

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Byrain Boes, Doug Janousek and Lance Matucha, Members absent: Jessie Biggins and Jeff Johnson. 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 October 16, 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 Vice-Chair opened the meeting for public input. No one appeared at the meeting.

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 October 31, 2024.

Total Amount of Actual Cash.....	\$	525.00
Checking Account.....	\$	5,432,198.68
Insufficient Fund Checks.....	\$	110.26
Cash Over.....	\$	-911.30
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$	2,300,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$	7,731,922.64

Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor
County of Gregory)
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State of South Dakota)

Statement of fees collected in the Register of Deeds Office for the month ending October 31, 2024 in the amount of \$6,521.46.

Statement of fees collected in the Sheriff's Office for the month ending October 31, 2024 in the amount of \$925.00.

Statement of fees collected in the Clerk of Courts Office for the month ending September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$5,353.19.

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Wellmark \$19,125.71	SDRS \$15,263.98
AFLAC \$721.24	Group Resources \$250.00
NE Child Support Payment Center \$850.00	SDSRP \$150.00
Office of Child Support \$811.58	1st Fidelity Bank \$29,284.78
Accounts Management, Inc \$1,039.17	Colonial Life \$1,047.28
Medical Air Services Association \$445.50	Standard Ins Co \$2,796.08
Commissioners \$3,753.68	Auditor \$8,513.82
Treasurer \$9,482.10	States Attorney \$8,998.38
Courthouse \$4,781.08	DOE \$10,150.74
ROD \$9,853.54	VA \$1,304.07
Sheriff \$27,320.48	Solid Waste \$2,762.42
Nurse \$4,637.96	4-H/Youth \$3,594.87
Weed \$6,632.73	Road/Bridge \$68,686.90
EM&D \$1,728.85	24/7 Sobriety Testing \$692.61
Jail \$3.53	

Andes Central School District	September 2024 Apportionment	547.24
Burke School District #26-2	September 2024 Apportionment	33,944.70
Gregory School District #26-4	September 2024 Apportionment	47,611.08
South Central School #26-5	September 2024 Apportionment	25,697.15
Dixon Township	September 2024 Apportionment	2,233.08
Edens Township	September 2024 Apportionment	1,488.06
Fairfax Civil Township	September 2024 Apportionment	609.59
Jones Township	September 2024 Apportionment	1,119.39
Landing Creek Township	September 2024 Apportionment	654.67
Pleasant Valley Township	September 2024 Apportionment	994.62
Schriever Township	September 2024 Apportionment	382.66
Star Valley Township	September 2024 Apportionment	500.57
Bonesteel Town	September 2024 Apportionment	3,940.09
Burke City	September 2024 Apportionment	4,895.07
Dallas Town	September 2024 Apportionment	679.78
Town Of Fairfax	September 2024 Apportionment	542.43
Gregory City	September 2024 Apportionment	10,670.14
Town Of Herrick	September 2024 Apportionment	666.71
South Central Water Dev. Dist.	September 2024 Apportionment	514.41

Appeara	136.54	R&B Supplies
Assman Impl Inc	4,231.56	R&B Repairs
Avera Gregory Hospital	197.00	Jail Medical
Avera Medical Grp Pierre	11.92	Jail Medical
Bruns Market	25.29	Courthouse Supplies

Burke Building Center	321.96	R&B Supplies
Burke City	1,648.09	Utilities
Burke Gazette	3,160.90	Publishing
Burke Postmaster	146.00	R&B Supplies
True Value Hardware-Burke	225.12	Courthouse Supplies
Butler Machinery	5,267.58	R&B Repairs
C&B Operations, Inc.	13.10	R&B Repairs
C&S Truck Sales	18,625.00	R&B Equipment
Central Distribution	342.72	R&B Supplies
Chelsea Hutchison	282.04	4H Travel
Community Memorial Hospital	223.00	Jail Medical
Dakota Auto Care LLC	212.02	Sheriffs Repairs
Dallas Town	25.00	R&B Utilities
Dean Schaefer Court Reporting	36.00	Mentally Ill
Dept Of Animal Sciences	97.50	4H Supplies
Diamond Mowers	1,578.04	R&B Repairs
Diesel Systems	2,633.87	R&B Repairs
Divine Concrete, Inc	1,500.00	R&B Supplies
Drugtestsinbulk	349.00	24/7 Supplies
Election Systems & Software	2,980.88	Election Supplies
Evergreen Office Solutions	33.00	SA Software
Executive Management	208.38	Auditors Utilities
Fedex	28.29	Sheriffs Supplies
First National Bank Omaha	1,677.15	Supplies
Galls, LLC	119.40	Sheriff Uniforms
Golden West	1,474.47	Utilities
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Gregory City	150.00	Commissioners Supplies
Gregory Co. Treasurer	673.68	Partial Pmt
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Grossenburg Implement	1,783.58	Supplies & Repairs
Gunvordahl Gunvordahl & Norberg	310.50	Mentally Ill
Harry K Napa	171.89	R&B Repairs/Supplies
Interstate Battery System	324.40	R&B Repairs/Supplies
JC Supply Products	1,163.60	R&B Supplies
Jim's Garbage Service	400.00	Courthouse Utilities
Johnson Auto Repair	82.06	R&B Repairs
Kennebec Telephone Company	54.64	911 Contract Services
Kimball Midwest	835.18	R&B Supplies
Koenig Lumber	56.57	R&B Supplies
Language Line Services	127.70	Courts
M-R Sign Co., Inc	5,733.72	R&B Supplies
Main Street Auto Parts LLC	7,377.22	Sheriff Repairs

Marco	193.91	Technology
Mcleod's Printing	76.11	Election Supplies
Meyerink Farm Service	86.46	R&B Supplies
Mona Weiger	338.10	Courts
Mr. Automotive	7,954.69	Sheriff Repairs
Mulehead Gravel, LLC	21,011.24	R&B Supplies
Nelson Machine & Welding	74.91	EM&D Supplies
Office Products Center	2,845.70	Supplies
Pahlke Law Office	424.50	Courts
Prorate Services Inc	5.00	R&B Supplies
Pu Pump'n	180.00	R&B Supplies
Pump N Stuff	60.00	P&Z Travel
Randy's Towing, LLC	300.00	Sheriffs Supplies
Rising Hope Counseling, LLC	130.00	Jail Medical
Rob Kehn Trucking LLC	17,863.18	R&B Supplies & Gravel Hauler
Rosebud Electric Cooperative	277.81	Utilities
Rosebud Farmers Union	12,963.16	Supplies
Runnings	1,108.24	Supplies
S. Missouri Recycling & Waste	1,328.40	Solid Waste Rentals
SD Asso. of County Commission	364.00	Court Appointed
SDACOM & PRF	174.00	September M&P Remittance
SD Dept. of Revenue	180,885.74	State Remittance MV/ROD/DL
SDDMV	102.40	R&B Supplies
SD Public Health Lab	160.00	Jail Medical
SD State Treasurer	352.40	Landfill Sales Tax Remittance
Sheraton Sioux Falls	214.00	VA Travel
South Dakota State 4-H Office	587.52	4H Travel
Spencer Quarries	2,930.90	R&B Supplies
Sandy J Steffen Law Office	7,268.15	Court Appointed
Steve Cassidy	315.00	County Cemetery
Titan Machinery-Platte	1,407.40	R&B Repairs
Tripp County Water User Dist.	12.12	R&B Utilities
Tripp County Ambulance	1,554.60	Jail Medical
True North Steel, Inc.	65,977.65	R&B Supplies
Twotrees Technologies	1,142.25	Technology
Tyler	449.00	VA Supplies
Ulteig	2,978.50	R&B Prof Service
Us Bank Voyager Fleet System	2,203.04	EM&D & Sheriffs Supplies
Verizon Wireless, Bellevue	645.05	Utilities
City of Winner	6,528.00	911 Contract Services
City of Winner	12,425.00	Jail Prisoner Housing
The Winner Pharmacy	6,392.73	Jail Medical
WW Tire Service	1,671.68	R&B Repairs
Juror Fees	1,151.38	Courts

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Repeater Tower Issues: Kim Bruns of the Gregory Ambulance Service, Mark Green of the Burke Ambulance Service and Brad Christensen, EM&DS Director, met with the Board to discuss issues with the repeater/data link that dispatches emergency calls to the ambulance services. An unacceptable time lapses before the call reaches the emergency responders.

Remedies are being researched to clear the issues, including equipment updates on the towers. Discussion was also held on the minimal staff that works the 911 center, which delays call times.

The group will return at a later date with proposed options.

Renewal of Liquor Licenses: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to approve the following on-sale retail liquor licenses for 2025:

Burke Golf Club

Gregory Golf & Recreation Assn.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Acknowledge of Plat: The following plat was reviewed by the Commission for acknowledgement:

- Plat of Lots 1 thru 4 and Lots 9 thru 12, inclusive, of Block 7, Wynia Addition to the City of Gregory

The plat will be filed in the Register of Deeds office.

Joint Powers Agreement: Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Lance Matucha to authorize the Chair to enter into a Joint Powers Force Account Agreement with the SDDOT for payment of repairs to the County's Federal Aid Highway System, which sustained damage in the June 2024 flooding. Traditional Flooding Projects are detailed in the agreement. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Speed Limit for Trucks Change: Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Lance Matucha to raise the speed limit for trucks on county oiled roads to 55 m.p.h., easing the wear on the roads. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Salary Adjustment: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to adjust the salary of Tyler Plumbtree to \$19.00 per hour, aligning with the years of employment and job description. This becomes effective November 11, 2024. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Burke Community Meals Program: Dave Engelmeyer, Sue Chytka, Bonnie Noziska, Betsy Senter and Jolene Van Metre, directors of the newly formed Burke Community Meals Program met with the Commission to request the consideration of funding for Senior Nutrition Meals for the Burke area.

The previous nutrition program provided by ROCS Dining Services, closed at the end of May 2024. Cahoy's Kitchen of Burke will prepare the meals, anticipating serving 40 meals daily.

The Commission supports the efforts of the nutrition program and will take formal action on the request at the beginning of 2025.

Real Estate Auction Public Sale: The following parcels of county owned real property, taken via tax deed procedures, were sold at public auction:

- 1) Middle 1/3 of Lot 10, Section 3-97-69 (Whetstone Township)
Purchaser: Mary and David Jones
Accepted Bid: \$500.00
- 2) NW ¼ NE ¼, Section 9-97-69 (Whetstone Township)
Purchaser: Mary and David Jones
Accepted Bid: \$500.00
- 3) Lots 1-5, Block 3, Forgan's Add'n to Fairfax Town
Purchaser: Robert Wiedl
Accepted Bid: \$6,000.00
- 4) W 65' of Lots 1-2, Block 5, Gregory Heights Addn. to Gregory City
Purchaser: Tevin and Emily Anderson
Accepted Bid: \$1,100
- 5) Lot 6, Block 4, Gregory Heights Addn. to Gregory City
Purchaser: Joseph and Lynn Klein
Accepted Bid: \$14,000.00

Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to approve the sales of the five parcels of property. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Hughes County Jail Contract: Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Lance Matucha to enter into a contract for juvenile housing services for 2025 with Hughes County, with the fee increased to \$420.00 per day. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Canvass of General Election Votes: The Board proceeded to canvass the votes cast at the November 5, 2024 General Election. Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Lance Matucha to declare the following votes cast as official results:

	<u>Precinct #1:</u>	<u>Precinct #2:</u>	<u>Precinct #3:</u>
President:			
Harris	188	156	82
Oliver	7	7	1
Trump	820	629	341
Kennedy, Jr.	15	15	6
United States Representative:			
Sheryl Johnson	162	119	59
Dusty Johnson	843	675	362
Public Utilities Commissioner:			
Wilson	155	134	58
Oakes	44	16	10
Fiegen	780	595	323
State Senator District 21:			
Andersson	185	171	88
Voita	794	600	312

State Representative District 21:

Jim Halverson	727	555	263
Marty Overweg	542	428	231

County Commissioner #2:

Matucha		237	
Glover		275	

County Commissioner #4:

Janousek		19	285
Olson		25	138

Supreme Court Justice Retention:

Yes	698	573	281
No	171	141	71

Amendment E:

Yes	236	207	103
No	781	604	317

Amendment F:

Yes	574	413	212
No	446	390	200

Amendment G:

Yes	245	186	89
No	774	623	331

Amendment H:

Yes	187	173	83
No	819	622	332

Initiated Measure 28:

Yes	154	140	70
No	858	663	352

Initiated Measure 29:

Yes	283	233	112
No	735	575	311

Referred Law 21:

Yes	254	208	94
No	754	588	312

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Selection of Post-Election Audit: A random draw was conducted by the Gregory County Auditor at the conclusion of the canvass and the following precincts were designated for the Audit:

Precinct #3 (total # of votes cast = 438)

A random draw was also conducted by the Gregory County Auditor at the conclusion of the canvass to determine which races would be audited. The races to be audited are:

1. Statewide Contest: Constitutional Amendment G
2. Other Contest: State Representative District 21

Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Lance Matucha to approve the date of November 19, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. to complete the Post-Election Audit. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to enter into executive session at 10:58 a.m. to discuss legal matters. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Matucha, second by Doug Janousek to adjourn at 12:00 noon 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