

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Byrain Boes, Doug Janousek, Lance Matucha and Jeff Johnson (via telephone). Members absent: Jessy Biggins. Also present: Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor and Patty Connealy, Gregory Times Advocate.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2023 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 Commission Chair opened the floor for public input. No one appeared at the meeting.

Meeting Date Discussion: Patty Connealy of the Gregory Times Advocate inquired as to changing the meeting date of the County Commission to another day other than Tuesday so that GTA staff could attend the meetings for reporting services. The Board will discuss this at the next meeting.

Liquor Licenses Renewals: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to approve renewal of the following Retail (On-Sale) Liquor Licenses for 2024:

*Gregory Golf & Recreation Association

*Burke Golf Club

*Run of the Mill

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Payment for Funeral: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Jeff Johnson to pay for cremation services for an indigent county resident at the cost of \$2,500.00. Family has advised that funds in the amount of \$600 will be available to pay either the funeral home or the county. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Golden West Easement: Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Lance Matucha to approve an application from Golden West Telecommunications for placement of cable to 33714-296th St., Gregory, SD. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Travel Requests: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to approve the following travel requests:

Safety Benefits Conference:

Julie Bartling – November 1 & 2, 2023 at Pierre, SD

DOE Conference:

Betty Jo Hoffman – November 9, 2023 at Brookings, SD

District 3 Weed & Pest Meeting:

John Jensen & Chris Reinartz – November 9, 2023 at Pierre, SD

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Cancellation of Uncashed Checks/Warrants: The following resolution was offered by Doug Janousek and seconded by Jeff Johnson:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Gregory County Treasurer has presented a list of outstanding checks/warrants which are two years or older; and

WHEREAS, according to SDCL 7-22-17, the Board of Gregory County Commissioners may, by Resolution, cancel any check or warrant that has not been presented for payment at any time within the two years of the date on which the check or warrant was issued;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following warrant will be cancelled in accordance with SDCL 7-22-17 unless they are redeemed on or before the date of next regular Board meeting to be held November 7, 2023.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBER</u>	<u>TO WHOM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
10/5/2021	# 114561	Gregory/Dallas Chambers (Prof. fees)	\$ 20.00

All members present voted aye. Resolution carried.

Vision/Dental/Life Insurance Policy: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to switch the County's vision-dental-life insurance policies from Reliance Standard to Colonial Life effective at the renewal date. Colonial Life has much better coverage at better premium rates. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Employee Salary Increase: Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Lance Matucha to grant a \$.20 per hour increase to Zachary Albers as he has completed his 6-month introductory period, effective October 11, 2023. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Temporary Help: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to hire Jay Broome as temporary help beginning October 16, 2023 at \$15.00 per hour. Mr. Broome will work approximately 3 hours per day, Monday-Wednesday-Friday, until Wendy Broome, Custodian can return to full-time work capacity. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Blade Operator Training: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to authorize Tyler Plumbtree, Highway Supt., to contract with Collin Schweigert to assist in providing blade training to the county highway department employees. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Gregory County Courthouse Parking Lot Use: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to set the following policy regarding approval to groups who desire to use the Courthouse Parking Lot for events:

Groups or individuals who desire to utilize the Gregory County Courthouse parking lot for private or public events, must apply to the Gregory County Commission for approval. Upon approval, the group or individual must sign a document which holds Gregory County harmless in the event of accidents or injuries occurring during the event, or during set up and closure of the event. A document must also be signed by the group or individual hosting the event citing that, in the event of damage to any property on the Courthouse campus grounds, the hosts are liable to pay for any and all costs.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Holiday Grant: Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Lance Matucha to grant November 24, 2023 (day following Thanksgiving) and December 26, 2023 (day following Christmas) off to all county employees.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Crew Winter Hours: The Board once again discussed the possibility of having the highway crew work five 8-hour days in the winter months, following the State's policy. Discussion will continue at the next meeting with the Highway Superintendent.

Executive Session: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to enter into executive session at 9:41 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to adjourn from executive session at 10:51 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Byrain Boes, Vice-Chair