

**GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 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, Chuck Spradlin, Robert Morgan, County Counselor Paul Dean and Deputy County Clerk Deann McCaffree. Commissioner Paul Hodge was not in attendance.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fox moved to approve October 17th, 2022 Minutes, as written. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Spradlin moved to approve revised Minutes for September 19th. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

Spradlin moved to approve hiring Candace Baxter as a truck driver/equipment operator for Road & Bridge at a pay-rate of \$15.00 per hour. Fox seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

- Crews are currently working on several bridge projects within the county.
- The recently purchased lowboy is slated for pick-up this week.
- Crews were trimming trees on U Rd and B Rd last week.
- Ballard noted that Virgil Rd is in need of road rock.
- It was noted there are culverts in need of rip rap within the county.
- A Road and Bridge vehicle was involved in a wreck recently. It was noted that the employee operating said vehicle was experiencing health problems and would not be able to return to work until next Thursday.
- Christian Hills Bridge project is still on schedule.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer's report. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to approve a quarterly unemployment pay-out in the amount of \$720. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief Glen Collinge informed commissioners that he needs to install a turbo on the fire truck in Madison. Ballard noted that the estimated cost could be around \$2,500 or more.

Fox moved to approve the purchase of a turbo for utilization on one of the Madison fire trucks in the amount of not more than \$3,000. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Emergency Management Supervisor Levi Vinson informed commissioners he had received a quote from Topeka regarding the reprogramming of the 800 radios that was discussed at last week's meeting. Vinson noted the quote received was for \$39 per radio, for a total of \$4,381 to reprogram all of Greenwood County's 800 radios. Costs also includes miscellaneous parts and batteries.

Fox moved to approve the cost of having the 800 radios reprogrammed at a total cost of \$2,925 and miscellaneous parts and batteries in the amount of \$1,456. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Those monies are slated to come out of the General fund.

It was noted that Vinson received an Associates Degree in Emergency Management in December of last year.

Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings spoke with commissioners regarding the chiller maintenance contract. Rawlings noted that a yearly inspection should be considered. The matter is slated for further discussion at a later meeting.

Fox informed fellow commissioners that a meeting was held with insurance representative Scott Day, who noted a very minimal increase in insurance rates for Greenwood County. Fox noted that cameras in and around county buildings were inspected; some of which need replacing. The estimated cost of such will be \$1,500 - \$2,000. It was noted that those funds should come out of the General account.

Fox moved to approve an amount of not more than \$2,000 for camera replacement. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau informed commissioners that he would like to speak with school officials in regards to possibly implementing a tech school curriculum to aid with Ambulance transfers. The 'incentive' matter was revisited briefly. There were many different ideas discussed in finding a resolution to the qualified transportation.

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Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session to begin at 9:52 a.m. to afford discussion for employee performance to include Levi Vinson. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Vinson exited the executive session at 9:55 a.m. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with Brian Mongeau to afford discussion for employee performance at 10:07 a.m. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 4-0. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to approve the offer of incentives for Greenwood County employees to participate in a patient transfer or cover a shift for the ambulance department. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Fire Chief Glen Collinge to afford discussion regarding personnel. Meeting to reconvene at 10:22 a.m. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 4-0. No decisions were made.

Deputy County Clerk Deann McCaffree noted that early voting for the November 8 General Election began today in the County Clerk's Office.

Fox moved to adjourn at 10:22 a.m. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Roy 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