

COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 14TH, 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, Chuck Spradlin, County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Spradlin moved to accept June 7, 2021 minutes as written. Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- Darrel Chrisman asked permission to hire Allen Greenwood at a rate of \$12.75 per hour for the full time position of Recycling. Commissioner Fox moved to accept hiring Greenwood at previously mentioned pay rate. Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
- The fence near Bitler Bridge is finished and the road is open.
- Contractors are currently working on the wing walls on the Reece Road project.
- Darrel reported having received funds for the disposal of cardboard in the amount of \$5,266.
- Darrel is looking into the purchase of a recycle truck to replace the one that broke down.
- The dozer at the landfill quit, Darrel believes the problem to be the hydraulic pump.
- Commissioner Morgan informed Chrisman that Reece Road was in serious need of repair; Chrisman stated that once the contractor is finished with the bridge, maintenance on the road will begin.
- A brief discussion ensued regarding holding a ditching class. Plans are still being discussed to get a class underway.

Commissioners reviewed fee reports.

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve amounts payable in the amount of \$385,438.12. Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ballard moved to accept payroll in the amount of \$118,241.05. Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Amanda Cunningham presented the commission with an appropriations request for Cross-Winds in the amount of \$39,250; an eight percent increase from last year.

Sheriff Samuels asked Appraiser Steve Thompson if individuals could be taxed a recreational tax for purchasing land specifically for hunting. Thompson informed him that an "other" classification exists as a catch all under which such items could fall; however there are loopholes in the system that provide these property owners the ability to maintain the agricultural classification. Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve Resolution 21-08; the appointment of Steve Thompson as the Greenwood County Appraiser for the July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025 term. Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Greenwood County resident Sally Hawthorn voiced concerns in regards to the conversations in previous meetings pertaining to the abolishment of the recycling program. Commissioners informed Hawthorne that the County will continue to provide recycling services as long as the prices to do so remain reasonable.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau informed Commissioners that the Department had encountered staffing issues. Mongeau feels that filling another full time position is the responsible move to make at this time. Commissioner Fox moved to approve adding a full time position to the EMS staff. Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox moved to approve a five minute executive session with Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey regarding HIPPA and personnel; to begin at 10:00 a.m. Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners reconvened at 10:05 a.m. No decisions were made.

Marsha Ramsey requested permission to hire Tiffany Findley as a part time, as needed clerk for the Register of Deeds office at a pay rate of \$12 per hour. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve said request. Spradlin seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox moved to approve a five minute executive session with Noxious Weed employee Levi Vinson for employee review to begin at 10:07 a.m. Ballard seconded. The motion carried. Commissioners reconvened at 10:12 a.m. No decisions were made.

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Vinson informed Commissioners that the 90 day probationary period for Noxious Weed Director Jerrid Baumgartel will soon expire; asking them to approve increasing Baumgartel's salary from \$38,000 to \$42,000 to begin at the start of the next pay period. Commissioner Fox moved to approve moving Baumgartel from a salary of \$38,000 to \$42,000. Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox moved to approve a ten minute executive session with Jerrid Baumgartel to begin at 10:12 a.m. to discuss employee status. Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners reconvened at 10:22 a.m. No decisions were made.

A brief discussion ensued regarding mowing and spraying that the Noxious Weed Department is currently working on.

Commissioner Fox moved to approve a ten minute executive session to begin at 10:37 a.m. to discuss personnel status. Spradlin seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners reconvened at 10:47 a.m. No decisions were made.

County Clerk Kathy Robison held a brief discussion with commissioners regarding Senate Bill 13.

Commissioner Spradlin moved to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on Monday, June 21st, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

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