## COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 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, Chuck Spradlin, Robert Joe Morgan, Paul Hodge, County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hodge moved to approve September 27th, 2021 Minutes. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## Road and Bridge report:

- Chrisman reported that he hopes to see chip seal work begin on Reece Road this week.
- Most of the tires ordered for the Road and Bridge Department have been received.
- Crews are finishing up a ditching job near Fall River at CC50 Road.
- Crews are working on pot holes north of Reece Church.
- Commissioner Hodge noted that he had been contacted by a resident regarding a road at the Lake View Subdivision at Fall River. One resident turned in another for trespassing on a road that leads to a community dumpster. Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey reported that she has not found evidence of the road in question being opened or closed. County Counselor Paul Dean interjected stating that the road has been maintained by the township for over fifteen years and traveled by the public for the same, therefore it would be classified as a prescriptive easement for public access. Sheriff Samuels stated that he would handle the matter.
- A Greenwood County resident Doug Mitchell voiced concerns regarding what appears to him to be illegal signage; stating that he believes some signs to be too short. Chrisman noted that the signs meet new standards required by the state of Kansas.

Commissioners agreed to an allotment of \$125 for the purchase of candy to hand out during Trick or Treat Main Street.

Commissioners received a request from the District Court asking to use the Commission Meeting Room for potential jury members. County Clerk Kathy Robison stated that several offices utilize the room regularly. Robison voiced concerns regarding increased traffic in the restrooms and more traffic means increased health risk to the employees on the main floor. Counselor Paul Dean stated that it may be an inconvenience, but there is a necessity. Dean noted that he believes that only a small amount of jury trials will be held. Commissioner Spradlin moved to allow the utilization of the Meeting Room by the Court system with the stipulation that the restrooms upstairs be opened to the public. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-1. Morgan opposed.

Morgan moved to accept payables in the amount of \$160,616.12. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Hodge moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$121,861.83. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve a ten minute executive session for employee performance. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Commissioners reconvened at 9:48 a.m. No decisions were made.

Sheriff Samuels revisited the discussion regarding the road at the Lake View Subdivision at Fall River. Samuels noted that the owner is paying taxes on that particular stretch of road. Counselor Paul Dean again noted that he believes the right of way exists due to the duration the public has been using the road without objection. Dean is slated to send a letter to the property owner to inform him that he is not able to restrict access to the road in question.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey informed commissioners that she attended the Southeast District meeting, noting that she brought commissioners informational packets regarding economic development. Discussion was held regarding reconstruction of the Department of Commerce and working to attract business to Kansas at a previous meeting.

Hodge moved to adjourn at 10:22 a.m. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk

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Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman

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Paul Hodge, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member