

Commission Meeting
January 11, 2021

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

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greenwood County elected officials were sworn in.

Reorganization of the Board of Commissioners took place. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to move Ben Fox to Commission Chairman and Roy Ballard to Vice Chairman. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to continue to utilize The Eureka Harold and the Madison News as official County Newspapers. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the continued use of the following banks in an official capacity: Citizens State Bank, Community National Bank, Emprise Bank, Fall River State Bank, First Neodesha Bank, 1st Community-Owned by Lyon County State Bank, Home Bank and Trust Co., and State of Kansas MIP. Home Bank and Trust serves as the main depository for the County and Emprise Bank is utilized for warrants and payroll. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve December 31, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that one of two trailers ordered for his department was delivered. The other trailer is slated to be here tomorrow. Chrisman reported that the bridge on 140th and Z Road near Neal was recently shut down citing that the damage was caused by a loaded dump truck and a trash truck crossing the bridge on the same day; he is unsure if any of the bridge was salvageable. Darrel told commissioners he had plans to look at a Kenworth truck in Wichita later today. Commissioner Morgan informed Chrisman that stop signs were needed at the intersection of 170th and U Road. Road and Bridge employee Cassidy Turner brought commissioners information regarding recycling centers. She stated that Iola and Fredonia both have recycling sites, but that neither of those would serve in the capacity that Greenwood County would need. The decision was made for the department to take a look at their budget and revisit the discussion at the next meeting.

Commissioners reviewed fee reports for the months of November and December.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve third quarter financial reports. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of \$2,651.65. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$130,700.26. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$524,486.53. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff Samuels provided commissioners with the End of Year Forfeiture Report.

Eureka City Administrator Lucas Mullins provided Commissioners with an agreement pertaining to neighborhood revitalization for the City of Eureka. Commissioner Ballard made a motion to accept said agreement. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The discussion pertaining to court fees that had been brought up at a previous meeting was revisited. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 21-1 assessing a processing fee of \$45 and to divert those funds into the jail fund.

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Legal Counsel Paul Dean informed Commissioners that Kansas Statute allows the commission to dedicate up to 1 mil, to assist in funding the construction of a new jail, provided that mil does not exceed ten years. Sheriff Samuels stated that he was going to apply for grant funds to save the tax payers money.

Commissioners then discussed the half cent sales tax for the Greenwood County Hospital. Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson offered no opposition to stopping the half cent sales tax early, rather than waiting until December 2021. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve notifying the Kansas Department of Revenue, on or before April 1, to remove the half cent sales tax effective by July 1, 2021. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 20-2 pertaining to GAAP and accounting procedures. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson asked commissioners for approval for the purchase of batteries for the drone that the Fire Department has. A brief discussion ensued regarding how many batteries to purchase and how often to make those purchases. Commissioners spoke in favor of purchasing batteries annually for the drone. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of 4 batteries at a price of \$475 per battery (and to include a \$30 shipping charge) out of the General fund at this point in time, with the stipulation that those batteries be budgeted for in the future. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a ten minute Executive session with Darrel Chrisman regarding employee performance at 10:17 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners reconvened at 10:27 a.m. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an Executive session with Levi Vinson regarding the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property at 10:28 a.m. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners reconvened at 10:38 a.m. No decisions were made.

Levi Vinson informed Commissioners that an invoice for Contour was presented to the SPARK committee, which was inadvertently never paid. Commissioner Fox stated that the SPARK funding is no longer available and was not able to locate said invoice. The decision was made to utilize the General Fund to pay said invoice. Commissioner Morgan asked Vinson if he had sprayed for noxious weeds recently. Vinson replied that he had not as he cannot spray in the winter months. He will start in June.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn at 10:43 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Roy A. Ballard
Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Member

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Member

Robert Joe Morgan
Robert Joe Morgan, Member