

## GREGORY COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jessy Biggins, Myron Johnson, Lance Matucha, Bob Hausmann and Jeff Johnson (via telephone). Also present: Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor.

Vice-Chair Biggins opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to approve the agenda with the following addition: Sheriff Tim Drey will meet with the Commissioners at 10:00 a.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 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. No one appeared before the Commission.

**Travel Requests:** Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the following travel requests:

Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent: 2021 Highway Superintendents Short Course in Deadwood, SD – March 23, 24 & 25, 2021 (rooms, meals)

Megan Lindholm, Sheriff's Administrative Assistant: Sex Offender Registry Conference in Deadwood, SD – April 19 & 20, 2021 (mileage, rooms, meals)

Megan Lindholm Sheriff's Administrative Assistant: 24/7 Statewide Training in Oacoma, SD – July 14 & 15, 2021 (room & meals)

County Commissioners and County Officials: Spring Workshop for Commissioners and New Officials Workshop in Pierre, SD – March 17 & 18, 2021 (room, meals, mileage) All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**CHN Contract:** Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to authorize the Chair to enter into contract for provision of Community Health Nursing Services for the year 2021 at yearly cost of \$5,449.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Gregory County Weed Supervisor:** The commission met with John Jensen, Weed Department employee, to discuss the position of Weed Department Supervisor. Motion by Myron Johnson,

second by Bob Hausmann to approve hiring John Jensen as Weed Supervisor effective February 16, 2021 at the hourly wage of \$18.86 per hour. The Board will also purchase a cell phone for business use of the supervisor. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Plat:** The following plat was presented for approval: Lot 1, Reiser First Subdivision, located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 17, T95N, R67W. Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Myron Johnson to offer the following resolution of approval:

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

WHEREAS: the owner of the land herein platted as **Lot 1, Reiser First Subdivision**, located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 17, Township 95 North, Range 67 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., have presented to the Gregory County Board of Commissioners the described plat for their consideration and approval, and that the platted land does not lie within the platting jurisdiction of any municipality 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

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

**Table of Plat:** Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to table action on a plat in Schmitz First Subdivision as the Planning and Zoning Administrator is awaiting official documents. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Application for R-O-W Occupancy:** Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to approve an application from Golden West Telecommunications to directional bore under 333<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Section 20, T99N, R73W, to provide telecommunication service to 27756-333<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Warranty Extension on Leased Equipment:** The Commission discussed the warranty on the 2-2017 John Deere 772 G Motor Graders. The amount of warranty hours is 5,000 but will need to be 6,000 to finish out the term of the lease, at a cost of \$13,576 for each piece of equipment. Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Myron Johnson to approve purchase of the extended warranty as presented by the Highway Superintendent. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**County Road and Bridge Report:** Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, reported on road and bridge maintenance and repairs across the county.

**Acceptance of Culvert Bids:** Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to accept the bid of True North Steel for culverts through Beadle County's bid accepted on January 19, 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to enter into executive session at 10:10 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to adjourn from executive session at 10:25 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Mask Mandate:** Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to lift the mask mandate for courthouse employees effective immediately. Employees may continue to wear masks per their personal choice and per the request of a customer. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

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Jessy Biggins, Vice Chair