

COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 19TH, 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, County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Paul Hodge was not present.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ballard moved to accept July 6th, 2021 minutes as written. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Spradlin moved to accept July 12th, 2021 minutes as written. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Spradlin moved to accept July 12th, 2021 special meeting minutes as written. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman report:

- Darrel has received final drawings pertaining to the Christian Hills project. County contracted engineer Michael Maris is slated to review said drawings; following Maris's review, a date to begin construction can be finalized.
- Crews continued repairs on Reece Road last week.
- Due to a broken tin horn, there is a low water crossing on 30th Street in need of replacing.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer's report. No decisions were made.

Commissioners reviewed June 2021 fee report. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to accept the second quarter financial report. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau approached the commission with inquiries regarding handbook policies pertaining to sick leave donations. Mongeau directed attention to a segment in the handbook that states, "Appointed officials and other department heads may not donate sick leave to employees." Mongeau asked County counselor Paul Dean for an explanation behind that particular policy. He inquired if the handbook could be modified to state that only elected officials could not donate to employees. Dean stated that that particular policy may have been implemented due to the appearance of a department head donating to one employee and not another. Dean then stated that he was not opposed to making an exception to said policy. Next, attention was directed to a policy stating that if an employee chooses to donate sick leave, they must have at least 15 days accumulated. Mongeau asked for a modification to this policy to state a selected amount of hours rather than 15 days. His reasoning behind such a request is that each department works a different amount of hours in a "work day." Dean agreed that modifying the policy from 15 days to a set amount of hours would be more sensible; he is slated to make said changes to the employee handbook.

Mongeau then informed commissioners that he has looked into the methods used to compensate part time EMS staff in surrounding areas. His findings were that part time employees are compensated hourly wages at their current pay rate, rather than a lower "on call" rate that is currently utilized by Greenwood County. He asked permission to change Greenwood County's methods of compensation to part time employees to their hourly pay rate. Commissioner Fox moved to change EMS part time employees to an hourly pay rate, instead of "call time." Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Health Department Director Vicki Lindsey report:

- There are currently 13 active cases of COVID-19 in Greenwood County.
- The Delta Variant has been detected within the county.
- Out of the 13 currently active cases, 3 were vaccinated and 1 was hospitalized. It was then noted that the one patient that was hospitalized, had not received the vaccine.
- Lindsey reported that hospitals are once again becoming overcrowded with patients contracting the disease, or variants of such.
- The trend this year in comparison to last year is higher, according to Lindsey.
- Residents that are interested in receiving a vaccine can call the Health Department.

County Clerk Kathy Robison suggested that a hearing date be published regarding the county possibly exceeding the RNR threshold. The decision was made to go ahead with the proposed mill levy rate of 75.00.

Ballard moved to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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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