

COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 28TH, 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 Spradlin moved to accept June 21, 2021 minutes as written. Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- John Deere has been contacted for a quote to repair the break valve in the County Dozer; Darrel is still waiting for a response.
- Commissioner Hodge recommended a lease to own contracted deal for the purchase of a better quality dozer, rather than purchasing a lesser quality dozer out-right. Commissioners Fox and Ballard expressed their concerns regarding the interest rates that would incur for such a contract.
- Commissioner Morgan informed Darrel that a bridge near Reece, located at A and 130th, has washed out. Chrisman stated that he is aware that the bridge in question is in need of an extension, among other repairs.
- Morgan then informed Darrel that the box bridge at Reece is too low on the west side.
- Crews were scheduled to begin repairs on Reece Road Monday morning; due to rain fall, work was delayed.
- Levi Vinson informed the Commission that Greenwood County completed its hazard mitigation plan in 2019, noting that one item included for Road and Bridge was the concreting of bridge approaches. Vinson said the county could submit a grant application to FEMA for any number of bridges, keeping in mind that the county is responsible for 25% of the cost. Road and Bridge employee Jennifer Watts informed the commission that office personnel would begin gathering the information for submission.
- Sheriff Heath Samuels inquired about speed limit signs that were previously requested for Neal; Chrisman stated that issues had arisen in regards to receiving signs, noting that as soon as signs were received they would be installed.

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve payables in the amount of \$274,637.91. Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Hodge moved to approve payroll in the amount \$114,201.54. Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve moving Health Department Director Vicki Lindsey from hourly back to salary, as the medical state of emergency has resolved. Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Pete's of Erie, Inc. Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

KCAMP representative Larry Sharp presented commissioners with the county's usage report. KCAMP serves as the property, casualty and liability provider for Greenwood County.

Sheriff Samuels reported that he has crunched some numbers and informed commissioners that he would like to provide competitive wage raises to his employees to begin in July, noting that his budget will support such a move. Commissioner Fox moved to approve Sheriff Samuels' revised pay schedule. Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

County Clerk presented the following merit raises for the Clerk's office: Staci Wilson moving from \$12.34 to \$12.84, Dianne Boles from \$13.17 to \$13.67, part-time employee Jean Edwards from \$13.21 to \$13.71 and Deann McCaffree from \$14.43 to \$15.43. Commissioner Hodge moved to accept said pay raises in those amounts. Spradlin seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Fire Chief Doug Williams told commissioners that two of the four chassis ordered were received and Invena has begun building beds for them. Williams received a response from insurance on the truck that was totaled in February. The amount of the check received totaled about one third of the cost to rebuild the truck. Williams said that he had found a truck in Missouri for \$22,000 that needs some additions and repairs; noting that additions to that truck would cost less than building one from scratch. Commissioner Fox moved to authorize \$22,000 or less for the purchase of the truck located in Missouri. Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

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County Treasurer Donna Olson presented commissioners with the following pay increases for the Treasurer's/DMV Office; Cara Evenson from \$15,38 to \$15,88, Stacie Pearse from \$14,29 to \$14,79 and Bailey Wiggins from \$12,25 to \$13,25. Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve said pay increases. Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

County Clerk Kathy Robison informed commissioners that grants, Senate Bill 13 and new election laws are being added to her list of responsibilities as well as additional responsibilities being added to other department heads. Robison stated that due to the added work, she feels the following department heads, herself included, deserved a \$4,000 annual increase added to their current salary: Treasurer Donna Olson, County Attorney Jill Gillett and Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey. Ramsey provided commissioners with data relating to tiered pay scales in comparison to counties of similar populations. Robison stated that other department heads have received a raise and elected officials have been over looked. Commissioner Spradlin expressed that he was not comfortable with making a decision today. Commissioner Ballard stated that he did not feel that the request for \$4,000 for salaried employees is not out of line. Spradlin spoke in favor of giving \$6,000 to Sheriff Samuels and \$4,000 to the other four elected officials. Samuels informed commissioners that his budget would not support such an increase. Commissioner Fox moved to approve a \$4,000 annual raise for each of the 5 elected officials. Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox moved to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Following the regular meeting, commissioners held a work session regarding budgets for 2022.

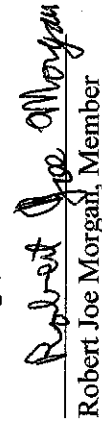
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Ben Fox, Chairman


Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman


Chuck Spradlin, Member


Paul Hodge, Member


Robert Joe Morgan, Member