

COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 16TH, 2021

Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Vice Chairman Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Chuck Spradlin, Paul Hodge, County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were not available for review.

Spradlin moved to accept an agreement with Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips in the estimated amount of \$2,150 for preparation of the 2023 budget. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- County contracted engineer Michael Maris provided commissioners with an overview of bridge inspections and plans pertaining to the Christian Hills project.
- Maris provided contract forms for the Christian Hills Bridge project for legal review.
- The county will be accepting bids for the Christian Hills bridge project until September 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Maris estimated that 140 work days will be needed to complete the project.
- Reports were presented to commissioners that consisted of maintenance reports and inspections conducted. Maris explained that those reports indicate bridges where work could be completed to extend the life of said bridges.
- Fox asked Maris to outline an estimated cost for recommended bridge maintenance noting that funds from the American Rescue Plan Act could be utilized for those maintenance projects.
- Maris presented a fee of \$1,500 for services that included preconstruction conference and review. Fox moved to approve the payment of \$1,500 for previously stated services. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that once the Reece Road project is completed, the department will look at repairing the Hamilton/Virgil Road.
- Road and Bridge is looking to complete work to low water crossings and bridges at the following locations: 300 and W, R Road, S Road and at 30th Street between U Road and T Road.
- Tire disposal rates have risen for the second time this year. Darrel noted that an increase of fifty cents for car tires and \$1.40 for truck and larger tires would be assessed.
- Chrisman presented a bid for the purchase of a power washer in the amount of \$4,000, which factors in a trade in amount of \$1,600. Spradlin moved to approve the purchase of a power washer in the amount of \$4,000. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Bids received for repairs to the county dozer were quoted at \$9,417.81. Ballard moved to approve the amount of \$9,417.81 for necessary repairs to the dozer. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Chrisman informed commissioners that Lendall's Diesel had provided an estimate for the recycle truck engine replacement in the amount of \$15,153.30. Chrisman then noted that if a pump and injectors are needed the amount would jump to \$20,156.67. The matter will be explored further and discussed at a later date.
- A check in the amount of \$4,812.44 was received pertaining to the insurance claim on the truck involved in a deer accident recently.

Representatives from Greenwood County Extension as well as 4-H ambassadors gave a post-fair presentation; expressing appreciation to commissioners for their support of the fair and 4-H members. Representatives pointed out a new selection of photos, chosen from fair entries, that are displayed in the courthouse meeting room and will be changed out through the year.

Fox moved to approve KCAMP amendments and bylaws. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

County Appraiser employee Dawn Larcom informed commissioners that the I7 series is up for contract renewal. Larcom stated that two bids were provided as follows; the first is for one year in the amount of \$3,448, the second bid is for three years in the amount of \$9,874.39. Fox moved to approve the one year contract in the amount of \$3,448. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox asked Health Department Supervisor Vicki Lindsey for clarifications regarding quarantine procedures. Lindsey explained that if a vaccinated person tests positive for COVID-19, they need to quarantine whether they are showing symptoms or not. Hodge posed questions regarding if the vaccine was beneficial under those circumstances. After a brief discussion into the matter, Lindsey noted that if a vaccinated person were exposed but shows no symptoms, that individual does not have to quarantine. Hodge asked what measures were being taken to treat individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Lindsey answered that the Health Department does not administer any medications, but local doctors are recommending vitamin regimens with an antibiotic; intravenous therapy is also utilized.

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Spradlin moved to approve a 15 minute executive session to discuss employee evaluations; session to reconvene at 10:37 a.m. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions were made.

Spradlin moved to approve a \$2,000 per year pay increase for the following county employees; Darrel Chrisman, Brian Mongeau and Shawna Griffiths. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey posed questions in regards to the 2022 fiscal year, asking when department heads would be notified if amounts waived from proposed budgets. County Clerk Kathy Robison will provide department heads with approved budgets. Ramsey then asked if merit raises were included in the approved budgets; commissioners responded that they asked for merit raises to be removed before the last budget review. Spradlin noted that the only raises that were included were cost of living adjustments. Ramsey questioned commissioners why courthouse personnel raises, "got axed?" Commissioners informed Ramsey that there will be no merit raises given for any department for the 2022 fiscal year with the exception of the Sheriff's Department.

Fox moved to adjourn at 10:46 a.m. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

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Ben Fox, Chairman

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Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman

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Chuck Spradlin, Member

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Paul Hodge, Member

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Robert Joe Morgan, Member