

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, May 18, 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 Myron Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to approve the agenda with the addition of Ashley Meyer, Extension/4-H Office Assistant for a brief report. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Myron Johnson to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting with the following correction/addition: The Highway Superintendent reported that the bid letting scheduled for May 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for Turney Township Road 5 (Buryanek Road), Gregory Civil Township Road 7 (Vaughn Road- east of Gregory) and County Road 18 (Haier Road- south of Burke) will not be held due to delay in required documentation. 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 Chair opened up the meeting for public input. No one appeared at the meeting.

Brad Wilson, Administrator of the SDML Workers Compensation Fund, stopped in to speak with the commission about a new program with assistance for first responders in the county, which is directed for help with PTSD, etc.

Extension/4-H Office Briefing: Ashley Meyer, Administrative Assistant for the Extension/4-H program, presented a report of activity in the office, and reported that Rose Wolf and Samantha Bull have begun to work their summer hours.

Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jessy Biggins to adjust the starting employment dates for Rose Wolf on May 6, 2021 and Samantha Bull on May 17, 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Approval of Variance: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to approve a Variance Application from Mikel and Kimberly Longe to build a house on a parcel of land less than 40 acres in an Ag District in Lot 11, A Sub-division of a portion of Tract B, Mulehead Subdivision in SW 1/4, Section 21-97-68 (Whetstone Township). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to adjourn as a Board of Adjustment and to reconvene as a Board of Commissioners. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Plat: The following plat was presented for approval: Parcel A, enclosing all of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ and Lot 11, and portions of Lots 4 and 9 in Section 18, T95N, R67W. Motion by Myron Johnson second by Jessy Biggins to offer the following resolution:

APPROVAL-GREGORY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS: the owners of the land herein platted as **Parcel A**, enclosing all of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ and Lot 11, and portions of Lots 4 and 9 in Section 18, Township 95 North, Range 67 West of the 5th P.M., Gregory County, SD, having presented to the Gregory County Board of Commissioners the described plat, and that the platted lands are outside the platting jurisdiction of any municipality and that it appears that this plat meet all the requirements of SDCL 11-3-8, NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED: that the plat be approved this 18th day of May, 2021.

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

Approval of Plat: The following plat was presented for approval: Tract B, and a Access Easement, enclosing a portion of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼, and Lots 1 and 2 in Section 19, T95N, R67W. Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Lance Matucha to offer the following resolution.

APPROVAL-GREGORY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS: the owners of the land herein platted as **TRACT B, and a Access Easement**, enclosing a portion of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ and Lots 1 and 2 in Section 19, Township 95 North, Range 67 West of the 5th P.M., Gregory County, SD, having presented to the Gregory County Board of Commissioners the described plat, and that the platted lands are outside the platting jurisdiction of any municipality and that it appears that this plat meets all the requirements of SDCL 11-3-8, NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED: that the plat be approved this 18th day of May, 2021.

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

Resignation: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to accept the resignation of Chelsea Biehl as Gregory County Deputy Sheriff, effective June 1, 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Water Line Easement: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Myron Johnson to approve an application from Dalen and Julie Baker to bore a water line under county Road 67 in Section 8-95-67. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Summer Help: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Myron Johnson to approve hiring Anna Matucha as summer help at the Highway Department effective June 1, 2021 at \$13.00 per hour. Ms. Matucha will work on the Rural Access Infrastructure Program to inventory the culverts in the Organized Townships and the County secondary roads. Her salary is 100% reimbursable from the infrastructure funds that the County will receive by August 1, 2021 from the State of South Dakota. Upon call for vote: Bob Hausmann-aye; Lance Matucha-abstain; Jessy Biggins-aye; Myron Johnson-aye; Jeff Johnson-aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Jeff Johnson, Chair