

Commission Meeting

December 14, 2020

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

There was no treasures Report at this time.

Chairman Hodge made a motion to approve a cereal Malt Beverage License for Perry and Marsha Evenson, DBA Kerosene, Severy Kansas. Joe Morgan 2nd the motion, the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$150,900.45 Commissioner Morgan second the motion, motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Hodge made a motion to approve the Payables in the amount of \$183,440.50, Commissioner Ballard second the motion, the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to pay SPARK Reimbursements to Eureka USD 389 for their purchase of PPE in the amount of \$1,637.67 and to Emergency Management for gloves they purchased in the amount of \$2,915.24. Commissioner Hodge second the motion, the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Morgan said the Eureka Lyons Club wanted to extend a Thank you to the County for putting Rock on the Parks' road.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Daryl Chrisman reported that two employees Justin Harrison, and Chadwick Luther passed their 90-day probation period and Chrisman recommended Justin get a raise in pay from \$13.50 per hour to \$14.00. Chairman Hodge made a motion to give him the raise in the amount recommended by Supervisor Chrisman starting January 1, 2021, Commissioner Morgan second the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Supervisor Chrisman recommended that Chadwick Luther get a raise from \$13.79 an hour to \$14.29 an hour. Chairman Hodge made a motion to give Chadwick a raise in the amount recommended by Supervisor Chrisman starting January 1, 2021. Commissioner Fox second the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Chrisman presented quotes for the 175th street bridge from 4-F Enterprise and Leiser Construction. The estimate from Leiser Construction did not include the Culverts but just to excavate the bridge and use the concrete as rif raf and the county would supply the culverts. An estimate of \$10,000.00 from 4-F Enterprises would be to tear out the bridge put in two 48" culverts, back fill and bring it up to grade. There were three other estimates in the amount of \$30,725.00, \$30,000.00 and \$27,725.00. After much discussion Paul Hodge made a motion to go with 4-F Enterprises and they are to get on it as soon as possible. Joe Morgan second the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Chrisman reported that the State Street Bridge has been poured and hopefully be opened Friday morning.

Chairman Hodge said the Survey Crew was at Christian Hills Bridge a week or so ago. Chrisman said the State will start on that bridge next year sometime.

Morgan mentioned to Chrisman that State Street Bridge has a 45-degree lip on it and on Roads P & Q the township rocked it and the city, township and county should share in the cost at 1/3 each.

Melanie Gardner came to dispute the mask mandate. She said she wasn't looking for a heated debate. She stated she didn't dispute that the virus is serious, and that it has caused hardships on some families, but what she did dispute was the fact it infringed on our Constitutional rights. Melanie quoted CDC information and information she found on the internet. Commissioner Spradlin stated that they took the recommendations from the Health Department and the Hospital and used that to make their decision. Gardner went on to ask if it was true that the Commissioners threatened to take away the Half Dollars Liquor license. The commissioner stated it was not true. Gardner said she heard it was also the Health Department threatening to do that as well as Randy Cox the Undersheriff threatening the business. Randy Cox was at the meeting by way of Zoom. When asked about threatening the business he stated he was trying to be the mediator between the business and Vickie Lindsey-Ross and

Emergency Management Levi Vinson. Some of the commissioners said we should do our part even if we don't agree. Commissioner Hodge said he feels the government is trying to control people. Commissioner Ballard said we rely on the medical community to make medical decisions like we rely on engineers when we want to build a bridge.

Chairman Hodge made a motion to accept the December 7th minutes as written, Morgan second the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to accept the Special Meeting Minutes December 7th, 2020, Commissioner Ballard second the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Someone asked the commissioners when the Mask Mandate will be addressed again. Commissioner Ballard said if the numbers continue to rise, we will stay with the mandate. If the numbers start to decline, we will address the mandate again.

Legal County Councilor Paul Dean spoke about a case in history when the Supreme Court ruling forced vaccination during a pandemic and felt the mask mandate was far less intrusive and he didn't believe it was a constitutional violation.

There was discussion on the Federal guideline for a Cost-of-Living Allocation (COLA), which is 1.3%. Commissioner Spradlin said that in October they did budget for the 1.3% amount. Chairman Paul Hodge made a motion to give the 1.3% COLA for the 2021-year, Commissioner Fox second the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Paul Dean will have a document for the commissioners to sign in regards to giving the Historical Society records from the Register of Deeds office after he gets the appropriate signatures from the Historical Society.

Chairman Hodge made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Ballard second the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:10a.m.

Kathy Robison
ATTEST: County Clerk, Kathy Robison

Paul Hodge
Chairman, Paul Hodge

Ben Fox
Vice-Chairman Ben Fox

Chuck Spradlin
Member, Chuck Spradlin

Roy Ballard
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Robert Joe Morgan
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