

## Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jessie Biggins, Myron Johnson, Jeff Johnson (via telephone), Lance Matucha and Bob Hausmann. Also present: Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor.

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

**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 Myron Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 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 the meeting for public input. No one appeared at the meeting.

**Burke Lake Recreation Area Cleanup Update:** Erin Schulte met the Board to discuss activities of the group of county residents who are working to cleanup the Burke Lake Recreation Area. They will be hosting an organizational meeting on March 27, 2022 to set up a formal committee that will spearhead future efforts while working with the SD Game, Fish and Parks.

**Abatement of Taxes:** Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the following application for abatement of taxes: Record #1161-Addn. #1, Fairfax Lake Tract in N ½ NW ¼, Section 15, T95N, R68W (5.24 Ac.) The property is and always has been tax exempt as it is owned by the State of South Dakota. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Ashley Meyer, Extension – April 4, 2022 – 4-H Online and Fair Entry Training at Mitchell, SD

Tim Drey, Sheriff – April 19-22, 2022 – Spring Conference at Deadwood, SD.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Surplus Property:** Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to declare the following items as surplus property at a value of \$0.00, as all items do not work:

#1479 – HP ProBook Laptop (Weed Department)

#1243 – 25 pt. Dehumidifier (Extension)

#768 – Midland Mobile Radio, Model #70-342XL (Sheriff's Department)

#1699 – Dell Computer (State's Attorney)

#1527 – HP Monitor (State's Attorney)

#1573 – HP Desktop (State's Attorney)

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**DOE Resignation:** Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to accept the resignation of Tammy Jean Martin as DOE/Planning & Zoning Administrator effective March 18, 2022 and, it is further motioned to advertise to fill the position with March 31, 2022 as a final date to submit applications. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Hearing for Transfer of On-Off Sale Malt Beverage License:** The Chair opened up the hearing at 9:25 a.m. for an application to transfer the On-Off Sale Malt Beverage license of Fairway, Inc. (Jono's) to G.F. Buche Co. (Gus Stop 7). No one appeared at the hearing. Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to approve the transfer. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Courthouse Parking Lot Concrete Bid Letting:** The bid letting for the concrete parking lot, curb and gutter, and sidewalks at the Courthouse was held at 9:30 a.m. as advertised:

Midwest Concrete and Redi-Mix- \$ 208,860.00

Rexwinkle Concrete, Inc. - \$ 262,911.00

Divine Concrete, Inc. - \$ 247,514.00

Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jeff Johnson to accept the low bid of Midwest Concrete and Redi-Mix. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**BIG Agreement for Funding:** Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to authorize the Chair to enter into the grant agreement with the SDDOT for a Bridge Improvement Grant for Preservation on Structure #27-010-197 (Dallas bridge). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Highway Department Secretary Work Hours:** Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to set the work hours for the Highway Department Secretary at 8 hours-5 days per week, effective March 21, 2022. This change is to assist the employee in scheduling work load. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Landfill Cash Drawer:** Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to set the amount of cash for change purposes at the Landfill to \$200.00 effective immediately. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Weight Limit Restrictions:** The Commission discussed lifting the weight limit restrictions on county roads with the Highway Superintendent, Brad Ellwanger. Mr. Ellwanger commented he has always followed the State's policy and believes that the county should continue to do so, but it is up to the Commission.

After reviewing an email from a SDDOT employee which cites that the County can set its own policy and won't jeopardize state or federal funds, the Commission unanimously agreed to lift the weight restrictions on county roads effective immediately.

**Liquor License Application Hearing:** The Chair opened the hearing at 10:00 a.m. for an application for an On-Sale Retail Liquor license, received from Dennis Kortmeyer, DBA Run of the Mill. The business will be

located at 29540 US Highway 18, Herrick, SD (Lot 2, Bartling 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision, in the N ½ NE ¼ of Section 24, T96N, R71W.

Appearing at the hearing in support of the application were Dennis Kortmeyer, Alice Veren and Brianna Putzier. No one appeared in opposition.

Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to approve the application. 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

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Jessy C. Biggins, Chair