

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jeff Johnson, Myron Johnson, Jessy Biggins, Lance Matucha and Bob Hausmann. Also present: Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor.

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

The oaths of office were signed by Bob Hausmann and Lance Matucha, who were elected at the November 3, 2020 General Election for a 4-year term.

2021 Chair: The floor was opened for nominations for 2021 chair. Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to nominate Jeff Johnson for Gregory County Commission Chair for 2021 and to cast a unanimous ballot for same. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

2021 Vice-Chair: Nominations were opened to elect a vice-chair for 2021. Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to nominate Jessy Biggins for Gregory County Commission Vice-Chair for 2021 and to cast a unanimous ballot for same. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jessy Biggins to approve the agenda for the meeting. 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.

Commissioner Appointments: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the following 2021 commissioner appointments: All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Bob Hausmann: Pump Storage, Regional Landfill Delegate

Jessy Biggins: Zoning Board

Jeff Johnson: Legislative Contact, District III Alternate, Pump Storage Alternate

Myron Johnson: District III Delegate; RC&D Council

Lance Matucha: Weed Board, 4-H/Youth Advisory Board

All members present voted aye. Motion carried

2021 Salaries/Appointments: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Myron Johnson to take the salary method of payment and to approve the following appointments and salaries for 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioners: Jessy Biggins - \$6,883; Robert Hausmann - \$6,883; Jeffrey Johnson - \$6,883; Myron Johnson - \$6,883; Lance Matucha - \$6,883

Auditor' Office: Julie Bartling - \$40,310; LaNeal Schonebaum - \$26,465

Treasurer's Office: Kathy Serr - \$45,696; Jessica Reis - \$31,466

Register of Deeds' Office: Kerri Grim - \$39,536; Stacey Genzlinger - \$26,640

Director of Equalization's Office: Casey Burrus - \$42,237; Nichole Matucha - \$26,640

Planning & Zoning Office: Casey Burrus - \$4,896

Sheriff's Office: Timothy Drey - \$48,797; Chelsea Biehl - \$45,612; Cody Spann - \$44,571; Darwin Grim - \$44,571; Megan Lindholm - \$26,640

State's Attorney's Office: Amy Bartling Jacobsen - \$37,221; Suzanne Steffen - \$31,466

Nurse's Office: Kristina Carlson - \$31,466

Extension/4-H Office: Ashley Meyer - \$27,328

Courthouse: Wendy Broome - \$35,420

Veterans Service Office: Dale Reber - \$7,803

24/7 Sobriety Department: Megan Lindholm - \$13.00 per hour

Emergency Management Office: Brad Christensen - \$17.86 per hour

Highway Department: Brad Ellwanger - \$48,797; Tammy Thompson - \$30,430; Mark Bailey - \$18.91 per hour; Tony Shattuck - \$18.05 per hour; Dale Bartling - \$17.87 per hour; Joseph Johnson - \$16.22 per hour; Alan Peterson - \$16.02 per hour; Hayden Hay - \$16.01 per hour; Anton Jensen - \$15.81 per hour; Scott Drews - \$15.81 per hour; Doug Jaros - \$15.91 per hour; Lucas Young - \$15.50 per hour; DeWayne Bennett - \$18.91 per hour; John Jensen - \$18.86 per hour.

Coroner Appointment: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Bob Hausmann to appoint Damon Wolf as Coroner and Deb Leibel and Katie Vedral, Deputy Coroners for 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Deputy Appointments: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Lance Matucha to appoint Cody Spann, Chelsea Biehl, and Darwin Grim as full-time deputy sheriffs for 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Part-Time Deputy Sheriffs: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jessy Biggins to approve the 2021 salaries of Lafe Gildemaster, Cheyenne Doyle, and Jeremiah Renken, part-time deputy sheriffs at \$15.30 per hour. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Bob Hausmann to appoint Brad Ellwanger as Gregory County Highway Department Superintendent for the one-year term of 1-1-21 through 12-31-21. Members voting aye – Bob Hausmann, Jessy Biggins, Myron Johnson and Jeff Johnson. Members voting naye – Lance Matucha. Motion carried

Weed Board Appointments: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Myron Johnson to appoint Ron Konechne, Jim Hogrefe, Tim Pepper and Dick Shoemaker to the 2021 Weed Board. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Board Appointments: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to appoint Sonny Plugge, Meghan Weborg, Robert Wirsing, Anna Kerner Andersson, Matthew Steffen and Blaine Bartling to the 2021 Planning & Zoning Board. All members present voted aye.

Temporary Help Hourly Wage: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to set the hourly rate for temporary help at \$12.85 per hour for 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Official Newspapers: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Bob Hausmann to designate the Bonesteel Enterprise, Burke Gazette and Gregory Times Advocate as official newspapers of the county for 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Official Depositories: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jessy Biggins to designate Bank West of Gregory, 1st Fidelity Banks of Bonesteel, Burke and Gregory and Consumer Federal Credit Union of Gregory as official depositories for 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Investment of County Funds: The following resolution was offered by Bob Hausmann and seconded by Myron Johnson:

GREGORY COUNTY SOUTH DAKOTA INVESTMENT POLICY

1. POLICY

Pursuant to SDCL 4-5-8 it is the policy of Gregory County, South Dakota to invest idle public funds in a manner to meet the daily cash flow demands of the County with the primary objectives, in priority order, being: a) Safety b) Liquidity and c) Return.

2. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Authority to manage the investment program is granted to the Gregory County Treasurer, who shall refrain from personal business activity that could impair his/her ability to make impartial decisions. The Gregory County Treasurer acting in accordance with written procedures and this investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk

or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and the liquidity and the sale of securities are carried out in accordance with the terms of this policy. In case of extended leave of absence, the Governing Board shall appoint a replacement Officer.

3. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL DEALER AND INSTITUTION

The Governing Board authorizes the placement of cash resources in the following financial institutions:

- First Fidelity Banks – Burke, Bonesteel, Gregory;
- BankWest - Gregory;
- Consumers Federal Credit Union – Gregory;
- and
- South Dakota Public Funds Investment Trust (FIT)

4. AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS

Gregory County is empowered by statute to invest in the following types of securities:

- Interest bearing checking accounts
- United States Treasury bills, bonds, and notes (SDCL 4-5-6)
- United States Government Agencies (SDCL 4-5-6)
- Certificates of Deposit (CDs) (SDCL 4-5-6) *
- Certificates of Deposit (CDs) purchased through CDARS – (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service) (SDCL 4-5-6.1) *
- Money Market Mutual Funds – open-end, no-load (SDCL 4-5-6)
- Repurchase Agreements fully collateralized by allowable securities (SDCL 4-5-6)
- Local Government Investment Pool

*When investing in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) public funds will be invested at the highest rate of interest possible after attempting to secure three quotes.

The County Treasurer shall deposit and at all times keep on deposit the money in his/her possession as county treasurer in state or national banks within the county. In the event that such deposits exceed the limit prescribed in 7-20-10 or if there is but one bank located within the county then such deposits may be made in other banks or branch banks within an adjacent county of this state having an approved and responsible financial standing. (SDCL 7-20-1)

5. COLLATERALIZATION

In accordance with the SDCL 4-6A, 51A-10-9, and 52-5-20 Qualified Public Depositories will furnish collateral in the sum equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the public deposit accounts that exceed deposit insurance. The financial institution shall submit a copy of their collateralization report to the Gregory County Treasurer.

6. REPORTING

The Gregory County Treasurer shall prepare an investment report yearly that provides a clear picture of the status of the current investments. The report will include the following:

- Percent invested in each security type (CD, US Treasury, Money Market Funds, etc.)
- Listing of investments by maturity date
- Percent held by each financial institution

7. INTEREST EARNED

The interest earned from investments shall be credited to the respective fund, except agency funds (SDCL 4-5-9).

8. DIVERSIFICATION

It is the policy of the Gregory County Treasurer to reduce overall risks while attaining average market rates of return by diversifying its investments.

- Investment maturities will be staggered in such a manner that all investments will not come due at the same time
- At least \$500,000 of the investable funds shall be accessible for use by Gregory County in one day's notice

Upon roll call vote: Bob Hausmann – aye; Lance Matucha – aye; Jessy Biggins – aye; Myron Johnson – aye; Jeff Johnson – aye. Resolution passed.

Travel Request: A request was presented from the Sheriff's office to approve travel expenses for Chelsea Biehl and Cody Spann, Deputy Sheriffs, to attend a Crisis/Hostage Negotiation training at the South Dakota State Penitentiary on March 15 through 19, 2021. Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to approve one deputy or the Sheriff to attend. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Alert Sense Participation: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to agree to participate in the Alert Sense (Public Warning System) Program at a cost of \$1,100.00 annually. The county was a member of the Warhawk District, which has disbanded. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Adoption: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to offer the following resolution to adopt the 2020 Gregory County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan:

RESOLUTION

A resolution of the Gregory County Commission declaring its support for, and adoption of, the Gregory County Multi-Jurisdiction Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

WHEREAS a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for Gregory County (the Plan) has been developed; and

WHEREAS Gregory County participated in the development of the Plan; and

WHEREAS the Plan will be used as a disaster mitigation planning tool as deemed appropriate by the Gregory County Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gregory County Commission hereby adopts and supports the Plan, and will take action to ensure that the Plan is implemented.

Upon roll call-Bob Hausmann-aye; Lance Matucha-aye; Jessy Biggins-aye; Myron Johnson-aye; Jeff Johnson-aye. **Adopted and approved this 5th day of January 2021.**

Title Change: Motion by Lance Matucha to change the titles of Chair and Vice-Chair back to Chairman and Vice-Chairman, stating that those titles are not gender specific. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Highway and Bridge Report: Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, reported on road and bridge maintenance and repairs currently underway across the county.

The Commission also discussed the cost effectiveness of purchasing equipment to perform construction/maintenance, versus letting out projects for bids to the private sector.

Annual Permits for Overwidth/Overweight Activity: The board discussed as to whether it would be more feasible to issue annual permits for overwidth and overweight loads on county roads. Currently, permits are issued on set dates/set roads approval.

The commission decided to leave the permitting process as it presently is.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Jeff Johnson, Chair