

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Myron Johnson, Jeff Johnson (via telephone), Lance Matucha and Bob Hausmann. Members absent: Jessy Biggins. Also present: Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor.

Vice-Chair Myron Johnson called the meeting to order and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to approve the agenda with the following additions: Betty Jo Hoffman will meet with the Board in Executive Session at 9:20 a.m., Ashley Meyer from the 4-H/Extension office desire to meet with the Board, and a discussion about a county wide burn ban is to be held at the end of the meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022 and October 19, 2022 Commission meetings 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. Commissioner Matucha stated that he has had conversations with individuals who were coming to the Public Input segment of the meeting.

Public Input: The meeting was opened for public input. Steve McCance and Juli Peppel met the Board to further discuss the matter of hand-counting the General Election ballots. Mr. McCance inquired about having a special meeting during evening hours to discuss the matter with a larger audience. Mrs. Peppel proposed to the Board about having one of their semi-monthly meetings in the evening so that the public could attend more easily. The Commissioners will check into the requests.

Liquor License Renewals: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Jeff Johnson to approve the following applications for renewal of the Retail (On-Sale) Liquor Licenses issued by Gregory County:

Dennis Kortmeyer, DBA Run of the Mill

Burke Golf Club, Inc

Gregory Golf & Recreation, Assn.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson 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 Jeff Johnson to adjourn from executive session at 9:43 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

2023 Small Structure Applications: Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent presented the Small Structures Applications for Gregory County Unorganized Townships. The Commission has until January 15, 2023 to approve or reject the applications.

Highway Department Report: Brad Ellwanger, Highway Superintendent, reported on projects underway throughout the county.

Culvert Replacement Bid Letting: The bid letting for replacement of decaying pipes approximately 4 miles north of Gregory was held at 10:00 a.m. as advertised. The following bid was received:

Dakota Prairie Landscapes, LLC - \$46,200

Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Bob Hausmann to table a decision upon the presented bid until further cost estimates to prepare the site for construction can be obtained through a bid letting to be held December 6, 2022. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Request for County-Wide Burn Ban: Brad Christensen, EM & DS Director and the county fire chiefs met with the Board requesting that the Commission enact a county-wide burn ban effective immediately. Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to offer the following resolution:

RESOLUTION COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN

WHEREAS, the County of Gregory, continues to remain in an extreme drought situation, lingering on from a severely dry summer with very little moisture; and

WHEREAS, continued lack of moisture has placed Gregory County in the high danger category for fire; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Gregory County is now placed under a county-wide burn ban until sufficient snow fall blankets the ground lessening the danger of fire; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, individuals may burn household trash in barrels with protective grates, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, because of the need for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2022, at Burke, South Dakota.

Upon call for vote: all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Notice of Award: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of Award for the bid of J.V. Bailey Co., Inc. for the Bridge Deck Polymer Chip Seal Project (Dallas Bridge)- BRF 8027 (00) 22-1. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to enter into executive session at 10:23 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to adjourn from executive session at 10:30 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Travel Request: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Bob Hausmann to approve travel to Shelby Jones, Nurse's Office Paraprofessional, to attend a Central Region Staff Meeting in Pierre, SD on December 1, 2022. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Jeff Johnson to approve payment of 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 October 31, 2022.

Total Amount of Actual Cash.....	\$	524.20
Checking Account.....	\$	5,983,312.91
Insufficient Fund Checks.....	\$	0.00
Cash Over.....	\$	464.31
TOTAL.....	\$	5,984,301.42

Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor

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Statement of fees collected in the Register of Deeds Office for the month ending October 31, 2022 in the amount of \$7,347.95.

Statement of fees collected in the Sheriff’s Office for the month ending October 31, 2022 in the amount of \$650.00.

October 31, 2022

Wellmark \$16,805.52	SDRS \$12,514.44
AFLAC \$1,492.10	First National Bank \$27.91
MN Child Support \$452.00	SDSRP \$100.00
Office of Child Support \$976.58	NE Child Support \$850.00
1st Fidelity Bank \$24,114.60	Group Resources \$207.00
GIS Benefits \$2,214.85	Commissioners \$3,285.12
Auditor \$7,222.50	Treasurer \$8,500.46
States Attorney \$7,969.41	Courthouse \$4,210.71
DOE \$7,887.06	ROD \$7,948.05
VA \$720.34	Sheriff \$25,053.06
Solid Waste \$2,530.71	Nurse \$3,772.77
4-H/Youth \$3,911.72	Weed \$5,606.17
Planning/Zoning \$190.60	Road/Bridge \$51,979.54
EM&D \$1,671.13	24/7 Sobriety Testing \$677.20

Andes Central School District	September 2022 Apportionment	563.04
Burke School District #26-2	September 2022 Apportionment	55,274.40
Gregory School District #26-4	September 2022 Apportionment	5,985.70
South Central School #26-5	September 2022 Apportionment	25,799.79

Dixon Township	September 2022 Apportionment	2,519.68
Edens Township	September 2022 Apportionment	1,488.56
Fairfax Civil Township	September 2022 Apportionment	701.88
Jones Township	September 2022 Apportionment	1,296.49
Landing Creek Township	September 2022 Apportionment	737.09
Pleasant Valley Township	September 2022 Apportionment	1,142.67
Schriever Township	September 2022 Apportionment	619.32
Star Valley Township	September 2022 Apportionment	655.03

Bonesteel Town	September 2022 Apportionment	3,515.67
Burke City	September 2022 Apportionment	14,737.08
Dallas Town	September 2022 Apportionment	1,765.13
Town Of Fairfax	September 2022 Apportionment	605.73
Gregory City	September 2022 Apportionment	9,975.78
Town Of Herrick	September 2022 Apportionment	1,267.03
South Central Water Dev. Dist.	September 2022 Apportionment	630.10

4k Design	204.48	Sheriffs Uniforms
605 Grinding	1,105.00	R&B Gravel Hauler
Access Elevator & Lifts Inc	15,294.00	Courthouse Repairs
American Stamp & Marking	175.06	Election Supplies
AMG Gregory	575.00	Jail Medical
Appera	145.20	R&B Supplies
Avera Gregory Hospital	609.00	Jail Medical
Avera Gregory Hospital	1,335.00	Courts
Mark Bailey	154.40	R&B Supplies
Bonesteel Enterprise	424.04	Publishing
Burke City	1,646.00	Utilities
Burke Gazette	576.55	Publishing
Burke One Stop LLC	102.58	DOE Supplies
True Value Hardware-Burke	260.24	Supplies
Butler Machinery	167,989.78	R&B Repairs
Charles Mix Co. Sheriff	140.00	Jail Prisoner Housing
CHS Winner	11.25	R&B Supplies
Coach's Lawn Service, LLC	3,700.00	Courthouse Construction
Connecting Point	784.00	Copy Machine
Dakota Auto Care	1,197.81	R&B Repairs
Dallas Town	25.00	R&B Utilities
Diesel Systems	1,100.00	R&B Repairs
Drugtestsinbulk	360.82	24/7 Supplies
Evergreen Office Solutions	49.50	SA Software Maintenance
Executive Management	92.67	ROD Micrographics Services
First National Bank Omaha	2,114.31	Supplies

Golden West	1,376.55	Utilities
Gregory Co. Treasurer	53.54	Partial Payment
Gregory Co. Treasurer	14,228.86	Partial Payment
Gregory Co. Treasurer	40,790.64	Partial Payment of Taxes
Gregory Times Advocate	843.49	Publishing
Gregory Drug	11.86	Jail Medical
Grossenburg Implement	561.75	R&B Repairs
Gunvordahl, Gunvordahl & Norberg	888.80	Court Appointed
Harry K Napa	41.07	R&B Repairs
Hughes Brothers 2	300.00	Towed Vehicle
Interstate Battery System	406.00	R&B Repairs & Supplies
Kennebec Telephone Company	69.88	911 Contract Expenses
Koenig Lumber	17.97	R&B Supplies
Leola Lyon	1,487.41	Partial Payment
Main Street Auto Parts LLC	474.47	Weed Repairs
Main Street Auto	81.00	Sheriffs Repairs
Marco	96.68	Copy Machine
Mark or Nancy Benter	188.81	Partial Payment
Mcleod's Printing	129.97	DOE Supplies
Mr. Automotive	573.82	R&B Repairs & Supplies
Nelson Machine & Welding	132.30	R&B Supplies
Nordstrom's Automotive, Inc	950.00	R&B Repairs
Office Products Center	5,472.23	Supplies
Pahlke Law Office	60.00	Courts
Peterbilt Of Norfolk	70.19	R&B Repairs
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Cen	297.00	Auditor & Treasurer Travel
Randy's Towing	99.84	Towed Vehicle
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory	69.00	24/7 Supplies
Rising Hope Counseling, LLC	370.00	Jail Medical
Rob Kehn Trucking LLC	20,398.34	R&B Gravel Hauler
ROD	44.00	Sheriffs Supplies
Rosebud Electric Cooperative	232.96	EM & D Utilities
Rosebud Farmers Union	51,325.36	Courthouse Supplies
Runnings	205.68	R&B Supplies
S. Missouri Recycling & Waste	633.94	Solid Waste Rentals
Schreiber Law Firm Prof LLC	784.92	Court Appointed
Schweigert Construction	81,389.50	R&B Construction
SD Asso. Of County Commission	270.00	Court Appointed
SDACOM & PRF	306.00	September 2022 Collections
SD Dept. of Revenue	146,846.48	September 2022 Collections
SD Dept. Of Transportation	222.33	R&B Supplies
SD State Treasurer	139.65	Landfill Sales Tax
Seachange Print Innovations	185.00	Election Supplies
Steve Cassidy	315.00	Mow County Cemetery

Traffic Solutions Incorporated	8,147.89	Courthouse Construction
Tri-State Turf	12.78	Courthouse Supplies
Triple M Repair, LLC	5,000.00	Triple M Repair, LLC
Tripp County Water User Dist.	13.51	R&B Utilities
Us Bank Voyager Fleet System	2,324.43	Sheriffs & EM&D Supplies
Verizon Wireless, Bellevue	411.83	Utilities
Mona Weiger	673.20	Courts
Wheelco	103.95	R&B Repairs
William Davis	100.00	Return of Zoning Sign
City Of Winner	15,314.00	Jail Prisoner Housing
Winner Family Drug	5.00	Jail Medical
The Winner Pharmacy	221.09	Jail Medical
Winner Regional Healthcare	822.26	Jail Medical
Winner Regional Clinic	297.42	Jail Medical
Juror/Witness Fees	655.64	

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Employee Pay Raise: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to give a \$1.00 per hour pay increase to the Highway Department maintenance crew effective November 11, 2022. This is given to help equalize the pay across all county employees and with neighboring counties. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Hand Counting of Votes: The Commissioners once again discussed a request to hand count the General Election ballots cast on November 8, 2022. The Auditor contacted the Secretary of State, and per statute, hand counting of ballots must be done at the precinct level. A separate counting board would have to be appointed, and per SDCL 12-15-1, those boards must be appointed not less than 20 days before the election. The County Auditor would be violating state law by appointing three counting boards after the deadline set in statute.

The Commissioners stated that they did not want to violate state law, therefore, hand counting would not be possible at this late date. The Auditor suggests that the Commission become proactive to the requests of the citizens, and look to the 2024 election cycle for potential changes. It was also discussed that the State Legislature will most likely be dealing with election law changes/repeals/additions, and the County should act appropriately following those changes in state laws.

Canvass of General Election Votes: Motion by Bob Hausmann, second by Jeff Johnson to set November 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. as the date to canvass the votes cast at the November 8, 2022 General Election. 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

Myron Johnson, Vice Chair