

**COMMISSION MEETING**  
**AUGUST 23<sup>RD</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 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.

Spradlin moved to approve August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Minutes. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Spradlin moved to approve August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Minutes. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- Darrel presented the proposed agreement for necessary work to be completed to the bridge located at Tadpole Creek. Spradlin moved to approve the proposed agreement. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Chrisman informed commissioners that he had received a bid for ditching and culvert installation on 150<sup>th</sup> Street, noting that he had not requested such a bid. Ballard posed questions regarding why the county would contract the job out versus having the work done in-house. Commissioner Hodge noted that the Road and Bridge department has several projects on going and it was taking too much time to get to other issues in need of attention.
- Hodge requested that graders visit M Road between 90<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> streets, to provide advice on what it would take to better the conditions of said Road.
- Chrisman stated that work on the bridge located at 380<sup>th</sup> Street is slated to begin at the end of the month. Four weeks will be needed for construction and an additional two weeks for curing.
- Hodge asked if the roadway at Christian Hills Bridge could be torn up and smoothed out, noting that nearly 150 yards of roadway is in need of attention. Chrisman noted that a discussion had been held previously regarding making that a gravel roadway and eventually chip sealing it.
- The contractor for the Reece Road project is making his way to Greenwood County and is slated to contract Chrisman prior to his arrival.

Eureka City representatives asked for assistance to tear down the structure located at 7<sup>th</sup> and Sycamore, also known as Random School. They would like to use county equipment/operator to provide assistance. Representatives also requested if landfill fees would be waived for disposal. Darrel Chrisman noted that there is no charge for concrete at the landfill. Commissioners agreed to provide assistance to the City of Eureka.

Commissioner Ballard moved to accept payables in the amount of \$137,394.43. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Morgan moved to accept payroll in the amount of \$120,464.51. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Health Department Director Vicki Lindsey requested that Valerie Morris be compensated fairly for conducting COVID-19 testing. Lindsey noted a part-time nurse was paid \$18 per hour for testing. She requested that Morris be paid \$18 per hour while she is testing and to receive back pay for her hours spent providing those services since June 29, 2021. Commissioner Hodge moved to accept a pay rate change for Valerie Morris to \$18 per hour during COVID-19 testing. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Lindsey then encouraged commissioners to consider her salary in reference to extra hours being worked and having no time off due to staff shortages.

County Clerk Kathy Robison informed commissioners that as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, of this year, SOS would no longer serve Greenwood County. SOS will close their local office due to a loss in funding. Robison stated that the Director of the Emporia location recommended that Greenwood County contact Family Life Services in El Dorado. Sheriff Samuels expressed concerns regarding victims of domestic violence or abuse having to make the drive to El Dorado for services. Samuels posed the idea that Greenwood County could hold discussions with the company in regards to providing a space where a representative could work from. Robison then informed commissioners that Greenwood County had paid \$4,000 in funding and SOS was looking to return \$1,000 of said funding.

Fox moved to approve a fifteen minute executive session with Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman for employee performance; session to begin at 9:45 a.m. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Commission reconvened at 10:01 a.m. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to approve a 5 minute executive session with Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson to discuss contractual liability; session to begin at 10:02 a.m. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Commission reconvened at 10:07 a.m. No decisions were made.

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Fox moved to approve a ten minute executive session for legal discussion pertaining to private employee information; session to begin at 10:12 a.m. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Commission reconvened at 10:22 a.m. No decisions were made.

Morgan moved to adjourn at 10:25 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