

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Myron Johnson, Lance Matucha and Bob Hausmann. Members absent: Jeff Johnson and Jessy Biggins. Also present: Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor.

The meeting was opened with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Jeff Johnson was absent from the meeting. Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to appoint Myron Johnson as acting Chair for the meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting with the following correction: The water line easement for Dean Norberg, should be listed as a buried electrical line easement. 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 the meeting for public input. No one appeared at the meeting.

Jail Contracts Renewal: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to authorize renewal of the jail contracts with Hughes County (\$295 per day-juveniles) and Winner City (\$62.00 per prisoner per day-adults) for the year 2022. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Gregory County 4-H Report: Laura Kahler, SDSU 4-H Advisor, met with the Commission via voom to present a report of 4-H activity and program development in Gregory County.

Executive Session: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to enter into executive session at 9:17 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to adjourn from executive session at 9:25 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Extension Office Closing: Laura Kahler, 4-H Advisor, advised the Board that the Extension Office would be closed the last week of the year for staff personal leave.

Memorandum of Understanding Between SDSU and Gregory County: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to authorize signing of the MOU with SDSU Extension for the year 2022, with Gregory County paying \$10,567.75 for its share of the 4-H Advisor's FTE appointment. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Abatement of Mobile Home Taxes: The following applications for abatement of mobile home taxes were presented for approval:

- 1) Record #7412 - Mobile Home in Johnson's Addition to Fairfax Town (Uninhabitable) Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to approve the abatement of \$15.40 in taxes (2018-2019-2020). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.
- 2) Record #6833 - Mobile Home on E 90' of Lots 15-18 incl., Block 62, O.T. Gregory (removed by City Code Enforcement). Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the abatement of \$93.24 in taxes (2019-2020). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.
- 3) Record #7409 - Mobile Home on Leased Site (Destroyed by 8-6-19 tornado). Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to approve the abatement of \$72.52 of taxes (2019). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to enter into executive session at 9:31 a.m. with Amy Bartling Jacobsen, State's Attorney, to discuss legal matters. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to adjourn from executive session at 10:17 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

R-Calf Presentation: Brett Kenzy, representing R-CALF (Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund) met with the Commission to urge the Board to sign a digital Letter of Support for mandatory country of origin labeling. The letter urges U.S. Senators to sign onto and support The American Beef Labeling Act.

Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to approve signing the requested letter of support for M-COOL. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Department Report: Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, reported on Highway Department maintenance activity throughout the county.

Bid Letting Approval: The Highway Superintendent requested approval to advertise for bids for dust control, gravel hauling and gravel as needed for the year 2022, to be let on January 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to authorize the bid letting request. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Roofing Project Change Order: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to approve a change order to the bid from Great Plains Roofing in the amount of \$5,116.00, to cover the necessary costs of new collection boxes/down spouts and new fascia and soffit for the rear entry roof. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Weed Department Salary Increase: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to approve a \$1.00 per hour wage increase to Christopher Reinartz, effective November 25, 2021. Mr. Reinartz has completed and passed all required tests for a commercial applicator's license, as required of his employment. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Office Equipment Purchase: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the purchase of a laptop computer for the Weed Department at an estimated cost of \$1,260.00 (Connecting Point). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landscaping Committee: The Commission agreed to an organized committee of county residents who will work together over the winter months to propose landscaping ideas for the courthouse campus, which was disrupted by the August 2019 tornado. Individuals agreeing to serve are Kate Witt, Peg Glover, Dave Engelmeyer, Mary Kay Drees, Goldie Warnkvist and Connie Schmitz.

Consultant Contract for CHN Services: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to enter into a contract for the year 2022 with the SD Department of Health for the provision of Community Health Services for Gregory County. The annual amount paid to the State per the contract is \$5,580.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Letter of Support for Burke BPC: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to issue a letter of support to the South Dakota Housing Development Authority. The letter offers support for the Burke Business Promotion Corporation’s application to the Authority for funding a housing development project. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Application for Refund of Taxes: The Board reviewed an application for refund of property taxes submitted by David O’Neill. Mr. O’Neill is requesting \$1,019.19 for a portion of taxes he paid in 2018-2019-2020.

Mr. O’Neill owns ½ undivided interest in property with another property owner, however, actually paid more than ½ of the taxes owing (the other owner paid less than ½ of the taxes). Thus, Mr. O’Neill is requesting a refund of the amount he paid over the dollar amount he should have been required to pay, as ½ undivided interest.

After discussion with the Department of Revenue and the State’s Attorney, a motion was made by Bob Hausmann and seconded by Lance Matucha to deny the request for a refund. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

While the Board recognizes the inequity of the tax amounts paid by Mr. O’Neill, the overall amount of taxes levied on the parcels of land was correct. The Board suggests that both owners involved in the undivided ½ interest ownership work together and discuss settling the past inequities between themselves. Going forward, the Director of Equalization will assure that both parties will see equal values on each parcel deeded as ½ undivided interest.

2021 Final Board Meeting: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to set December 29, 2021 as the Commission’s final date to meet to pay all claims presented for payment and to take care of any other necessary business. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to approve the following claims:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County as of November 30, 2021.

Total Amount of Actual Cash.....	\$	525.00
Checking Account.....	\$	4,167,648.65
Insufficient Fund Checks.....	\$	65.75
Cash Over.....	\$	269.56
TOTAL.....	\$	4,168,508.96

Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor

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Statement of fees collected in the Register of Deeds Office for the month ending November 30, 2021 in the amount of \$7,694.20.

Statement of fees collected in the Sheriff's Office for the month ending November 30, 2021 in the amount of \$1,087.50.

Statement of fees collected in the Clerk of Courts Office for the month ending October 31, 2021 in the amount of \$7,856.75.

November Payroll:

Wellmark- \$16,873.00	SDRS-\$12,931.78
AFLAC-\$669.36	First National Bank-\$26.70
Rodenburg Law Firm-\$518.82	MN Child Support-\$542.40
SDSRP-\$100.00	Office of Child Support-\$140.00
NE Child Support-\$850.00	1st Fidelity Bank-\$25,332.98
Group Resources-\$207.00	GIS Benefits-\$2,192.94
Accounts Management-\$372.18	Commissioners-\$3,256.98
Auditor-\$7,001.04	Treasurer-\$8,323.54
States Attorney -\$7,337.93	Courthouse-\$4,088.03
DOE-\$7,730.02	ROD-\$7,734.33
VA-\$700.00	Sheriff-\$23,346.31
Solid Waste-\$2,723.79	Nurse-\$3,713.55
4-H/Youth-\$3,081.00	Weed-\$3,703.46
Planning/Zoning-\$187.36	Road/Bridge -\$62,804.55
EM&D-\$1,623.81	24/7 Sobriety Testing-\$358.83

Andes Central School District	October 2021 Apportionment	\$ 10,462.25
Burke School District #26-2	October 2021 Apportionment	476,009.97
Gregory School District #26-4	October 2021 Apportionment	639,847.76
South Central School #26-5	October 2021 Apportionment	235,267.44
Dixon Township	October 2021 Apportionment	1,737.22
Edens Township	October 2021 Apportionment	1,839.87
Fairfax Civil Township	October 2021 Apportionment	860.17
Jones Township	October 2021 Apportionment	2,745.45
Pleasant Valley Township	October 2021 Apportionment	3,231.80
Schriever Township	October 2021 Apportionment	1,180.83
Star Valley Township	October 2021 Apportionment	2,167.05
Bonesteel Town	October 2021 Apportionment	16,901.25
Burke City	October 2021 Apportionment	51,108.27
Dallas Town	October 2021 Apportionment	11,543.92
Town Of Fairfax	October 2021 Apportionment	9,859.72
Gregory City	October 2021 Apportionment	105,189.26
Town Of Herrick	October 2021 Apportionment	1,999.39
South Central Water Dev. Dist.	October 2021 Apportionment	6,753.87

Appeara	135.85	R&B Supplies
Art Hertz	25,436.65	R&B Construction
Atco International	115.00	R&B Repairs
Avera Gregory Hospital	174.00	Courts
Baymont Inn & Suites Pierre	334.95	DOE Travel
Bonesteel Enterprise	369.47	Publishing
Bonesteel Fire Department	7,213.00	1/2 2021 Allocation
Burke Building Center	70.98	R&B Supplies
Burke City	926.64	Utilities
Burke Fire Dept.	8,319.00	1/2 2021 Allocation
Burke Gazette	221.03	Publishing
Burke One Stop LLC	47.00	P&Z Travel
Burke Postmaster	11.60	Postage
Burke Postmaster	66.56	States Attorney Supplies
True Value Hardware-Burke	535.95	Courthouse Supplies
Central Distribution	230.34	Courthouse Supplies
Chad Peck	1,500.00	R&B Building/Construction
Charles Mix Co. Sheriff	675.00	Jail Prisoner Housing
CHS Winner	11.45	R&B Supplies
Community Memorial Hospital	47.00	R&B Supplies
Connecting Point	40.00	Supplies
Dallas Fire Dept.	5,373.00	1/2 2021 Allocation
Dallas Town	49.60	R&B Utilities
Dept Of Animal Sciences	136.50	4H Program Supplies
Diamond Mowers	1,792.90	R&B Repairs
Drugtestsinbulk	1,082.46	24/7 Supplies
Election Systems & Software	1,267.50	Elections Supplies
Executive Management	46.00	Auditor's Utilities
Fairfax Fire Department	5,373.00	1/2 2021 Allocation
First National Bank Omaha	132.32	Supplies
Fox & Youngberg, Pc	201.11	Mentally Ill
Girton Adams Company	883.00	Courthouse Repairs
Golden West	1,261.03	Utilities
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Great Western Tire Company	690.96	Sheriffs Repairs
Gregory Building Center	35.00	Courthouse Supplies
Gregory Co. Treasurer	976.92	Partial Payment
Gregory Co. Treasurer	2,006.52	Partial Payment
Gregory Co. Treasurer	1,139.23	Partial Payment
Gregory Co. Treasurer	900.83	Partial Payment
Gregory Co. Treasurer	12,419.95	Partial Payment
Gregory Co. Treasurer	467.29	Partial Payment

Gregory Fire Department	8,722.00	1/2 2021 Allocation
Gregory Times Advocate	221.78	Publishing
Grossenburg Implement	9.08	R&B Repairs
Hughes County Finance Office	1,180.00	Jail Prisoner Housing
Interstate Battery System	369.89	R&B Repairs
JC Supply Products	2,107.12	R&B Supplies
Jim's Garbage Service	170.00	Courthouse Utilities
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Laura Kahler	26.04	4H Travel
Kennebec Telephone Company	50.66	911 Contract Expenses
Kimball Midwest	303.56	R&B Supplies
Koenig Lumber	197.46	R&B Supplies
Konexus	1,100.00	EM&D Supplies
Lincoln County Treasurer	1,130.58	Mentally Ill
Main Street Auto	1,495.36	R&B Repairs/Supplies
Main Street Auto	809.00	Sheriffs Repairs
Marco	72.12	Copy Machine
Marshall & Swift/Boeckh, LLC	1,866.15	DOE Software
Mr. Automotive	115.83	R&B Repairs/Supplies
Nelson Machine & Welding	214.99	Sheriffs Repairs
Office Of Child & Family Services	1,362.25	Nurses Contract Services
Office Products Center	1,037.86	Supplies
Pahlke Law Office	207.90	Courts
Pennington Co. Jail	138.41	Jail Travel
Peterbilt Of Sioux Falls	461.68	R&B Repairs
Prestige Chemicals	647.89	R&B Supplies
Purchase Power	1,748.50	Postage
RDO Equipment Co.	555.00	R&B Repairs
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory	114.92	24/7 Supplies
Rosebud Electric Cooperative	237.28	Utilities
Rosebud Farmers Union	4,872.19	R&B Repairs/Supplies/Utilities
Rosebud Title Co.	300.00	Search & Exam Fee
Runnings	289.65	R&B Repairs/Supplies
S. Missouri Recycling & Waste	644.38	Solid Waste Rentals
SD Asso. Of Weed & Pest Super	50.00	Weed Supervisor Meeting
SDACOM & PRF	130.00	Oct 2021 M&P Remittance
SD Attorney General	162.00	SCRAM Reimbursement
SD Dept. Of Revenue	86,508.63	State Remittance Oct 2021
SD Dept. Of Transportation	12,394.55	R&B Supplies
SD Public Health Lab	255.00	Courts
SD State Treasurer	111.92	Landfill Sales Tax Remittance
SD State Treasurer	5.00	Landfill Int on Late Payment
SDSU Extension	114.48	4H Travel
SDSU-SDTAP	125.00	Annual Registration

Sign Solutions USA	954.02	R&B Supplies
Sioux City Truck Sales, Inc	3,441.41	R&B Repairs
State Bar Of South Dakota	500.00	SA Books
Court Expense	20.00	Courts
Tripp County Water User Dist.	34.41	R&B Utilities
Us Bank Voyager Fleet System	2,663.51	Supplies
Verizon Wireless, Bellevue	382.57	Utilities
William A. Moss. Psy.D., LLC	1,575.00	Mentally Ill
City Of Winner	17,867.20	911 Contract Expenses
City Of Winner	11,968.20	Jail Prisoner Housing
WW Tire Service	595.00	R&B Repairs

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Myron Johnson, Acting Chair