

COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 24TH, 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, County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean. (Commissioner Spradlin was not present)

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ballard moved to accept May 17, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes, as written. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported:

- Christian Hills Bridge may be out for eight (8) months once construction begins. A brief discussion ensued regarding possible alternatives. Chrisman informed commissioners that after discussions with county contracted engineer Michael Maris, he believes the County is too far into the project to make changes; he is slated to speak with Maris to investigate the matter further.
- Chrisman has yet to receive the geology report for Christian Hills Bridge.
- Bitler Bridge is slated to open this week.
- Chrisman discussed a fencing concern brought to his attention by Justin Branine. Branine would like a fence put in before Bitler Bridge opens. Justin provided commissioners with information regarding the matter in question. He told commissioners that he was never called to inform him of the fence being removed. County Counselor Paul Dean is slated to read the contract and speak with the contractor regarding the matter.
- Chrisman is slated to take the necessary steps to get a permit for a temporary crossing.

Greenwood County resident Jason Nichols attended the meeting to discuss a stretch of road near Braden Quarry in Otter Creek Township. Jason stated that his understanding was that an agreement was reached several years ago between the commissioners and the township; the county is responsible for part of the road and the township was responsible for part of the road. Jason said the township only receives approximately \$1,000 to maintain township roads for a year and he has already dumped \$2,000 worth of rock on a one mile section. He asked commissioners, "What do we do about the other two miles?" Jason asked if the County could help with maintenance of said road. Chrisman stated that the county has put nearly \$20,000 worth of rock on that road. Commissioner Fox moved to approve a five minute executive session to begin at 9:43 a.m. to discuss legal matters pertaining to the issue. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioners reconvened at 9:48 a.m. The decision was made to look at the Minutes from previous meetings to find the agreement between the township and the county for maintenance of said road. Commissioner Fox informed Jason that they could request more money in their budget for road maintenance.

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

Commissioners discussed the passing of Senate Bill 13, which will affect budgeting.

Noxious Weed Director Jarrid Baumgartel informed Commissioners that Jennifer Carson passed tests for Herbicide Licensing. Baumgartel asked permission to give Carson a raise. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve a raise for Carson in the amount of \$1.00, bringing her hourly rate of pay to \$15.41 to begin today. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Baumgartel told commissioners he would like to purchase a mower. He presented a bid of \$9,165.88. Commissioner Fox moved to approve the purchase of a riding mower in the amount of \$9,165.88. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Commissioners discussed the appointment of an Appraiser for Greenwood County. The appointment needs to occur before July 1, 2021. County Counselor Paul Dean is slated to speak with the interim Appraiser.

Register of Deeds Marsh Ramsey provided commissioners with an agreement from the Historical Society regarding maintenance of records. Commissioner Fox moved to approve the storage agreement with the Greenwood County Historical Society. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Sheriff Heath Samuels provided commissioners with a bid for the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Durango in the amount of \$29,350.

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Commissioner Ballard moved to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1st, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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