

**COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 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, Robert Joe Morgan, Chuck Spradlin, County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hodge moved to accept May 10, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes, as written. Commissioner Spradlin seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported:

- Geo-Tech is slated to complete the core sample for Christian Hills Bridge today.
- County contracted engineer Michael Maris provided Chrisman with two bids for the bridge project on 390<sup>th</sup> Street, near Madison. Those bids are as follows; Norfolk Contracting in the amount of \$175,760 and B and B Bridge Company in the amount of \$212,540. Chrisman stated the county share of said project would be \$36,260 if the county decides to take the lower bid.
- Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve the bid with Norfolk Contracting in the amount of \$175,760. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
- Michael Maris re-surveyed the Hazel Russel Bridge; due to rising prices for materials, the revised estimate will be more than the previous estimate.
- Commissioner Hodge asked if his fellow commissioners were available to view the on-going bridge project at 60<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioners Ballard and Morgan volunteered to take a look at said project.
- Road and Bridge is still waiting on the contractor to arrive to finish the Reece Road project.
- There may be a pause in recycling, although Chrisman could not elaborate at this time.

Commissioner Morgan moved to accept payables in the amount of \$194,816.82. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ballard moved to accept payroll in the amount of \$117,379.77. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

County Clerk Kathy Robison reported that the Zoning Board approved a zoning change for Evergy; which will involve relocating a substation to aid in the prevention of blackouts. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve said changes. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Robison reported that a Zoning board member expressed concerns that if there is no interest to fill vacant positions on the Zoning board, the end result could be to disband the Zoning Board entirely. Ron Rader then volunteered to fill the vacant position on the Board. Commissioner Fox moved to appoint Ron Rader to the Zoning Board. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Robison informed commissioners that at least 20 Greenwood County members were present at the Zoning board meeting to express their concerns regarding a possible gun range location. Commissioner Hodge asked Sheriff Heath Samuels his opinions on the matter. Samuels responded that he supported the idea. Following a brief discussion, Robison noted that the Zoning Board denied the request for a gun range. Commissioner Spradlin stated that the Zoning Board's only authority is to make recommendations; if the Commission wanted to consider the gun range, they have the option to do so. County Counselor Paul Dean confirmed. Commissioners spoke in favor of speaking with representatives from Rainier Firearms as well as members of the public regarding the matter.

Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve Resolution 21-06 to add Old World Bluestem/Caucasian Bluestem and Common Teasel to the list of Noxious Weeds for Greenwood County. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners discussed the fence viewing that took place last week in the McCollum/Hart matter. Commissioners determined that the fence is in need of repair. The decision was made that both parties would pay ½ the expenses to repair said fence. Both parties were present and began to argue with one another; County Counselor Paul Dean interjected stating that the Commission is there to determine if the fence is insufficient and to set an appropriate time frame; not to mediate. Dean recommended setting the deadline for December 31, 2021 and "designating that each party maintains the one half of their fence as they stand on their side of the property and pick the right half." Paul Dean is slated to draft a fence order for commissioners to sign at the next meeting.

Commissioner Fox moved to adjourn at 9:53 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, 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