

**COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 25TH, 2021**

Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Vice Chairman Roy Ballard, Chuck Spradlin, Robert Joe Morgan, Paul Hodge, Deputy County Clerk Deann McCafferee and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Spradlin moved to approve October 18th, 2021 Minutes. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Spradlin moved to accept a correction to the amounts payable for October 22, 2021 in the amount of \$12.91. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ballard moved to accept a correction to payroll for October 22, 2021 in the amount of \$156.80. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

- Greenwood County won the auction for the snowplow truck in the amount of \$11,000.
- Reece Road project is reportedly completed. Darrel is slated to check on the completion of the project.
- Crews are currently working on Hamilton/Virgil road this morning.
- Morgan inquired about the Reece Road project, Darrel reiterated once again, that the job is reportedly completed and he is slated to view the project following the meeting.

Salt-Springs township residents attended the meeting to inquire about the road closure issue that was addressed during a previous meeting. It was noted that the Greenwood County Commission Board had made the decision that, "in their opinion" the road should be open. County Counselor Paul Dean informed those residents that the next step would be to hire an attorney and take the matter to court. Dean is going to write the owners of the land a letter to inform them that the opinion of the Commission Board is that the road in question is open to the public and the County is willing to take that particular section off the tax roll. Salt-Springs township trustee Jeff Pittman informed commissioners that there are a few roads in Salt-Springs township that neither the County nor the township are maintaining. Pittman would like those roads designated as county or township responsibility. Commissioner will look into the matter and discuss it at a later date.

Commissioners discussed the 2022 calendar. It was noted that December 31, 2021 will fall on the calendar for 2022. The decision was made to take the following Monday, January 3rd as a holiday. Fox moved to approve the 2022 with said changes. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Hodge moved to approve Resolution GWRV21-15 for a road vacation in Otter Creek Township. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Spradlin moved to approve a contract renewal with Advantage Computers, in the amount of \$3,500. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners reviewed third quarter financial report.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey presented commissioners with a bid for the purchase of three new computers in the amount of \$6,324.00. Fox moved to accept the bid of up to an amount of \$6,324.00. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Scott Day with Freedom Claims attended the meeting to inform commissioners that the county will see an increase in health insurance rates. Day presented three plans for increasing rates by the following percentages; 8.5%, 7% and 5%. He noted that his recommendation is 8.5%. County employees will see a slight increase and vision will remain the same. Commissioner Fox voiced concerns over inflation for employees, it was then noted that departments had budgeted for a 5% increase for health insurance. Commissioners will consider the matter and discuss it at a later date.

Commissioners reviewed applications approved by the American Rescue Plan Act committee. It was noted that requests received totaled more than funds currently available. As such, applications were considered in the order received. The last bid received from Rural Water District #2, will receive a partial amount now, and the remainder of the funds requested after the other half of the ARPA funds have been received by the county.

As commissioners reviewed the City of Eureka's request for funds to be utilized to begin their municipal water project; they began discussing BG Consultants. Concerns were voiced regarding BG's performance

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and cost. Paul Dean noted that Madison does not utilize BG Consultants due to expense. Dean stated that Madison relined their manholes to aid in resolving the issue of surface water infiltration. Commissioner Spradlin asked Paul Dean to attend the next Hamilton City Council meeting to discuss sewer mainline issues. Following this discussion, commissioners stipulated that two bids be presented by the City of Eureka for their water project. Fox moved to approve sending the bids to SCKEDD with stipulations. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Roy Ballard
Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Member

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Member

Robert Joe Morgan
Robert Joe Morgan, Member