

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jeff Johnson, Myron Johnson, Jessy Biggins and Lance Matucha. Members absent: 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 Lance Matucha, second by Jessy Biggins 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 October 5, 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 Chair opened up the meeting for public input. No one appeared at the meeting.

Travel Requests: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to approve the following travel requests:

*John Jensen/DeWayne Bennett: October 27, 2021 to Pierre, SD for County Weed & Pest District Meeting.

*Brad Ellwanger: October 20-21, 2021 to Sioux Falls, SD for the Local Roads Conference. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Abatement of Taxes: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to approve the following abatement application from David O'Neill:

Record #364 – ½ Int. in E1/2SE1/4, Section 5-96-73: \$47.68

Record #358 – ½ Int. in Lots 3 & 4 – S ½ NW1/4 -SW 1/4, Section 4-96-73: \$252.58

Mr. O'Neill has been taxed more than the other owner of the properties, whereby his share of taxes should be equal. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Director of Equalization Office Update: Nichole Matucha, Deputy Director of Equalization, met with the Commission to update the Board on activities needing to be completed in the near future.

With the assessment deadline of November 1, 2021 approaching, Ms. Matucha will need to leave the office to follow up on building permits.

The Commissioners agreed to the request to close the office so the work can be completed and to allow Ms. Matucha to drive a county vehicle for the work to be completed.

Employee Hiring: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to offer the position of Weed Department/Highway Department employee to Christopher Reinartz. The starting wage will be \$13.20 per hour, however, once the employee attains his CDL and Commercial Applicator's License, the wage will increase by \$2.00 per hour. Mr. Reinartz will begin employment on October 25, 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Department Part-Time Help: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Lance Matucha to approve hiring Mason Peck as part-time highway department employee at \$13.20 per hour effective October 21, 2021. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Liquor License Renewals: Motion by Jessy Biggins, second by Myron Johnson to approve the following retail liquor licenses renewals:

*Gregory Golf and Recreation Assn.

*Burke Golf, Inc.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Jeff Johnson, Chair