

**Gregory County Commission Proceedings**

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jessy Biggins, Byrain Boes, Doug, Janousek, and Jeff Johnson. Members absent: Lance Matucha. Also present: Julie Bartling, Auditor, and Peggy Glover, Commissioner-Elect District 2.

Chair Jessy Biggins called the meeting to order and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Byrain Boes to approve the agenda with following additions: Individuals representing the Gregory/Tripp Counties Predator Control District will appear at 9:20 a.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Doug Janousek to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 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 disclosed.

**Ex-Parte Communications:** The Chair inquired if there have been any ex-parte communications by any member present. None were notated.

**Public Input:** The Chair opened the meeting for public input. No one appeared at the meeting.

**Approval of Claims:** Motion by Jeff Johnson 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 December 31, 2024.

Total Amount of Actual Cash.....	\$	525.00
Checking Account.....	\$	2,064,624.80
Insufficient Fund Checks.....	\$	9,752.39
Cash Over.....	\$	120.44
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$	2,300,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$	4,375,022.63

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 December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$6,682.48.

Statement of fees collected in the Sheriff’s Office for the month ending December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$640.00.

Statement of fees collected in the Clerk of Courts Office for the month ending November 30, 2024 in the amount of \$3,358.68.

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Wellmark \$20,794.60	SDRS \$16,513.40
AFLAC \$721.24	Group Resources \$270.00
NE Child Support Payment Center \$850.00	SDSRP \$150.00
Office of Child Support \$786.58	1st Fidelity Bank \$32,166.58
Accounts Management, Inc \$823.15	Colonial Life \$1,047.28
Medical Air Services Association \$432.00	Standard Ins Co \$2,796.08
Commissioners \$3,994.83	Auditor \$8,513.82
Treasurer \$9,775.14	States Attorney \$9,048.40
Courthouse \$4,831.11	DOE \$10,178.11
ROD \$9,479.36	VA \$1,231.52
Sheriff \$27,937.92	Solid Waste \$3,596.25
Nurse \$3,516.94	4-H/Youth \$3,517.14
Weed \$1,496.38	Planning & Zoning \$228.03
Road/Bridge \$86,973.33	EM&D \$1,894.16
24/7 Sobriety Testing \$716.00	Jail \$18.89

Andes Central School District	November 2024 Apportionment	\$ 3,974.37
Burke School District #26-2	November 2024 Apportionment	98,236.68
Gregory School District #26-4	November 2024 Apportionment	123,307.29
South Central School #26-5	November 2024 Apportionment	68,104.79
Dixon Township	November 2024 Apportionment	1,583.80
Edens Township	November 2024 Apportionment	1,122.12
Fairfax Civil Township	November 2024 Apportionment	711.88
Jones Township	November 2024 Apportionment	1,254.90
Landing Creek Township	November 2024 Apportionment	407.29
Pleasant Valley Township	November 2024 Apportionment	1,591.06
Schriever Township	November 2024 Apportionment	489.11
Star Valley Township	November 2024 Apportionment	629.35
Bonesteel Town	November 2024 Apportionment	3,661.39
Burke City	November 2024 Apportionment	7,951.40
Dallas Town	November 2024 Apportionment	2,818.34
Town Of Fairfax	November 2024 Apportionment	3,628.46
Gregory City	November 2024 Apportionment	29,763.80
Town Of Herrick	November 2024 Apportionment	1,577.76
South Central Water Dev. Dist.	November 2024 Apportionment	1,477.18

Appeara	72.60	R&B Supplies
Atco International	330.05	R&B Supplies
Avera Medical Grp Pierre	96.69	Jail Medical
B&L Communication	5,199.50	Sheriffs Supplies
Bartling Welding & Machine	3,837.28	R&B Repairs & Supplies
Best Western Ramkota Hotel	416.00	Auditor/Treasurer Travel

Black Hills	4,000.00	Courts
Black Strap Inc	3,616.61	R&B Supplies
Bonesteel Enterprise	396.77	Publishing
Bonesteel Fire Department	7,213.00	2nd Half Allocation
Burke Building Center	53.55	Supplies
Burke City	1,242.41	Utilities
Burke Fire Dept.	8,319.00	2nd Half Allocation
Burke Gazette	578.54	Publishing
True Value Hardware-Burke	348.19	Supplies
Butler Machinery	21,861.33	R&B Repairs
C&S Truck Sales	7,086.71	R&B Repairs
CHS Winner	7,014.70	R&B Supplies
Community Memorial Hospital	189.00	R&B Supplies
Custom Truck One Source	691.68	R&B Repairs
Dakota County Sheriff	80.00	SA Supplies
Dakota Auto Care LLC	2,808.07	Sheriff Repairs
Dakota Riggers & Tool Supply	1,575.33	R&B Supplies
Dallas Fire Dept.	5,373.00	2nd Half Allocation
Dallas Town	25.00	R&B Utilities
Derrick's Diesel Repair LLC	2,483.16	R&B Repairs
Equipment Blades Inc.	501.00	R&B Supplies
Evergreen Office Solutions	66.00	SA Software
Executive Management	71.25	Auditors Utilities
Fairfax Fire Department	5,373.00	2nd Half Allocation
First National Bank Omaha	1,338.43	Supplies
Fleetpride	149.89	R&B Repairs
Girton Adams Company	1,429.08	Courthouse Repairs
Golden West	1,451.06	Utilities
Government Forms & Supplies	396.00	ROD Equipment
Graham Tire Yankton	1,879.92	R&B Repairs
Gregory County Conservation	15,000.00	2nd Half Allocation
Gregory Co. Treasurer	311.23	Partial Pmt
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Gregory Fire Department	8,722.00	2nd Half Allocation
Gregory Times Advocate	1,083.29	Publishing
Grossenburg Implement	21,157.50	R&B Supplies
IAAO	480.00	DOE Membership Dues
Interstate Battery System	549.80	R&B Repairs
J And J Materials	17,310.69	R&B Supplies
John Jensen	102.98	R&B Repairs
Katie Vedral	150.05	Law Enforcement Training
Kennebec Telephone Company	54.64	911 Contract Services
Kimball Midwest	1,390.78	R&B Supplies
M-R Sign Co., Inc.	427.70	R&B Supplies
Main Street Auto Parts LLC	2,876.22	R&B Repairs & Supplies
Marco	182.25	Copy Machine
Meyerink Farm Service	502.23	R&B Repairs
Microfilm Imaging Systems	6,044.00	ROD Computer Software

Mid-Continental Restoration	16,736.00	Courthouse Repairs
Mr. Automotive	789.34	Repairs & Supplies
Nelson Machine & Welding	49.95	Sheriffs Repairs
Nordstrom's Automotive, Inc.	425.00	R&B Repairs
Office Products Center	631.60	Supplies
Pheasantland Industries	475.96	Sheriffs Supplies
Puetz Design + Build	199,112.72	Courthouse Construction
Pump N Stuff	48.92	Supplies
Purchase Power	2,635.87	Postage
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Purvis Electric	3,010.26	Courthouse Construction
Randy Moos	75.00	Sheriffs Repairs
Randy's Towing	508.00	Sheriffs Supplies
RDO Equipment Co.	5,849.38	R&B Repairs
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory	45.63	24/7 Supplies
Rising Hope Counseling, LLC	130.00	Jail Medical
Rob Kehn Trucking LLC	12,526.96	R&B Gravel Hauler
Rosebud Electric Cooperative	361.03	Weed Supplies
Rosebud Farmers Union	6,223.11	R&B Repairs & Supplies
Runnings	17.50	R&B Repairs
S. Missouri Recycling & Waste	1,292.40	Solid Waste Rentals
Safe-N-Secure	33,598.17	Courthouse Supplies
SD Asso. of Weed & Pest Super	75.00	Weed Supervisor Meetings
SDAAO	150.00	DOE Membership Dues
SD Asso. of County Commission	1,374.00	Court Appointed
SDACOM & PRF	144.00	November M&P Collections
SD Dept Of Ag/Natural Resource	250.00	2025-2029 Landfill Permit
SD Dept. Of Revenue	123,410.07	November Cash Receipts
SD Dept. Of Transportation	6,328.26	R&B Supplies
SD Public Assurance Alliance	401.55	Sheriff Property Insurance
SD State Treasurer	105.76	November Sales Tax
Association of Sd County Weed	550.00	Weed Meeting/Dues
Shur-Co LLC	454.30	R&B Repairs
Southern Plains	1,086.06	Opioid Trust Abatement
State Flag Account	275.82	Courthouse Supplies
Sandy J Steffen Law Office	3,080.64	Court Appointed
Swift Family Enterprises	192.00	R&B Supplies
Taylor Plumbing	94.39	Courthouse Repairs
The Radar Shop	320.00	Sheriffs Supplies
Thomson Reuters West	214.40	Comm & SA Books
Tripp County Water User Dist.	32.00	R&B Utilities
True North Steel, Inc.	21,806.40	R&B Supplies
Twotrees Technologies	1,322.25	Technology
Us Bank Voyager Fleet System	2,107.92	EM&D & Sheriffs Supplies
Verizon Connect Fleet Usa	150.00	R&B Supplies
Verizon Wireless, Bellevue	501.71	Utilities
City Of Winner	7,171.00	Jail Prisoner Housing
The Winner Pharmacy	240.65	Jail Medical

Winner Regional Clinic	150.00	Jail Medical
Winner Regional Healthcare	11,630.00	Jail Medical
WW Tire Service	5,753.62	R&B Repairs

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Plat:** The following plat was presented to the Board for approval:

Plat of Burke Amish Cemetery, Located in the N1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 27, T97N, R72W

Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Byrain Boes to offer the following resolution for approval:

**GREGORY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL**

WHEREAS, the owners of the land herein platted as Burke Amish Cemetery have presented said plat to the Gregory County Board of Commissioners and it appears that the land is outside the limits of any municipality and conforms to all requirement of SDCL 11-3-8, NOW THEREFOR:BE IT RESOLVED that the plat be approved this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2024.

Upon roll call: Jeff Johnson-aye; Lance Matucha-absent; Byrain Boes-aye; Doug Janousek-aye; Jessie Biggins-aye. Resolution passed.

**Gregory/Tripp County Predator Control District Concerns:** Herman ‘Butch’ Rolf, representing the Gregory/Tripp County Predator Control District, is raising concerns involving special assessment on breeding sheep in the county. The special assessment (\$.25 per head) is to be collected and remitted to the District. Mr. Rolf claims that the Assessor’s office is not complying with an agreement with the State of South Dakota. Mr. Rolf demands this problem taken care of. Mr. Rolf read from a document dated in 2004 pertaining to an agreement between the county and state.

Betty Jo Hoffman, DOE, informed the Board that her office sends a letter to sheep producers that they are aware of, however, letters are not being returned. Ms. Hoffman also commented that she has never spoken with Mr. Rolf about this matter.

Elsie Forsch, Secretary-Treasurer of the District, also commented on the need to get letters sent out, with follow up on the mailing.

The Board will look into the matter further.

**Formal Budget Supplement Hearing:** The hearing to supplement budgets that have fallen into deficit was held at 9:30 a.m. as advertised. Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Jeff Johnson to supplement the following budgets and to transfer cash between funds to cover cash shortfalls:

- Road & Bridge Budget - \$ 51,563.29
- Courthouse Budget - \$ 201,610.97
- 911 Service Budget - \$ 4,192.86
- General Fund Cash to Road & Bridge Fund Cash - \$ 200,000.00

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Zoning and Permit Fees:** Betty Jo, Hoffman, P&Z Administrator, requested an increase in the following zoning and permit fees:

- Rezone: \$ 500
- Cellphone Towers: \$ 2,500
- GIS Info: \$ 7,500
- Assessment Roll Book, Sales, Equalization (Paper/Electronic): \$1.00 per sheet
- Paper/Electronic Copies : \$ 1.00 per sheet

Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Jeff Johnson to approve the changes. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Jail Contract:** Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Byrain Boes to authorize the Chair to sign the 2025 prisoner housing contract with Charles Mix County (\$90.00/prisoner/day). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

- 2025 SOR Regional Training:  
Megan Lindholm – February 12, 2025 at Pierre, SD
- 2025 Weed & Pest Conference:  
John Jensen & Chris Reinartz – February 19-20-21, 2025 in Huron, SD

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Lien Release:** Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Byrain Boes to release a lien (\$115.70) for juvenile court-appointed attorney fees, as both parents are now deceased. The lien dates back to 2012. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Commissioners Contingency Transfers:** Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Doug Janousek to authorize transfers from Commissioners Contingency to cover expenses for the following General Fund Budgets:

Commissioners:	\$ 4,704.80 (Audit-Publishing)
Auditor:	2,397.72 (Salary-PTO payout)
Register of Deeds:	3,333.58 (Salary-adjustment)
Courthouse:	68,552.14 (Repairs/Supplies)
Technology:	9,128.92 (Mainframe computer)

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Highway Department Administrative Assistant FEMA Pay:** Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Jeff Johnson to authorize additional pay to Tammy Thompson for FEMA administrative work for the June 2024 disaster at her regular hourly rate of pay. This will be reimbursed to the county when projects are complete. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to enter into executive session at 9:59 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Byrain Boes to adjourn from executive session at 10:31 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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Jessy Biggins, Chair