

June 3, 2021

The Grant County Commission met in special session at 2 PM with Commissioners Mach and Tostenson present. Commissioner Street joined the meeting by phone. Commissioners Buttke and Stengel were absent. Chairman Tostenson presided. The purpose of the special meeting was to review the findings of the two referral petitions and set the election date. Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to approve the agenda. Chairman Tostenson called for a roll call vote. Mach aye, Street aye, and Tostenson aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Members of the public present were Holli Seehafer with the Grant County Review and Kathy Tyler who joined via Zoom. Staff present were Deputy Auditor Stephanie Pauli and P & Z Officer Steve Berkner.

Petitions: Auditor Layher reported two petitions had been received in her office. The referendum petition on 1997-1D, the repeal of the Drainage Ordinance had been checked and contained 291 valid signatures. The second referendum petition for Ordinance 2021-01A, the Flood Plain Prevention Ordinance was also checked and contained 293 valid signatures. The minimum signature requirement was 252. According to state statute, the election needs to be held within 60 days and the Auditor is recommending the election date to be set for July 27, 2021.

Election Date: Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to set the date for the special election for July 27, 2021. Chairman Tostenson called for a roll call vote. Mach aye, Street aye, and Tostenson aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Precincts: Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to establish the number of precincts at ten for the special election as follows. Chairman Tostenson called for a roll call vote. Mach aye, Street aye, and Tostenson aye. Motion carried 3-0.

2021-12

**RESOLUTION FOR THE COMBINING OF PRECINCTS
FOR THE SPECIAL COUNTY REFERENDUM
ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JULY 27, 2021**

WHEREAS, SDCL 12-14-1 states the board of county commissioners shall by resolution provide for election precincts throughout its county and shall designate polling places within such precincts, and

WHEREAS, a special county-wide election has been set for July 27, 2021 for the purpose of determining the referral of Ordinance 1997-1D and Ordinance 2021-01A, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest to consolidate precincts for this special election to provide efficiency within the county,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following precincts for the special election to be held on July 27, 2021.

<u>Precinct Name</u>	<u>Boundary</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
11 Milbank	All of Ward 1 City of Milbank	City Office Community Room
21 Milbank	All of Ward 2 City of Milbank	City Office Community Room
31 Milbank	All of Ward 3 City of Milbank	City Office Community Room
41 Adams & Vernon Albee & Revillo	Twps. of Adams and Vernon Towns of Albee and Revillo	Revillo Community Center
42 Alban <u>and</u> 43 Big Stone	Alban Township City of Big Stone and Big Stone Township	Big Stone City Office
45 Georgia- Madison- LaBolt	Town of LaBolt, Townships of Georgia, Madison	LaBolt Mini Mall
46 Grant Center <u>and</u> 47 Melrose	Grant Center Township Melrose Township	Whetstone Valley Electric
49 Mazeppa-Osceola-Marvin <u>and</u> 44 Blooming Valley, Lura & Farmington	Townships of Mazeppa & Osceola Town of Marvin Townships of Blooming Valley, Farmington and Lura	Marvin Hall
52 Stockholm Twp & Town of Stockholm <u>and</u> 53 Troy- Strandburg	Stockholm Township Town of Stockholm Troy Township & Town of Strandburg	Stockholm Community Center
54 Twin Brooks Twp & Town., Kilborn Twp	Town and Twp of Twin Brooks and & Kilborn Township	Twin Brooks Community Center

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2021.

William J. Tostenson, Chairman

ATTEST:
Karen M. Layher, Auditor

Chairman Tostenson called for public comment. Kathy Tyler stated the circulators of the petitions worked hard getting the signatures and they recognize a special election is costly for the County. She asked if the Commission could hold off on the election and give the group who circulated the petitions, time to come up with an alternative plan for drainage the Commission could consider.

States Attorney Schwandt responded the law does not allow for this type of request. Once the petitions are filed, the County Auditor is tasked to hold the election as per statute.

It is the policy of Grant County, South Dakota, not to discriminate against the handicapped in employment or the provision of service.

The next scheduled meeting dates will be June 15 and July 6 and 16 (Friday), 2021, at 8 AM. The July 7 and 8 budget meetings will be held with various departments. Motion by Street and seconded by Mach to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Tostenson called for a roll call vote. Street aye, Mach aye and Tostenson aye. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

William J. Tostenson, Chairman, Grant County Commission