

GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 25TH, 2022

Chairman Roy Ballard called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Robert Morgan, Chuck Spradlin, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison. Commissioner Hodge was not in attendance.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Spradlin moved to approve July 18, 2022 Minutes, as written. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

- Chrisman ordered culverts in the amount of \$6,202.
- Crews are slated to start repairs near North Rock Ridge Cove as soon as work is cleared through 811.
- A county grader is in need of a new engine totaling an estimated six to seven thousand dollars.
- Chrisman is readying a few county vehicles to include in an upcoming auction on Purple Wave.

Morgan moved to approve payables in the amount of \$188,959.20 Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Spradlin moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$136,484.24. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Greenwood County resident Ron Rader attended the meeting to speak with the commission regarding a difficulty getting to his field due to fencing having been recently erected by the current land owners. Rader reported having been scalded by the land owner for not acquiring permission before entering the newly erected gates; Rader believes this road is a public road, therefore the land owners could not erect the gates. Commissioner Ballard stated that he had spoken with Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey regarding the road in question and could not find any document stating the road has been closed; therefore, Ballard believes the road should be open. Fox stated the gates should be removed. County Counselor Paul Dean informed the commission that the gates in question need to be removed. Dean noted that if the gates are not removed by the owners, the county will then take on the responsibility of gate removal. Dean is slated to draft a letter to land owners to remove the gates and have said letter delivered by the Greenwood County Sheriff's office. Dean noted that he would have no issue if the Sheriff's Office wanted to take bolt cutters and open the road in question.

Salt Springs Township Trustee Jeff Pittman asked commissioners if they had designated previously discussed roads to county or township; Ballard noted they had not designated roads at this moment, it is Ballard's understanding that the county will fix the roads in question one time and then designate roads.

Levi Vinson provided commissioners with a Memorandum of Understanding for Spring Creek townships upkeep of storm siren systems. Ballard informed Vinson that Noxious Weed department needs to get some mowing finished.

Ben Fox noted that there is \$16,000 in the economic development fund and he would like to donate some funds to the city for their economic development. After a brief discussion with City Administrator Lucas Mullen; the City of Eureka would like a \$2,000 annual donation.

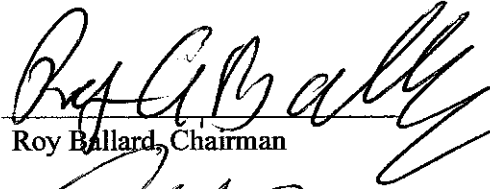
Fox moved to approve a \$10,000 donation to the City of Eureka. (Funds to come out of the economic development fund) Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

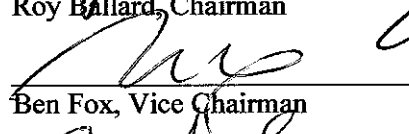
Fox noted plans to speak with the candidate for the open board member position for the Greenwood County Hospital.

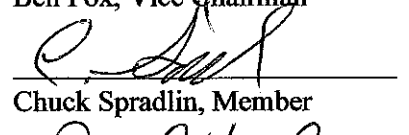
Paul Dean would like the commission to put a bid out to abate and clean Francis Crooks property; noting that Crooks will be incarcerated for a lengthy period of time and Dean will likely seek a lean on the property for restitutions owed.

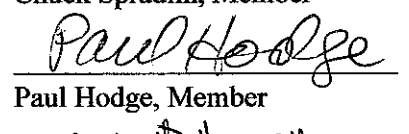
Fox moved to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

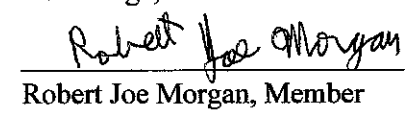
GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 25TH, 2022



Roy Ballard, Chairman


Ben Fox, Vice Chairman


Chuck Spradlin, Member


Paul Hodge, Member


Robert Joe Morgan, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk