

**GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 10TH, 2022**

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, Chuck Spradlin, Paul Hodge, Robert Morgan, County Counselor Paul Dean and Deputy County Clerk Deann McCaffree.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fox moved to approve Roy Ballard as Chairman. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ballard moved to approve Ben Fox as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Spradlin moved to approve and maintain the following banks: Citizens State Bank – Hamilton, Community National Bank- Eureka, Emprise Bank – Eureka, Fall River State Bank (Owned by First Neodesha Bank), First Community (Owned by Lyon County State Bank), Home Bank and Trust Co. – Eureka and the State of Kansas Municipal Pool. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve December 31, 2021 Minutes as written. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report

- Darrel informed commissioners that he would hold a meeting for the Christian Hills Bridge project with the owners of adjoining properties. County Counselor Paul Dean is slated to contact the owners of the Christian Hills Camp, if they do not attend the meeting, as Chrisman has yet to hear from said owners.
- The bobcat that has been in the shop seems to be running fine thus far.
- Crews were plating the bridge at Y50 Road Monday morning.
- Chrisman reportedly spoke with county contracted engineer Michael Maris regarding the on-going Hazel/Russel Bridge project. Maris noted that construction cost to the county would be an estimated \$350,000 if they were to take on the project without FEMA.
- Chrisman referenced other counties with a policy in place that specifies if an individual quits within two years of being hired by the county, they must reimburse the county for any training received during that employment.

Fox moved to approve the continued use of The Eureka Herald and The Madison News as official county papers. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve Resolution 22-01 (GAAP). Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Hodge moved to approve payables in the amount of \$128,095.26. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve payables in the amount of \$133,414.88. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve signing the CMB license for Jim & Lila's Café for 2022. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

It was noted by County Treasurer Donna Olson, that Madison Bank will need to be removed from the list of banks for 2023.

Health Department Nurse Vicki Lindsey presented commissioners with new employment verification for Annette Johnson.

Fox moved to approve hiring Johnson full-time at a payrate of \$11 per hour to assist the Health Department with Covid testing and clerical duties. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Salt Springs Township trustee Jeff Pittman was directed to the Clerk's office regarding questions posed as to when an injunction was made.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey presented commissioners with employment verification for Gia Garner for the Deputy Register of Deeds position, with a stipulation that insurance would begin February 1, 2022.

Fox moved to approve hiring Garner full-time at a pay-rate of \$15.95 per hour as Deputy Register of Deeds. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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Emergency Management supervisor Levi Vinson informed commissioners that he struck an owl in the Emergency Management truck. Vinson received a quote in the amount of \$2,500 to repair a headlight damaged by the collision. It was noted that the work could be done at a lower rate locally.

Vinson will be attending Emergency Management training January 31, 2022 through February 4, 2022 and February 9-11.

Interim Noxious Weed Director Jennifer West will be attending basic weed director school in March, 2022.

Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings noted that the only bid received for LED lighting for county buildings was received from Oklahoma LED.

Fox moved to approve a nine-minute break to resume at 10:10 a.m. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. No decisions were made.

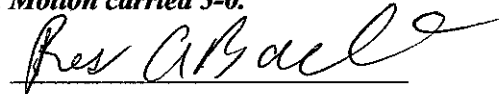
Ballard moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session for employee performance. Meeting to resume at 10:25 a.m. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. An additional five-minutes was taken on the same subject. Meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session for personnel to resume at 10:43 a.m. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners Fox moved to accept a resignation received from former Noxious Weed Director Jerrid Baumgartel, effective January 7, 2022. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ballard moved to appoint Jennifer West as Interim Noxious Weed Director, to include a \$1 an hour raise. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Morgan moved to adjourn at 10:47 p.m. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.



Roy Ballard, Chairman



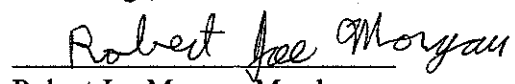
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Chuck Spradlin, Member



Paul Hodge, Member



Robert Joe Morgan, Member

ATTEST: _____
Kathy Robison, County Clerk