

## Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Wednesday, May 1, 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 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. 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 17, 2024 meeting as read. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Conflicts of Interest:** The Vice-Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest from members present. None were notated.

**Ex-Parte Communications:** The Vice-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. Steve McCance and Garry Wetzler met with the Board and handed out hand-count information and a slate of questions they would like answered surrounding the post election audit procedures. Mr. McCance has scheduled to be on the Commission agenda for the May 15, 2024 meeting.

**Highway Department Report:** Tyler Plumbtree, Highway Superintendent, reported on activities on going at the Highway Department.

The Highway Superintendent requested the following clarifications from the Board:

- 1) Gravel Hauling fees will not be averaged.
- 2) There will be no milling of county asphalt roads this year.
- 3) Single-family homes may be taken in at the landfill site (no concerns about asbestos), per state regulations.
- 4) The landfill will be closed May 25, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day.
- 5) The county crew will receive blade training in July from a private firm to assist the crew in adequate blading procedures.
- 6) The Board wants GPS trackers on the county blades to follow maintenance progress and to look into parking the equipment in secure locations overnight, utilizing pickups rather than driving the blades in every night.
- 7) The Board wants the roads prepared to be ready for gravel when it's hauled and spread on the roads. Hauling will begin as soon as the weather permits.
- 8) The Board wants to see quotes of a new payloader to submit with the USDA Rural Development Community grant/loan application.
- 9) The Board asked that trouble spots for gravel be taken care of ASAP.

**Salary Increase Approval:** Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to approve a \$.20 per hour salary increase to Hayden Hay effective May 11, 2024 as he has completed his probationary period. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Blade Operator Opening:** Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Jeff Johnson to approve advertising for a blade operator at a wage to be determined by experience. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Funeral Expense Request:** Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to approve an application for a burial expense for a county resident who had no resources. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to approve 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 April 30, 2024.

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| Total Amount of Actual Cash..... | \$             | 525.00   |
| Checking Account.....            | \$5,461,024.34 |          |
| Insufficient Fund Checks.....    | \$             | 1,996.69 |
| Cash Over.....                   | \$             | 415.07   |
| TOTAL.....                       | \$5,463,961.10 |          |

Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor  
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State of South Dakota )

Statement of fees collected in the Sheriff's Office for the month ending April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$695.00.

Statement of fees collected in the Clerk of Courts Office for the month ending March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$6,824.78.

**April 30, 2024**

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| Wellmark \$17,113.84                     | SDRS \$15,208.54                          |
| AFLAC \$156.02                           | Group Resources \$230.00                  |
| NE Child Support Payment Center \$850.00 | MN Child Support \$513.00                 |
| SDSRP \$150.00                           | Office of Child Support \$836.58          |
| 1st Fidelity Bank \$28,485.75            | Accounts Management, Inc \$733.98         |
| Colonial Life \$4,333.70                 | Medical Air Services Association \$432.00 |
| Commissioners \$3,743.34                 | Auditor \$8,514.54                        |
| Treasurer \$9,691.22                     | States Attorney \$8,975.37                |
| Courthouse \$4,759.11                    | DOE \$9,667.40                            |
| ROD \$9,334.95                           | VA \$1,231.52                             |
| Sheriff \$33,319.94                      | Solid Waste \$3,090.23                    |
| Nurse \$4,278.91                         | 4-H/Youth \$3,616.80                      |

Weed \$3,503.39  
 Road/Bridge \$62,781.83  
 24/7 Sobriety Testing \$388.75

Planning & Zoning \$302.12  
 EM&D \$1,894.17  
 D.A.R.E \$343.70

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| Andes Central School District  | March 2024 Apportionment | 1,232.92   |
| Burke School District #26-2    | March 2024 Apportionment | 69,109.04  |
| Gregory School District #26-4  | March 2024 Apportionment | 160,635.43 |
| South Central School #26-5     | March 2024 Apportionment | 90,786.67  |
| Dixon Township                 | March 2024 Apportionment | 1,692.83   |
| Edens Township                 | March 2024 Apportionment | 1,511.44   |
| Fairfax Civil Township         | March 2024 Apportionment | 1,080.03   |
| Jones Township                 | March 2024 Apportionment | 1,272.24   |
| Landing Creek Township         | March 2024 Apportionment | 497.06     |
| Pleasant Valley Township       | March 2024 Apportionment | 2,318.37   |
| Schriever Township             | March 2024 Apportionment | 344.72     |
| Star Valley Township           | March 2024 Apportionment | 708.23     |
| Bonesteel Town                 | March 2024 Apportionment | 6,029.35   |
| Burke City                     | March 2024 Apportionment | 9,431.64   |
| Dallas Town                    | March 2024 Apportionment | 3,052.28   |
| Town Of Fairfax                | March 2024 Apportionment | 7,286.09   |
| Gregory City                   | March 2024 Apportionment | 33,253.24  |
| Town Of Herrick                | March 2024 Apportionment | 971.01     |
| South Central Water Dev. Dist. | March 2024 Apportionment | 1,581.25   |

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| Appeara                      | 180.44 R&B Supplies               |
| Assman Impl Inc              | 1,625.40 R&B Repairs              |
| B&J Cycle                    | 331.24 R&B Repairs                |
| B&S Machine Shop, Inc        | 28.75 R&B Repairs                 |
| Bartling Welding & Machine   | 29.05 R&B Supplies                |
| Bonesteel Enterprise         | 903.36 Publishing                 |
| Boyd County Sheriff's Office | 30.06 SA Supplies                 |
| Brosz Engineering Inc.       | 200.00 R&B Prof Service           |
| Bruns Market                 | 38.78 R&B Supplies                |
| Burke Body Shop              | 505.38 Weed Repairs               |
| Burke Building Center        | 188.94 R&B Repairs & Supplies     |
| Burke City                   | 1,171.66 Utilities                |
| Burke Gazette                | 442.51 Publishing                 |
| Burke Hospital Auxilary      | 49.00 R&B Supplies                |
| True Value Hardware-Burke    | 149.95 Supplies                   |
| True Value Hardware-Burke    | 316.64 Courthouse & R&B Supplies  |
| True Value Hardware-Burke    | 82.97 Supplies & Repairs          |
| True Value Hardware-Burke    | 137.63 Supplies                   |
| Butler Machinery             | 3,331.49 R&B Repairs & Supplies   |
| CHS Winner                   | 705.20 R&B Supplies               |
| Ciavarella Design            | 35,790.00 Courthouse Prof Service |

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| Dakota Auto Care LLC           | 193.35 Sheriffs Repairs                  |
| Dallas Town                    | 25.60 R&B Utilities                      |
| Diesel Systems                 | 4,180.28 R&B Repairs                     |
| Drugtestsinbulk                | 324.72 24/7 Supplies                     |
| Duffy Law Firm                 | 2,520.82 Court Appointed                 |
| Election Systems & Software    | 1,712.82 Election Supplies               |
| Equipment Blades Inc.          | 11,164.20 R&B Repairs & Supplies         |
| Executive Management           | 61.00 ROD Micrographics Services         |
| FedEx                          | 28.29 Sheriffs Supplies                  |
| First National Bank Omaha      | 1,034.32 Supplies                        |
| Floyd's Truck Center           | 77.55 R&B Repairs                        |
| Gregory Co. Treasurer          | 2,572.58 Partial Pmt                     |
| Gregory Co. Treasurer          | 4,090.16 Partial Pmt                     |
| Gregory Times Advocate         | 1,192.83 Publishing                      |
| Grossenburg Implement          | 1,284.18 Weed Machinery                  |
| Harry K Napa                   | 52.31 R&B Repairs                        |
| Interstate Battery System      | 319.85 R&B Repairs                       |
| J And J Materials              | 1,348.35 R&B Supplies                    |
| J.J. Keller & Associates Inc   | 620.00 R&B Supplies                      |
| Johnson Auto Repair            | 2,200.97 Weed & R&B Repairs              |
| Kennebec Telephone Company     | 39.38 911 Contract Services              |
| Koenig Lumber                  | 15.12 R&B Supplies                       |
| Kotrba-Smith Funeral Home      | 2,500.00 Funeral Service                 |
| Lane's Diesel Repair LLC       | 3,025.11 R&B Repairs                     |
| Main Street Auto Parts LLC     | 2,142.49 Repairs                         |
| Marco                          | 86.08 Technology                         |
| Mason Juracek-Attorney at Law  | 1,510.00 Court Appointed                 |
| McLeod's Printing              | 529.90 Election Supplies                 |
| Meyerink Farm Service          | 1,816.46 R&B Repairs                     |
| Mid Dakota Heating & Plumbing  | 219.39 R&B Supplies                      |
| Mr. Automotive                 | 343.89 Sheriffs Repairs                  |
| Nelson Machine & Welding       | 47.95 Sheriffs Repairs                   |
| Office Products Center         | 505.67 Supplies                          |
| Pump N Stuff                   | 34.61 Courthouse Supplies                |
| Ramkota Hotel & Conference Cen | 228.00 Elections Travel                  |
| Randy's Towing                 | 793.84 Sheriffs Supplies                 |
| Redwood Toxicology Laboratory  | 57.96 24/7 Supplies                      |
| Rosebud Electric Cooperative   | 375.59 Utilities                         |
| Rosebud Farmers Union          | 10,164.08 R&B Repairs&Supplies&Utilities |
| Runnings                       | 270.88 Supplies                          |
| S. Missouri Recycling & Waste  | 667.20 Solid Waste Rentals               |
| SD Asso. of County Commission  | 364.00 Court Appointed Attorney          |
| SDACOM & PRF                   | 150.00 March Collections                 |
| SD Dept. of Revenue            | 14,1979.28 State Remittance              |

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| SD Public Health Lab          | 40.00 Jail Medical                      |
| SD State Treasurer            | 71.08 March 2024 Sales Tax              |
| Sandy J Steffen Law Office    | 10,120.07 Court Appointed               |
| Taylor Plumbing               | 164.53 Courthouse Repairs/Supplies      |
| Team Laboratory Chemical Corp | 47,802.25 R&B Supplies                  |
| The Lodge at Deadwood         | 1,030.00 Sheriffs Training & R&B Travel |
| Tripp County Water User Dist. | 46.64 R&B Utilities                     |
| Twotrees Technologies         | 12,991.70 Technology                    |
| Tyler Plumbtree               | 60.00 R&B Repairs                       |
| Us Bank Voyager Fleet System  | 1,864.29 EM&D & Sheriffs Supplies       |
| Van Diest Supply Company      | 9,195.26 Weed Chemical                  |
| Verizon Wireless, Bellevue    | 492.23 Utilities                        |
| City Of Winner                | 7,668.00 Jail Prisoner Housing          |
| City Of Winner                | 6,481.92 911 Contract Services          |
| Winner Regional Clinic        | 1,742.00 Jail Medical                   |
| Ww Tire Service               | 904.92 Sheriffs Supplies                |
| Yellowstone Valley            | 15,915.16 R&B Repairs                   |

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Abatement of Taxes:** Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to approve the following abatement of taxes:

- Record #5183 (Disabled Veteran’s Exemption) - \$97.12
- Senior Citizens Freeze on Assessment - \$7,889.98  
(A number of records with incorrect values)

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Part-Time Help:** Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to approve hiring Jay Broome as part-time help for the custodian at \$15.00 per hour. Mr. Broome will only work as needed when the custodian is gone. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to enter into executive session at 10:21 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 11:11 a.m. with no action taken. 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

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Byrain Boes , Vice-Chair