

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, August 16, 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 prepared. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Myron Johnson to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 Commission 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.

Plat Approvals: The following plats were presented for approval:

- 1) Plat of Sacred Heart Cemetery, AKA Xavier Cemetery located in Govt. Lot 1 and the NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 7, T96N, R71W.

Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Jeff Johnson to offer the following resolution of approval:

APPROVAL-GREGORY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS: the owner of the land herein platted as Sacred Heart Cemetery a/k/a Xavier Cemetery, located in Govt. Lot 1, NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 7, T96N, R71W 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 lay outside the platting jurisdiction of any municipality and that it appears that this plat meets all requirements of SDCL 11-3-8, NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED: that the plat be approved this 16th day of August, 2022.

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

- 2) Plat of Coon Creek Ranch and the Burke 10 located in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 20, T97N, R71W.

Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to offer the following resolution of approval:

APPROVAL-GREGORY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (SDCL 11-3-8)

WHEREAS: the owners of the land herein platted as **Coon Creek Ranch and The Burke 10**, located in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 97 North, Range 71 West of the 5th P.M., Gregory County, SD, have presented to the Gregory County Board of Commissioners the described plat, and it appears that this plat conforms to all requirement of SDCL 11-3-8, NOW THEREFORE;
BE IT RESOLVED: that the plat be approved this 16th day of August, 2022.

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

Executive Session: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Myron Johnson to enter into executive session at 9:22 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 10:00 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

2023-2027 Highway & Bridge Improvement Plan (Draft) Hearing: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to open the public hearing for the proposed 2023-2027 Highway & Bridge Improvement Plan. Present for the hearing were the Gregory County Commissioners, Gregory County Highway Superintendent, Gregory County Auditor, and Mel Juran, interested resident.

Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, went through each year's proposed projects.

In conjunction with the 5-year plan, the commission also reviewed a 5-year plan for the Rural Access Infrastructure Plan-Small Structure Program for the Unorganized Townships. Mr. Ellwanger reviewed projects that qualify for the program.

Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the Gregory County 5-year Small Structure Improvement Plan for 2023-2027. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to close the public hearing and take final action on the 2023-2027 5-year Highway & Bridge Improvement Plan on September 6, 2022. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Golden West Telecommunications Easement: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Myron Johnson to approve an application for easement for new telecommunication service at 28550 338th Avenue between Sections 31 and 36, T98N, R72W & R73W. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Petition for Road Vacation: A petition for vacating of a road between Edens Township and Gregory Civil Township- between Section 3, T97N, R73W and Section 34, T98N, R73W (between 335th Avenue and 336th Avenue). Edens Township has approved the road vacating.

Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to document the petition as received and to hold a public hearing for taking testimony on the petition on September 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Upon call for vote: Bob Hausmann-aye; Lance Matucha-aye; Myron Johnson-aye; Jeff Johnson-abstain; Jessie Biggins-aye. Motion passed.

Employee Resignation: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to accept the resignation of Hayden Hay effective August 29, 2022. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Travel Requests: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Myron Johnson to approve the following travel requests:

Ashley Meyer – Meet Tripp County 4-H at SD Hwy 44-State Fair 4-H exhibit pickup – August 31, 2022
Betty Jo Hoffman – 2022 Assessor’s School in Pierre, SD – September 18 – 23, 2022
Commissioners & Officials – Randall Reservoir Assn. at Bennett County – August 29, 2022
Commissioners, Officials, Hwy. Supt. – SDACC & SDACO 2023 Convention at Pierre, SD – Sept. 12-13, 2022

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Computer Purchase: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the purchase of a laptop computer for the 4-H/Extension Office at a price of \$799.99. The current laptop is not compatible with SDSU’s software system. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Salary Change: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to allocate \$2,500.00 from the Planning and Zoning budget to Betty Jo Hoffman for compensation to bring the Planning and Zoning workload up to current status, including addressing building permits, correcting property transfers and accurately recording sales figures and valuations. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Parking Lot Marking Quote: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Lance Matucha to approve the quote from Traffic Solutions for \$7,985.00 to mark and sign the Courthouse parking lot. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Denial of LEMPG Program: Motion by Myron Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to not participate in the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant program for the year 2023. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Jessy C. Biggins, Chair