

**GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 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, Paul Hodge, County Counselor Paul Dean and Deputy County Clerk Deann McCaffree.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Road and Bridge Report:

- Crews are slated open 300th Road after the excavator is finished with repairs.
- Christian Hills bridge project is still on schedule.
- Crews are grading roads when they are able.
- Ballard noted that 390th Road needs trees trimmed.
- Chrisman has still not heard anything from the contractor regarding Reece Road.
- Once crews are caught up, they will start repairs on Ranch Road.
- Chrisman noted that he has loads of salt and sand arriving soon.

Fox moved to approve payables in the amount of \$305,159.09. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Hodge moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$131,770.02. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Greenwood County resident Mike Lolley informed commissioners that his daughter's neighbors at Lookout Point, have erected a building on his daughter's property. Lolley was looking for guidance as to who has the burden of proof to provide property lines. County Counselor Paul Dean informed Lolley that this is a civil matter and he would need to discuss this matter with an attorney. Lolley also noted that the road he currently drives on to get home, is located on a ranchers' land and wanted to verify that he would not be denied access to this road in the future. Dean noted once again that this is a civil matter, but directed Lolley to speak with the rancher if this ever becomes an issue.

Employees from the Extension office attended the meeting to extend an invitation for commissioners to attend an achievement banquet on November 16th, at 7 p.m., at the Hamilton School.

Ballard moved to approve hiring Ciara Harris at a pay-rate of \$12.66 per hour as a detention deputy. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Insurance representative Scott Day informed commissioners that the Blue Cross and Blue Shield rate increase was 0.9%. Day gave a brief synopsis of the funds needed for insurance and insurance services provided. Spradlin voiced concerns regarding using "excess" funds to pay insurance, rather than utilizing those funds to build other funds within the county. Day noted that he could show how those numbers affect the 'per pay check' rate; commissioners would like to see those numbers. Day is slated to present that information at next weeks meeting.

Fox moved to approve a fifteen-minute executive session to include Darrel Chrisman. No other information was offered regarding this session. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m. No decisions were made.

Ballard moved to approve a five-minute executive session to include county counselor Paul Dean to afford discussion regarding a property in Neal. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m. No decisions were made.

Fox moved to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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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