

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Byrain Boes, Doug Janousek, Lance Matucha and Jeff Johnson. Members absent: Jessy Biggins. Also present: Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor and Heather Hammerbeck, 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 with the following addition: Travel Request from the Director of Equalization. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Lance Matucha to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 and April 9, 2024 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. None were notated.

Public Input: The Commission Vice-Chair opened the floor for public input.

Peggy Glover met with the Board to clarify to the Board that information relayed by Commissioner Boes at the April 3, 2024 public meeting, that a counting error of ballots cast in Tripp County in the November 2022 election was not determined by the hand counting process, but instead was caught by the automated tabulators. Mrs. Glover confirmed the accuracy of her information with the Tripp County Auditor. Mrs. Glover encouraged Commissioner Boes to request the Gregory Times Advocate publish a statement from him with the correct information so that integrity of election process information is upheld.

Veterans Service Officer Travel Request: Dale Reber, V.A. Officer, requested approval to attend the SDDVA Mini Conference as required by the SD Department of Veterans Affairs. The conferences are held in Rapid City, Pierre, and Sioux Falls on April 23-24-25, respectively. Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to approve travel expenses to Mr. Reber to attend the conference date that works most favorably with his work schedule. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Reber also provided information concerning an upcoming veterans' benefits session. The SD Department of Veterans Affairs will be hosting a "Coffee and Conversation" program in Gregory. This program is in partnership with the Gregory County Veterans Service Officer. The "What's Brewing" program will be held Thursday, May 9th, at the Gregory American Legion Post 6. Further information will be provided to veterans prior to the session.

Abatement of Taxes: Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Lance Matucha to approve an abatement of tax on the following parcel:

- Record #7412-\$4.67 (Mobile Home-dilapidated)

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Travel Request: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to approve the following travel request:

- Betty Jo Hoffman and Nichole Matucha (DOE Office) to attend Floodplain Management Workshop in Aberdeen on April 23-24, 2024.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Voided Checks/Re-Issue: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to void the following checks and re-issue, as the vendor claims that they never received the checks and they have not cleared the bank:

1) Burke True Value	-	#117417	-	\$ 137.63
2) Burke True Value	-	#117532	-	\$ 82.97
3) Burke True Value	-	#117638	-	\$ 245.94
4) Burke True Value	-	#117743	-	\$ 316.64

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to enter into executive session at 9:20 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to adjourn from executive session at 9:30 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Buryanek Access Road Agreement: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to authorize the Chair to enter into an agreement with the SD Game, Fish and Parks to apply gravel and mag chloride on 3.1 miles of Buryanek Road to the Buryanek Recreation Area. Gregory County shall bill 50% of the total project cost to SD GFP with the total project cost not to exceed \$14,000.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Bridge Inspections Work Order: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Lance Matucha to authorize the Chair to sign the work order for consultant services for 2024 bridge inspections with Ulteig Engineering (Brad Stanghor). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Department Updates: Tyler Plumbtree, Highway Superintendent, reported on projects under way at the Highway Department throughout the county.

HVAC Project Update: Kevin Genzlinger and Shyanne Kopfmann of Ciavarella Design, along with engineers on zoom link, presented the proposal to replace the HVAC system in the Courthouse to the Board. The type of heating-cooling system was explained, as well as repair of the walls surrounding the windows.

Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to proceed with letting the project out for bids. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

Byrain Boes, Vice-Chair