

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jessy Biggins, Myron Johnson, Jeff Johnson (via telephone), Lance Matucha and Bob Hausmann. Also present: Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor.

Chair Jessy Biggins called the meeting to order and all present recited 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 Bob Hausmann to approve the minutes of the April 5, 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.

Burn Ban: The following resolution was offered by Bob Hausmann and seconded by Lance Matucha:

RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING BURN BAN IN GREGORY COUNTY

WHEREAS, drought conditions in Gregory County have raised the fire danger in the county to the extreme level; and

WHEREAS, continued high winds have escalated the need for a burn ban; and

WHEREAS, the county volunteer fire departments have requested a burn ban to be issued for safety reasons;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to immediately implement a burn ban in Gregory County until further notice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED authorize the County Commission Chair to lift the ban with consultation from the county fire chiefs, provided sufficient moisture is received.

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

Renewal of Malt Beverage Licenses: The Board reviewed the following applications for renewal of On-Off Sale Malt Beverage licenses for 2022-2023 year:

Dennis Hanson: DBA Carlock Dance Hall

GF Buche Co., DBA Gus Stop 7

Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Myron Johnson to approve the applications. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Tuckpointing Bid Letting: The bid letting for tuckpointing of the Gregory County Courthouse was held at 9:30 a.m. as advertised. The following bid was received:

Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. - \$62,684.00

Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to accept the bid of Mid-Continental Restoration. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Employee Retirement: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jeff Johnson to accept the retirement notice from Suzanne Steffen, States Attorney Administrative Assistant, effective May 31, 2022, and to approve the States Attorney to advertise for applications to fill the position, at the established starting wage with benefits offered for the full-time position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Travel Request: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to approve the following travel request:

Brad Ellwanger and Tammy Thompson- ULTRA Programming @ Pierre- April 22, 2022.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Free Dump Days: Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, reported that free dump days will be scheduled as follows:

May 6, 2022- Cities Only

May 7, 2022- County Residents Only

The public is reminded that household waste and tires are not permitted to be dumped free of charge. Loads may not be mixed and must be tarped to avoid charges.

Widened Crack Repairs: The following quotes (off of state bids) were received for the filling of the widened cracks on 4.5 miles of asphalt road (Lucas area):

Midstates Equipment & Supply - \$38,764.75 (machine rental and product only)

Bargen Inc. - \$63,614.00 (product and application by bidder)

Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to accept the quote of Bargen, Inc. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Deputy Director of Equalization: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to deputize Nichole Matucha as the Gregory County Deputy Director or Equalization effective immediately. 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

Jessy C. Biggins, Chair