

Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, April 15, 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 following deletion/addition: The Sheriff's Department will not be attending and the Auditor has travel requests to submit. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Doug Janousek to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 regular meeting and the April 8, 2025 county board of equalization 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. Commissioner Glover advised the Board that she has been in conversation with individuals involved with the Lucas Baptist Church parking lot expansion request.

Public Input: The Chair opened the meeting for public input.

Travel Requests: Motion by Peg Glover, second by Jeff Johnson to approve the following travel requests:

SDDVA Mini Conference:

Dale Reber, VA Officer – May 7, 2025 at Pierre, SD

SDACO 2025 Spring Workshop:

Julie Bartling, Kerri Grim & Kathy Serr – May 14-15, 2025 at Pierre, SD

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Lien Collection Decision: Motion by Peg Glover, second by Doug Janousek to authorize the commencement of collection of county liens. Advance Asset Alliance of Sioux Falls, SD is the contracted lien collection agency. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Abatement of Taxes: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Byrain Boes to approve the following abatement of taxes:

Record #6273 - \$2,340.16 (Tax Exempt at Assessment)

Record #6279 - \$361.72 (Tax Exempt at Assessment)

Record #5580 - \$841.08 (Tax Exempt at Assessment)

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Community Health Nurse Report: Brenda Plooster, CHN with the SD Department of Health, met with the Board to introduce herself and to advise the Commissioners of her office activities, including vaccinations, school health checks, etc

Tax Deed Properties: Kathy Serr, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss a property owner's request to make payments towards the taxes on his property to avoid the county taking the property. The Board left the decision to the Treasurer, but insists that the taxes be paid in full prior to the end of the year.

Approval of Malt Beverage License Renewal: Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Byrain Boes to approve the malt beverage license renewal of Carlock Dance Hall for 2025. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Lucas Baptist Church Parking Lot: The Board once again discussed the request of the Lucas Baptist Church to extend their parking lot. The Board reviewed an arial map to gather a perspective of the requested project. Pastor Mark Tuttle was available to answer any questions. The Board will continue to discuss the request at a future meeting.

Oiling Project: Motion by Peg Glover, second by Jeff Johnson to approve oiling approximately ¼ mile of road from US Highway 18 onto 291st St. past the entrances to the Burke Rodeo Grounds and the Burke Golf Course at a cost of \$64,680 (State Bid - Border States Paving). Upon call for vote: Members voting aye-Janousek, Boes, Glover, and Johnson. Members voting naye- Biggins. Motion passed.

Shop Insulation Estimates: The following estimates were received for insulating and a new ceiling in the old shop (60' x 80' – 16ft. sidewalls):

- Summit Concrete - \$43,257.02
- TS Insulating, LLC - \$20,724.53 (Insulating only)
- Five Star Insulation - \$37,522.97 (Insulating only)
- N&S Concrete - \$33,040.11

Motion by Jeff Johnson, second by Byrain Boes to accept the bid of N&S Concrete. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Department Report: Bob Nelson, Highway Department Supervisor, reported on the following:

- St. Charles road (Old Hwy. 18) is near its end of life and may need to become full gravel road
- Graveling on C.R. 46 – FEMA site to be completed
- Started getting Standy Gravel for C.R. 1 and stockpile at the landfill
- Closed out on a few FEMA sites underway
- Miscellaneous graveling & culvert repairs continue

Property Owner Value Questions: Kerri Grim visited with the Board to discuss her concerns about not receiving responses from the DOE on her appeals, and requested that the Board check into such prior to the end of the equalization period (April 29, 2025). The Board will check into the matter for Ms. Grim.

HVAC/Wall Repair Pre-Construction Meeting: A pre-construction meeting for the HVAC replacement and wall repair project was held at 10:30 a.m. with team members from Ciavarella Design and Puetz Design. The Board was informed of a tentative start/completion date for the project and a schedule of work flow.

A project change order for civil work, concrete replacement/demo and waterproofing around the foundation of the courthouse was presented to the Board. The RFP #2 pricing for the change is \$190,802. Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Peg Glover to accept RFP #2 change proposal for the prescribed work. 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