## **Gregory County Commission Proceedings**

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jessy Biggins, Doug Janousek, Byrain Boes, Peg Glover, and Jeff Johnson. Also present: Julie Bartling, Auditor and Patty Connealy, Gregory Times Advocate.

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 Peg Glover to approve the agenda with an addition for a 10:00 a.m. meeting with the DOE to discuss the scheduling for the County Board of Equalization meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Doug Janousek to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 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.

Steve McCance, Garry Wetzler, and Diane Jacobsen appeared to request that they would have input into any decision made by the Commission before entering into a contract to purchase new tabulators, per a Presidential Executive Order. Mr. McCance also wants figures as to the actual costs of the Primary and General post-election audits.

**Approval of Plat:** The following plat was presented for approval: Plat of Lot 1, Rice First Subdivision, located in Government Lot 3 and the East ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 18, T97N, R72W

Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Peg Glover to offer the following resolution of approval:

## **APPROVAL-GREGORY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS: The owner of the land herein platted as **Lot 1, Rice First Subdivision,** located in Government Lot 3 and the E ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 18, T97N, R72W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Gregory County, SD, have presented to the Gregory County Board of Commissioners the described plat, and that the platted lands are located outside the platting jurisdiction of any municipality, and it appears that this plat meets all requirements of SDCL 11-3-8, NOW THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED: that the plat be approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025,

Upon roll call for vote: All members present voted aye. Resolution passed.

**Part-Time Hire:** Bob Nelson, Highway Superintendent, requested to hire Bradley Ellwanger as part-time highway employee effective 3-21-25 at \$24.41 per hour for less than 20 hours per week-work on weekends only-no benefits. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Claim Payment Request:** Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Byrain Boes to approve paying Wells Utilities for Small Structure Repair # for \$8,835.96. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Highway Department Report:** Bob Nelson, Highway Superintendent, reported on the following activities of the department:

- Trackers on other equipment to be installed
- Spray foam insulation quotes for shop being gathered

- Surplus auction of used equipment/supplies forthcoming
- Contaminated Soil at Landfill did not pass-has been turned over again-testing again in October
- Flagging soft spots on county roads

**Travel Request:** Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Doug Janousek to approve travel to Amy Bartling Jacobsen to attend the States Attorney Conference in Deadwood on April 29-30, 2025. Some reimbursement will be sent to the county from the SA Association. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Abatements:** Motion by Peg Glover, second by Byrain Boes to approve the following abatements of 2024 pay 2025 taxes:

- 1) Record # 5741 Loss due to fire \$776.76
- 2) Record # 5740 Loss due to fire \$1,731.12
- 3) Record # 2768 County owned property (tax deed) exempt \$1,027.62
- 4) Record # 2786 County owned property (tax deed) exempt \$103.40
- 5) Record # 6569 Property value not changed from equalization \$102.20
- 6) Record # 6673 Property value not changed from equalization \$1,000.86
- 7) Record # 6677 Property value not changed from equalization \$ 868.52
- 8) Record # 6678 Property value not changed from equalization \$ 1,656.46
- 9) Record # 6687 Property value not changed from equalization \$ 47.84
- 10) Record # 6688 Property value not changed from equalization \$ 47.84
- 11) Record # 6707 Property value not changed from equalization \$ 11.40
- 12) Record # 6708 Property value not changed from equalization \$17.10

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Byrain Boes to enter into executive session at 9:40 a.m. to discuss legal matters and personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Byrain Boes to adjourn from executive session at 10:01 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**County Board of Equalization:** Betty Jo Hoffman, DOE, advised the Board that County Board of Equalization will start on April 8, 2025 with few appeals.

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 March 31, 2025.

Total Amount of Actual Cash	\$	525.00
Checking Account	\$ 2,	280,124.97
Insufficient Fund Checks		
Cash Over	\$	97.52
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 2,	300,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,	590,471.88
Julie Bartling, Gregory County Auditor		

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Statement of fees collected in the Register of Deeds Office for the month ending March 31, 2025 in the amount of \$9,017.84.

Statement of fees collected in the Sheriff's Office for the month ending March 31, 2025 in the amount of \$783.50.

Andes Central School District	February 2025 Apportionment	11,543.66
Burke School District #26-2	February 2025 Apportionment	46,751.20
Gregory School District #26-4	February 2025 Apportionment	139,931.62
South Central School #26-5	February 2025 Apportionment	61,521.14
Dixon Township	February 2025 Apportionment	1,465.28
Edens Township	February 2025 Apportionment	1,075.21
Fairfax Civil Township	February 2025 Apportionment	789.50
Jones Township	February 2025 Apportionment	698.06
Landing Creek Township	February 2025 Apportionment	373.27
Pleasant Valley Township	February 2025 Apportionment	1,838.35
Schriever Township	February 2025 Apportionment	620.58
Star Valley Township	February 2025 Apportionment	296.68
Bonesteel Town	February 2025 Apportionment	5,752.68
Burke City	February 2025 Apportionment	12,605.83
Dallas Town	February 2025 Apportionment	1,484.40
Town Of Fairfax	February 2025 Apportionment	4,280.61
Gregory City	February 2025 Apportionment	16,485.23
Town Of Herrick	February 2025 Apportionment	1,081.76
South Central Water Dev. Dist.	February 2025 Apportionment	1,317.47

4 Seasons Ag Inc.	136.00	R&B Supplies
7th Street Shop LLC	482.63	R&B Repairs
Americinn By Wyndham – Mitchell	121.57	4H Travel
Appeara	241.76	R&B Supplies
Atco International	345.37	R&B Supplies
B&L Communication	64.00	R&B Supplies
Bonesteel Enterprise	140.00	R&B Supplies
Burke Building Center	1,986.48	<b>Courthouse Supplies</b>
Burke City	1,491.16	Utilities
Burke Fire Dept.	85.00	Sheriffs Supplies
Burke Gazette	662.93	Publishing
Burke Postmaster	84.00	R&B Supplies
True Value Hardware-Burke	512.52	Courthouse Supplies
Butler Machinery	30,226.06	R&B Repairs
Chelsea Hutchison	112.56	4H Travel
CHS Winner	1,380.50	R&B Supplies
Ciavarella Design	10,513.00	Courthouse Prof Fees
Community Memorial Hospital	55.00	R&B Supplies
Creative Product Sourcing, Inc	126.06	Dare Supplies

Dakota Auto Care LLC	1,736.77	Sheriffs Repairs
Dallas Town	-	R&B Utilities
Davison County	105.00	
Diesel Systems	331.47	•
Evergreen Office Solutions	33.00	'
First National Bank Omaha	785.09	
Golden West	3,069.56	• •
Gregory Co. Treasurer	53.40	
Gregory Times Advocate	2,658.44	• •
Grossenburg Implement	143.54	<b>o</b>
Heart City Lock & Key LLC	561.23	•
Interstate Battery System	184.95	•
JC Supply Products	930.80	• •
Jim's Garbage Service	220.00	• •
Kennebec Telephone Company	54.64	
Kimball Midwest	172.12	
Lincoln County Auditor	224.00	• •
M&J Auto	200.00	R&B Repairs
Main Street Auto	2,143.57	•
Marco	2,143.37 86.52	
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Metropolitan Compounds, Inc	439.88	R&B Supplies
Meyerink Farm Service	787.39	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Mr. Automotive	2,199.61	
Nelson Machine & Welding	167.85	R&B Repairs & Sheriffs Supplies
Office Products Center	575.23	Supplies
Pennington Co. Jail	77.55	
Pheasantland Industries	589.27	• •
Pitney Bowes Global	216.12	Technology
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory	30.42	
Rising Hope Counseling, LLC	140.00	Jail Medical
Rob Kehn Trucking LLC	3,735.04	
Rockmount Research & Alloys	1,120.32	• •
Rosebud Electric Cooperative	481.25	
Rosebud Farmers Union	5,117.05	• • • • • •
Runnings	398.66	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
S. Missouri Recycling & Waste	747.10	
Saber Shred Solutions Inc	7,325.00	, ,
SDACOM & PRF	114.00	•
SD Dept. of Revenue	100,808.22	•
SD Dept. of Transportation	657.40	''
SD Public Health Lab	180.00	
SD Department of Public Safety	•	Sheriffs Utilities
SD State Treasurer		Landfill Sales Tax Remittance
Spencer Quarries	7,060.52	R&B Supplies

Sandy J Steffen Law Office	422.29	Court Appointed
Tri-State Turf	410.00	Courthouse Repairs
Triple J Repair	866.64	R&B Repairs
Tripp County Water User Dist.	44.64	R&B Utilities
True North Steel, Inc.	9,516.80	R&B Supplies
Twotrees Technologies	9,127.30	Treasurer & DOE Furniture
US Bank Voyager Fleet System	1,355.73	EM&D & Sheriffs Supplies
Verizon Wireless, Bellevue	499.68	Utilities
Warne	99.40	Weed Repairs
City of Winner	9,801.60	911 Contract Services
City of Winner	12,225.29	Jail Prisoner Housing
Winner Family Drug	35.00	Jail Medical
The Winner Pharmacy	3,213.53	Jail Medical
Winner Regional Clinic	275.00	Jail Medical
Winner Regional Healthcare	6,046.94	Jail Medical

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Easter Holiday:** Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Peg Glover to grant Good Friday, Easter Saturday (Landfill) and Easter Monday (April 18-19-21, 2025) off to all county employees, following Governor Rhoden's leave grant. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resignation Acceptance:** Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Byrain Boes to accept the resignation of Cheyanne Colton as part-time deputy Sheriff effective 3-1-25. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Byrain Boes to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:		
	Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor	Jessy Biggins, Chair