	91.5	R&B Repairs
Kotrba - Smith Funeral Home	1,323.60	Coroner
Lois Laber	244.32	Elections
Lucy Lewno	166.50	Mentally Ill
Lincoln County Treasurer	187.00	Mentally Ill
Megan Lindholm	100.00	Elections
Myrna Lindwurm	225.00	Elections
Darcy Lockwood	15.00	Mentally Ill
Kim Ludemann	200.00	Elections
Lyle Sign Inc.	74.12	R&B Supplies
M&J Auto	54.98	Sheriff Supplies
Main Street Auto	663.31	Weed Supplies
Marco	25.82	Supplies
Nikki Matucha	86.52	DOE Travel
McLeod's Printing	170.19	Election Supplies
Meyerink Farm Service	228.83	R&B Repairs
Minnehaha County	219.62	Mentally Ill
Mr. Automotive	182.44	R&B Repairs, Supplies
Northern Truck Equipment	3,750.49	R&B Repairs & Supplies

Office Products Center	2,088.62	Supplies
Pahlke Law Office	418.18	Pro-Tem
Peterbilt Of Norfolk	414.01	R&B Repairs
Purchase Power	1,210.50	Postage
Purvis Electric	1,060.71	Courthouse Shed Repair
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Cen	278.90	VA Travel
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory	51.52	24/7
The Road Guy Const. Co., Inc.	29,5186.95	R&B Construction
Rosebud Auto	1,137.09	Weed Supplies
Rosebud Electric Cooperative	225.40	Utilities
Rosebud Farmers Union	2,817.54	R&B Sup., Repairs, Utility
Beverley Rubel	231.72	Elections
Runnings	569.36	Courthouse Supplies
S. Missouri Recycling & Waste	625.24	Solid Waste Rental
Scott's Auto Repair	74.00	Sheriff's Repair
SDAE4-Hp	60.00	2021 Dues
SD Dept. Of Revenue	129,615.67	State Remittance
Sd Public Health Lab	285.00	Courts
Sd State Treasurer	170.25	Sep 2020 Landfill Tax
Sd State Treasurer	248.11	Aug 2020 Landfill Tax
Sd State Treasurer	210.43	July 2020 Landfill Tax
Sd State Treasurer	167.10	June 2020 Landfill Tax
Kathy Serr	200.00	Elections
Severson Service	525.00	Sheriff Supplies
South Central Sd Hay Asso.	986.71	R&B Supplies
Mark Steffen	2,562.57	Sheriff's Gun Cases & Ammo
Sandy J Steffen Law Office	2,503.85	Court Appointed
Sandy Teigen	100.00	Elections
Titan Machinery-Platte	2,241.00	R&B Repairs
Tripp County Water User Dist.	27.30	R&B Utilities
True North Steel, Inc.	23,360.54	R&B Supplies
Us Bank Voyager Fleet System	1,235.21	Sheriff & EMD Supplies
Verizon Wireless, Bellevue	905.61	Utilities and Phones
Independent Viking Glass, Inc.	73,670.04	Replace Windows Tornado
Twylah Ward	225.00	Elections
Well's Utilities LLC	1,069.28	Courthouse Repairs
Winner Health Mart Pharmacy	30.07	Jail Medical
Winner Police Department	5,880.00	Jail Housing
Winner Regional Healthcare	137.00	Jail Medical
WW Tire Service	426.12	R&B Repairs
Yankton Co. Sheriff's Office	50.00	Mentally Ill

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Application for R-O-W Occupancy: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Kelsea Sutton to approve an application from Golden West Telecommunications to install telecommunication services via directional boring machine to 34392-290th Street. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

E.R. Site 5 Engineering Contract: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Myron Johnson to authorize the Chair to sign the engineering agreement with Ulteig Engineers, Inc. for E.R. Site 5, with an estimate of no more than \$1000 for services. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Bridge Improvement Grant Agreement: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Bob Hausmann to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement with the State of South Dakota Department of Transportation

for preliminary engineering for bridge structure number 27-220-326. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Department Road Report: Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, reported on road and bridge projects throughout the county.

Bid Letting Authorization: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Kelsea Sutton to authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise for bids for gravel hauling, dust oil, and fuel and propane. The bids will be opened at the December 1, 2020 regular commission meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Added Benefits Package: Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the following additions to the County employees' benefit package:

Dental Plan	\$37.35 single employee per month
Vision Plan	\$ 6.59 single employee per month
Basic Life & AD&D	\$ 4.30 Single employee per month

The premiums are to be paid from the savings incurred from the health insurance renewal plan. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement Contracts: Tim Drey, Sheriff, met with the Commission to discuss law enforcement contracts and the need for part-time deputies to help cover law enforcement throughout the county, including the cities of Burke and Gregory.

The Sheriff discussed the current contracts with Burke and Gregory, \$125.00 per day and \$40000 per day, respectively. Contracts need to be discussed and perhaps re-negotiated.

With law enforcement officers not available to work full time for the cities, the Sheriff is requesting to hire a couple of par-time deputies to help cover shifts until the end of the year. Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Jessie Biggins to approve hiring Cheyenne Doyle and Jeremiah Renken as part-time Deputy Sheriffs at a wage of \$15.00 per hour, effective November 5, 2020 through December 31, 2020. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Election Results: Sheriff Tim Drey commented that he is extremely disappointed in the outcome of the District 2 Commissioner election and expressed his deepest appreciation to Commissioner Kelsea Sutton for her dedication to county government, especially to the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Sutton expressed her thanks to the Sheriff and the other Commissioners for their support and stated that she will continue to work hard for the good of the county through the remainder of her term. The other Commissioners expressed their appreciation of Commissioner Sutton as well.

Executive Session: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Kelsea Sutton to enter into Executive Session at 9:59 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelsea Sutton, second by Bob Hausmann to adjourn from Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Canvass of Votes: The Commission canvassed the votes cast at the 2020 General Election. Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to declare the returns as official with no changes. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Jeff Johnson, Chair