

**GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 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, Paul Hodge, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Fox moved to approve August 8, 2022 Minutes, as written. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Road and Bridge Report:

- Darrell has plans to go to Topeka to pick up a truck for purchase.
- Crews are currently utilizing the pot-hole patcher rather than mowing.
- The Christian Hills Bridge Project is currently five days ahead of schedule.
- County contracted engineer Michael Maris informed commissioners that he does not foresee the Christian Hills Bridge project to exceed the budget.
- Maris discussed bridge submissions with for two funding resources; Off System bridge and Kansas Local Bridge replacement grants.
- A brief discussion was held regarding the bridge located near Fall River; suggestions were made regarding possibly closing the bridge or reducing the usage to pedestrian only.
- Maris is slated to draft a letter to the Corps of Engineers proposing that they assist the county in repair costs for the bridge located near Fall River.

***Ballard moved to approve a five-minute executive session to discuss legal matters regarding road issues posed at the meeting. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m. No decisions were made.***

***Fox moved to approve hiring Kristin Manzer for Accounts Payables clerk in the County Clerk's office, full time at a pay rate of \$13.00 per hour. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

***Spradlin moved to approve hiring Madison Morris at a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour for a Health Department COVID-19 tester. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

Bloodborne pathogen protocol will be sent to department heads as it is being considered for addition to the county policy and procedure manual.

Health Department Director Vicki Lindsey addressed new guidelines regarding COVID-19 protocol. Once a person tests positive, they are to stay home for five days; on the sixth day, a person can return to work provided there are no lingering symptoms and that person wears a mask through day ten. A consensus was met regarding the testing policies; a person cannot rely on a home test alone; they must seek a test from the Health Department or elsewhere. Several other potential policies were discussed. The commission made the decision to afford department heads the ability to decide whether or not employees are required to wear masks inside their respective offices after exposure.

***Spradlin moved to approve a new policy; to be eligible to receive COVID pay, an employee must not rely on an 'at-home' test, said employee must be tested by their physician, Health Department or hospital. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.***

C.A. Floyd attended the meeting to discuss the on-going road dispute near 40<sup>th</sup> Road. Floyd proposed that an agreement is made that the road be closed and if Rader were to need access, simply call Floyd and he will always be granted access. Hodge spoke in favor of closing the road and coming to a conclusion. Rader feels justified in having his side of the road closed but expressed opposition in Floyd closing their side of the road, as Rader does not feel he should need to ask permission to enter the gates in question. Floyd recommended that if their side of the road is earmarked as open, Rader's side of the road should be considered open as well. County Counselor Paul Dean stated that he will draft an agreement for both parties to sign. Ballard informed Floyd that he could shut his gates at this point, as Rader is finished haying for the year, to afford Floyd access to the pasture in question. In the meantime, the commission recommended Floyd and Rader speak with one another to come to a solution in the matter. Hodge informed fellow commissioners that he still holds opposition to leaving the road open.

Nancy Kirkham with Bachelor Township addressed the commission regarding splitting costs with other townships for major repairs. Kirkham stated that Bachelor township paid for repairs and sent a letter to Eureka township informing them of their share of the costs; Eureka township responded with a refusal to pay said costs. Kirkham was directed to file suit. Ballard recommended that a commissioner call Eureka township and inform them that they need to pay their share of the repairs made.

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Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed commissioners that FEMA is in the process of doing flood plain mapping for Greenwood County.

*Fox moved to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Roy A. Ballard  
Roy Ballard, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Member

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Robert Joe Morgan  
Robert Joe Morgan, Member