

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, March 16, 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.

Chair Jeff Johnson opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to approve the minutes of the March 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 at the meeting.

Easter Holiday Leave: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Bob Hausmann to grant April 2, 2021 (Good Friday) and April 5, 2021 (Easter Monday) off to all county employees, following the Governor's announcement of leave granted to state employees. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Variance Approval: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the following variance application:

Patrick & Claudia Shaffer: House on parcel of land less than 40 acres in an Ag District in Lot 11, Soesbe Addition in N 1/2 NW 1/4, Section 11-97-73 (Gregory Civil Township), Gregory County. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Courthouse Roof Bid Discussion: The Board reviewed the bid from Great Plains Roofing received on March 2, 2021. The Board discussed the bid of \$82,796.00 with Larry Jirsa, the architect who put the bid specifications together.

Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to accept the bid of Great Plains Roofing at \$82,796.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Bridge Replacement Project: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Lance Matucha to offer the following resolution for Federal Aid Bridge funds to replace Bridge Structure 27-169-280 (Herrick Lake bridge). The bridge is currently listed in poor condition and is eligible for funding through the Federal Aid Bridge program, estimated at a maximum cost of \$450,000.00 with an estimated cost of 18.05% for the county share.

FEDERAL AID BRIDGE PROGRAM RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY AND URBAN PROJECTS:

WHEREAS, Gregory County desires the replacement of the bridge hereinafter described:

STRUCTURE NUMBER AND LOCATION: 27-169-280, 1 S AND 0.1 W of Herrick

LIST OF CURRENT LANDOWNERS, ADJACENT TO THE PROJECT (NAMES & ADDRESSES): SD Dept of Game Fish and Parks, Pierre, SD 57501

AND WHEREAS, Gregory County is obligated and hereby agrees to provide proper maintenance as required by the Federal Highway Act as amended and supplemented thereto for project after construction is completed and to regulate or cause to be regulated the installation of utility facilities within the limits of the right-of-way of the proposed project in accordance with State and Federal requirements.

AND WHEREAS, Gregory County is obligated and hereby agrees to reimburse the State for all cost not reimbursable with Federal Bridge Funds.

AND WHEREAS, the bridge is in need of replacement for the following reasons:

1. The condition rating is Poor.
2. For Replacement project the bridge is not located on a County of Township designated No Maintenance of Minimum Maintenance Road.
3. For Removal project the bridge location will not be eligible for federal or state bridge funds in the event that a bridge is reconstructed. The owner agrees to submit a separate resolution to delete the structure from the National Bridge Inventory upon completion of the project.
4. The bridge is located on a school bus route, a mail route, a field to farm to market route, a lake or recreation access route.
5. The load carrying capacity of the existing bridge cannot be improved to carry legal loads by rehabilitation of the existing bridge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is authorized and requested to program for construction, in accordance with the "Local Roads Plan" and the State's "Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges," the bridge project at the above described location. Items to be handled by State forces with Federal Participation will include hydraulic study review, foundations investigation (if necessary), plan reviews, and construction administration.

Estimated Cost of Project Including Engineering: \$450,000

Federal Share (81.95%): \$368,775

Local Share (18.05%): \$81,225

Upon call for vote, All commissioners voted aye, with no naye votes. Resolution passed.

Road Concerns: David Gnirk met with the Board to discuss concerns over road conditions of the following roads that he uses frequently in his farming operations:

- 1) CR 35- north of Petersen Cemetery bridge
- 2) The road east of the archery range

The Commission will discuss Mr. Gnirk's concerns with the Highway Superintendent.

Gregory City Drainage Project Engineering Report: Brad Stanghor of Ulteig Engineering reported on the needed work to help with the drainage issue at the north end of Gregory City. Culverts and sloping can be replaced and changed to assist with drainage. Keeping water away from the Berean Church will continue to be difficult.

Kent Hogrefe joined in the conversation inquiring as to the drainage of water, which moves east and south and pools up. The land involved is extremely flat. A project could begin in the summer of 2021. Ulteig Engineering will put an estimate together on the cost of the project for Commission review at the next meeting.

Courthouse Parking Lot: Ulteig Engineering reported that a project plan will be available for the Commission's review at the next meeting for repair and upgrade to the Courthouse parking lot.

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

The county has finally received SHPO clearances and will be looking at letting out a number of projects to repair roads. Ulteig Engineering will put together proposals for commissioners to look at and let for bids. Projects include Buryanek road, Mule Head road, Haiar Ranch road, Paul Vaughn road, and Petersen Cemetery road.

Equipment Purchase Discussion: The Board looked at the cost of a track loader, as budgeted for purchase. It is estimated that the cost will exceed the bid limits, per statute. Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to advertise for bids for a track loader to be opened April 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the purchase of a 2011 Smithco Side Dump Trailer from Joel Sinclair Trucking. The equipment is budgeted for, and the purchase price is \$40,000.00.

Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jessy Biggins to approve purchase of the trailer. Upon call for vote, members voting aye- Myron Johnson, Jessy Biggins, Bob Hausmann and Jeff Johnson. Members voting naye- Lance Matucha. Motion carried.

2020 Annual Report: The Commission received a copy of the 2020 Annual Report that has been filed with the Department of Legislative Audit.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Jeff Johnson, Chair