

**GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 31ST, 2021**

Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Chuck Spradlin, Paul Hodge, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison. Vice chairman Ballard and Morgan were absent.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Spradlin moved to approve December 20th, 2021 Minutes. Fox seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- Chrisman provided commissioners with the Greenwood County Solid Waste Plan for signatures.

Spradlin moved to approve the Solid Waste Plan for Greenwood County. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

- A gas line needs repair near the shop at the Road and Bridge Department. Darrel has plans in motion to address necessary repairs.
- Road and Bridge now has all the necessary equipment to plate the bridge located on Y25 Road.
- Darrel requested \$2,000 for the purchase of a bucket for tractor equipment.

Spradlin moved to approve the purchase of a bucket in the amount of \$2,000. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

- Commissioner Hodge asked if a temporary crossing could be installed on U RD and 100th Street at the site of a bridge that has been pending repair since 2018, as Hodge feels that waiting for FEMA may be a lost cause. Chrisman responded that the depth of the waterway would not allow for crews to build a temporary bridge at that location. Chrisman is slated to contact county contracted engineer Michael Maris to explore alternative options for said bridge.

Fox moved to accept an agreement for Professional Surveying and Engineering Services for replacement of the bridge over Tadpole Creek. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

- Christian Hills Bridge construction is slated to begin in March of 2022.

Fox moved to approve a notice to the township for Jim and Lila's Café for their CMB license. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Hodge moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$127,165.01. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Spradlin moved to approve payables in the amount of \$255,854.37. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fox moved to appoint Cindy Pelky to the Greenwood County Hospital Board. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Greenwood County previously joined other counties in legal action pertaining to opioid litigation. County Counselor Paul Dean explained that the Kansas Attorney General's office is working to consolidate this into one settlement class. Dean informed commissioners that Greenwood County would not receive a large lump sum from these proceedings, however, money received could be utilized for drug addiction services and counseling.

Fox moved to approve Resolution 21-39, the execution and agreement to release and assign county opioid claims to the Kansas Attorney General. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau provided commissioners with research pertaining to the potential increase of fees for Ambulance services.

Fox moved to approve a mileage rate of \$15 per loaded mile and Basic Life Support Emergent costs of \$700. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The following year-end transfers were approved with Resolution numbers to follow:

Fox motioned to approve the Health Department transferring \$20,000 to reserve and \$1,573.49 to Freedom Claims Account. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-28, Resolution 21-19)

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Fox motioned to approve the Treasurer transferring \$10,000 to reserve and \$10,284.72 to Freedom Claims. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-38, Resolution 21-19)

Fox motioned to approve Road and Bridge transferring \$170,000 to Special Highway, \$170,000 to Special Machinery and \$8,193.06 to Freedom Claims. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-23, Resolution 21-24, Resolution 21-19)

Fox motioned to approve Recycle transferring \$15,000 to Special Highway (Resolution 21-36) and \$500 to Freedom Claims (Resolution 21-19), Solid Waste transferring \$30,000 to Freedom Claims (Resolution 21-19). Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fox motioned to approve Ambulance transferring \$30,000 to capital reserve and \$6,891.12 to Freedom Claims. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-33, Resolution 21-19)

Sheriff Heath Samuels provided commissioners with employment verification for Justin Andrews.

Fox moved to approve hiring Andrews at a pay rate of \$14.93 per hour. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Samuels also provided impound inventory and the 2021 forfeiture report, as required by statute.

Spradlin moved to accept the 2021 Sheriff's forfeiture report. Fox seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fox motioned to approve Sheriff transferring \$54,646.22 to Freedom Claims (Resolution 21-19), \$50,000 to jail fund (Resolution 21-27), \$50,000 to equipment fund (Resolution 21-25). Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fox moved to approve Noxious Weed transferring \$39,875.84 to reserve fund; \$1,103.48 to Freedom Claims (Resolution 21-19). Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Motion was later amended for Noxious Weed to roll-over the amount of \$39,875.84, rather than adding to the reserve fund.

Fox motioned to approve transferring Household Hazardous Waste transferring \$3,000 to equipment reserve. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-18)

Spradlin motioned to approve Emergency Preparedness transferring \$19,000 to equipment reserve. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-20)

County Attorney Jill Gillett provided commissioners an updated case count for Greenwood County.

Fox moved to approve County Attorney transferring \$10,000 to their equipment reserve; \$10,000 to general fund; \$7,507.20 to Elk County (for insurance) and \$10,410.41 to Freedom Claims. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-31, Resolution 21-19)

Fox moved to approve Register of Deeds transferring \$5,000 to equipment reserve; \$5,000 to general reserve and \$2,565.44 to Freedom Claims. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-16, Resolution 21-19)

Fox motioned to approve Appraiser transferring \$30,000 to reserve; \$30,000 to general reserve and \$10,000 to Freedom Claims. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-32, Resolution 21-19)

Fox motioned to approve Fire Department transferring \$25,000 to equipment reserve. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-17)

Fox motioned to approve Clerk transferring \$7,903.02 to Freedom Claims and \$5,000 to clerk reserve. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-21, Resolution 21-19)

Fox motioned to approve Election transferring \$5,140.74 to Freedom Claims and \$25,000 to election reserve. (Resolution 21-37, Resolution 21-19)

Fox motioned to approve Courthouse General transferring \$100,000 to equipment reserve; Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-29)

Fox motioned to approve Commission transferring \$5,150.82 to Freedom Claims. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0. (Resolution 21-19)

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Fox moved to approve a ten-minute break, meeting to resume at 12:05 p.m. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0.


Fox moved to extend the break for ten minutes, meeting to resume at 12:27 p.m. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Fox moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session pertaining to legal matters with county counselor Paul Dean and Levi Vinson. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

Fox moved to place Noxious Weed Director Jerrid Baumgartel on indefinite paid administrative leave. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Spradlin moved to adjourn at 12:44 p.m. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk


Ben Fox, Chairman

Roy Ballard
Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman


Chuck Spradlin, Member

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Member

Robert Joe Morgan
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