

**COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 15TH, 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, Chuck Spradlin, Robert Joe Morgan, Kathy Robison County Clerk and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Spradlin moved to accept March 8th, 2021 Minutes, as written. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

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

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported having received three bids for geology for the Christian Hills project. Darrel stated the highest bid is \$14,995, the second bid came in at \$11,175 and the final bid, from Cook, Flatt and Strobel came in at \$10,800. Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve the lowest bid from CFS of \$10,800 for the geology report. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Chrisman told commissioners that county contracted engineer Michael Maris estimated that the Bitler Bridge project would cost approximately \$60,000; the county spent \$48,000. Maris also estimated approximately \$12,000 for the geology report. Darrel told the commission that as it stands currently, the county is \$13,200 under budget on said projects. Commissioner Hodge posed questions regarding the details of a geology report. Chrisman informed Commissioner Hodge that the report would show dirt, rock, incidental rock and the extent of the rock shelf; the more rock shelf, the more expensive the project will be. A brief discussion ensued regarding additional equipment for the department and costs for such equipment. No decisions were made at this time. Commissioner Morgan posed questions regarding the box at Reece. Darrel responded that he had not heard anything new regarding the matter.

Eric Vogel with KwiKom attended the meeting to check in. County Counselor Paul Dean stated he had terms for commissioners to review.

Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$8,472.63. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ballard moved to accept abatements in the amount of (\$324.00). Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Tom McNeil, with Salt Springs Township, submitted a letter of resignation for the position of Treasurer due to health concerns.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey presented commissioners with merit raises for Michelle Conard and Jim Castillo. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve a merit raise for Michelle Conard from \$14.84 per hour to \$15.35 per hour. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Ballard moved to approve a merit raise for Jim Castillo from \$12.52 per hour to \$13.02 per hour. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Ramsey asked permission for an additional raise for Michelle Conard for job duties related to computer installation that are not included in the Deputy Register of Deeds job description, for example; assisting in setting up computers for remote working and e-recording knowledge, among other duties. Ramsey wanted permission to move Conard from \$15.35 per hour to \$16.35 per hour, for a total amount of \$1.51 in raises for Conard. (Including the raise previously approved by the Commission). A brief discussion ensued regarding the aspects of job duties and responsibilities. Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve a raise for Conard in the amount of \$1.01 total (amending the first motion made regarding this matter) moving Conard from \$14.84 per hour to \$15.85 per hour. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Hodge voted no.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson stated that the storm sirens in Madison and Hamilton were set off last week during storms; due to a storm spotter stating he had seen funnel cloud rotation. Vinson stated that through some research, he had identified the name of the storm spotter. Levi continued, informing commissioners that this person is not deemed a qualified, professional or even a legitimate storm spotter. Vinson stated that this individual seems more interested in social media attention.

Commissioner Morgan inquired about an incident that occurred at a fire west of town, involving a damaged truck and a possibly injured firefighter. Vinson stated he was not present at the time of the occurrence, therefore he has limited information on the matter, but he did state that the person involved was not harmed.

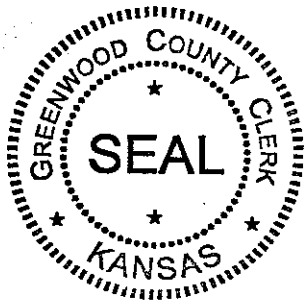
Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve a five minute executive session, to begin at 10:03 a.m., for legal purposes regarding the KwiKom lease. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners reconvened at 10:08 a.m. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Hodge moved to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, 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