

**COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2021**

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

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

County contracted engineer Michael Maris reported that Bitler Bridge is nearly one third of the way through construction and the estimated cost is nearly \$5,000 under the original bid. He estimated that Bitler Bridge may be open around the middle of May, 2021. Maris inquired about maintenance on the road north of the bridge, Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman stated he would contact the township to find a resolution. Maris then informed commissioners about the bridge on 380th road near Madison; he stated the new design is finished and the construction would start around May or June of 2021 and finish around September. He provided a report on Christian Hills Bridge saying construction could possibly start next year. Maris also gave suggestions to improve the bridge west of Eureka. He stated footings needed to be put in on the south side and suggested reinforcing the bridge to handle a higher load capacity. Maris also suggested using cable guard rails supported in concrete on Canyon Hill Road. Commissioner Morgan asked Maris to look into possibly putting guard rails on a bridge located in Reece. Maris will look into the matter.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman stated they had been working on "bad spots" in the county and this week is slated for maintenance. Chrisman told commissioners that he had picked up the new truck that was recently approved for purchase. He then asked permission to order another truck at the same price of \$31,970. Following a brief discussion regarding the specs of the new vehicle, Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of another truck for the Road and Bridge Department at a price of \$31,970. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Darrel told commissioners he had looked into a Kenworth semi-truck at a price of \$67,347. He will continue looking into the matter. Commissioner Ballard informed Chrisman of another bridge in the county near 300th Rd in need of repair. A brief discussion ensued regarding the need for more/larger heavy equipment for the county. Chrisman will continue to look into obtaining such equipment. Commissioner Morgan asked Chrisman how the box at Reece was coming along. Chrisman responded it was still a work in progress. Commissioner Fox informed Darrel a person had called him inquiring about the tipping fees involved in tearing a house down. The city of Eureka has waived the fee for the city, but the county is unable to waive the state fee.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve February 1st, 2021 Minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$119,548.94. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$178,358.72. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners reviewed fee reports for January 2021.

Commissioner Fox accepted the resignation of Dean Robbins as Salt Springs Trustee.

Health Department Nurse Vicki Lindsey asked permission to purchase an AED for the Health Department at a price of \$1,542. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of an AED for the Health Department. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

A brief discussion ensued regarding whether or not Emergency Management Supervisor Levi Vinson needed an AED in his vehicle. Commissioner Fox stated he felt it was a good idea for Vinson to purchase one. Vinson will look into the matter.

Eric Vogel with KwiKom informed the commission they had received the updated contract from county counselor Paul Dean. KwiKom in return made some changes and sent it back. Dean reviewed the document and suggested some changes. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the contract, with changes discussed and Paul Dean's approval. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Levi Vinson presented commissioners with an updated list of LEPC members; Sandy Dickerson with Greenwood County Hospital, Ben Fox with the Greenwood County Commission, Levi Vinson and Preston Evenson. The commission approved sending the new list to the State of Kansas. Vinson provided a FEMA update for commissioners. He stated they had to resubmit all the information for the Hazel Russell Bridge. He then told commissioners that someone from FEMA has questioned our county's debris project from 2019. This person is claiming that Greenwood County did not check with U.S. Fish and Game, Core of Engineers and Endangered Species Act along with several other agencies, therefore illegally removing the debris from the waterway. FEMA is calling into question the entire project. Vinson stated he will get in touch with county counselor Paul Dean to write the response to FEMA.

Commissioner Spradlin stated he had a few calls regarding the recommendation of wearing masks. The decision was made to leave the mask recommendation in place.

Vicki Lindsey told commissioners she is slated to receive more vaccines this week. Lindsey reported the second doses, for those that have previously received the first dose, are also slated to arrive this week.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 10:17 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Roy Ballard
Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Member

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Member

Robert Joe Morgan
Robert Joe Morgan, Member