

## Gregory County Commission Proceedings

The regular meeting of the Gregory County Commission was held Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Burke with the following members present: Jessy Biggins, Doug Janousek, Byrain Boes, Peg Glover and Jeff Johnson via telephone. 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 Doug Janousek, second by Byrain Boes to approve the agenda with the following addition: A plat will be presented for approval. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Peg Glover, second by Doug Janousek to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025 regular 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 regarding agenda items. None were notated.

**Public Input:** The Chair opened the meeting for public input. Rex Pfaff and Keith Jons of Bonesteel met with the Board to request that the Board drive the roads throughout the county to see the condition of the roads, some not being bladed in a timely matter.

Kevin Pravacek of Scotland appeared to relay concerns over the road conditions to Doug Johnson's feedlot north of Burke. Gravel is desperately needed on the road. Mr. Pravecek has spoken with the Highway Superintendent.

The Board will discuss the issue with the Highway Superintendent.

**2026 Budget Requests:** The Board reviewed requests from Burke Community Meals and ROCS Dining Services for meal services and from ROCS Transportation for transportation services. The following budget requests were submitted:

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| Burke Community Meals - | \$4,200 |
| ROCS Dining Services -  | 7,857   |
| ROCS Transportation -   | 5,500   |

All budgets will be placed into the Provisional Budget for 2026.

**Travel Request:** Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Jeff Johnson to approve a travel request for Ashley Frank and Libby Krcil to attend summer orientation in Tripp County on May 23, 2025. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Planning & Development District III Annual Report:** Lori Cowman, Executive Director of Planning & Development District III, presented the 2024 Performance Report of projects throughout Gregory County. The report is on file in the Auditor's office.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Doug Janousek to enter into Executive Session at 9:42 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Jeff Johnson to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:57 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Plat:** The following plat was presented to the Board for approval:  
Plat of Lots 3 and 4 of East Majestic Acres; Lot 3 being in the Southwest Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 96 North, Range 69 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Gregory County, South Dakota; Lot 4 being in the Northwest Quarter, the Northeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 96 North, Range 69 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Gregory County, South Dakota. Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Byrain Boes to offer the following resolution of approval:

**County Commission Approval:**

I hereby certify that the Plat of Lots 3 and 4 of East Majestic Acres; Lot 3 being in the Southwest Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 96 North, Range 69 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Gregory County, South Dakota; Lot 4 being in the Northwest Quarter, the Northeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 96 North, Range 69 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Gregory County, South Dakota, was duly submitted to the Gregory County Board of County Commissioners, and that after due consideration the Board approved said final plan at its meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025. Upon roll call for vote: AMPVA. Resolution passed.

**Abatement of Taxes:** Motion by Peg Glover, second by Doug Janousek to approve the following applications for abatement of taxes for 2024 pay 2025 taxes:

Record #6378 - \$2,084.76 (Property tax exempt)

Record # 4990 - 668.48 (Incorrect valuation)

Record # 4864 - 369.66 (Classification error)

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Refund of Taxes:** The Board reviewed an application for refund of taxes of 2023 pay 2024 taxes on Record # 3035. The property owner stated that they lived in the home during the entire year 2023 at which time the DOE physically assessed the structure.

Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Byrain Boes to table action on the refund application until a later meeting so that the Board might inquire as to why the owner-occupied status was not placed on the property in 2023. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Highway Department Report:** Bob Nelson, Highway Superintendent, reported on Highway Department activities:

- \* Cleanup week report
- \* Landfill inspection forthcoming
- \* Culverts be replaced where needed
- \* Mowing county roads

\* Standy gravel coming over

**2024 Buryanek Access Road Amendment:** Motion by Peg Glover, second by Byrain Boes to authorize the Chair to sign an amendment to the 2024 Buryanek Access Road Agreement for an additional \$1,700 in reimbursement funds from SDGF&P for actual expenditures. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Golden West Telecommunications Occupancy Applications:** Motion by Doug Janousek, second by Byrain Boes to approve the following occupancy applications from Golden West:  
Project #28217 – 292<sup>nd</sup> St. in Section 14-97-72  
Project #29376 – 292<sup>nd</sup> St. in Section 5-97-72  
All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Milling/Reclaiming Bid:** Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Peg Glover to accept the bid of Harding County for Milling/Reclaiming equipment awarded to Loiseau Construction, Inc. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Doug Janousek to enter into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m. to discuss personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrain Boes, second by Doug Janousek to adjourn from Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. with no action taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**HVAC Project Report:** Jake Weber and Jack Holden of Puetz Design & Build met with the Board to discuss progress on the HVAC/Wall Repair Project. The Board was informed that the Courthouse will need to be closed for a 5-day period so that electrical transformers may be switched over for the new HVAC system.

Motion by Peg Glover, second by Byrain Boes to close the Courthouse from June 16, 2025 through June 20, 2025 to accommodate the electrical switch necessary for the HVAC system. Due to the closure, the Commission will only meet on June 3, 2025 for county business that month. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Bartling, Gregory Co. Auditor

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Jessy Biggins, Chair