

**COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 1ST, 2021**

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, Paul Hodge, Chuck Spradlin, Robert Joe Morgan, Kathy Robison County Clerk and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve February 22nd, 2021 Minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that Cook, Flatt and Strobel had informed him that they were waiting to receive another bid before proceeding with the geology report for the Christian Hills Bridge project. Darrel stated he had been looking at alternative routes, due to the unforeseen extra cost of removing a portion of the hill. Chrisman informed commissioners that he had purchased the semi that was discussed at previous meetings. Darrel said he is waiting to receive word back in regards the bulldozer that was being evaluated. Commissioner Hodge stated he had a few complaints regarding wash-boards on roads that are in need of being smoothed out. Chrisman will look into the matter. Hodge then questioned Chrisman about the conditions of the bridge west of Neal; Darrel responded that progress had been delayed due to sink holes in various locations.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer's report. No actions taken.

County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners that one of the computers in her office had stopped working and had been replaced for an amount of \$1,810. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve said replacement which is slated to be taken out of County Clerk Equipment Reserve account. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Robison then presented commissioners with the Chief Elected Officials Board agreement through Southeast Kansas Works for approval. Commissioner Fox made a motion to accept said agreement. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fox approached the issue of the door entrance that was discussed at a previous meeting. Sheriff Samuels stated he was looking into replacing a locking mechanism on his evidence door also. A quote for both doors will be sought to reduce cost.

Emergency Management Supervisor Levi Vinson reported that he had contacted the seller in regards to removing unnecessary features from the UTV previously approved for purchase. Vinson noted the total cost would be \$17,826.10; approximately \$500 less than the original bid.

Commissioner Ballard stated he had received inquiries regarding the abolishment of the mask mandate. Commissioner Spradlin asked Sheriff Heath Samuels his opinion regarding the matter, Samuels stated he had not seen many people wearing masks. A brief discussion ensued regarding whether or not the resolution passed by commissioners previously regarding masks, is in fact, a mandate or a strong suggestion. The decision was made that the resolution passed is a mandate but there would be no enforcement if this mandate was not followed. County Counselor Paul Dean stated that businesses had the right to require masks. Dean recommended that commissioners consider the item again once school has concluded. Sheriff Samuels stated that in the event a person goes into a business refusing to wear a mask and will not leave the establishment, the Sheriff's office can then respond with a no trespass order, "to circumvent around the whole mask thing." The commission made the decision to leave the mandate as it stands.

Commissioner Fox stated that Hamilton USD 390 had switched to a different microphone system for video meetings. He suggested that a set of 8 microphones be purchased for the commission room as they are cost efficient and seemed to work well. The decision was made to proceed with the purchase at the approximate amount of \$300.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 9:46 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

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Ben Fox, Chairman

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Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman

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Chuck Spradlin, Member

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Paul Hodge, Member

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Robert Joe Morgan, Member