

**COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 18TH, 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 January 11, 2021 Minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman questioned commissioners regarding the annual township dinner. Commissioners reached a consensus that the dinner should be postponed until fall. Chrisman reported that County contracted engineer Michael Maris would be here Wednesday to determine whether or not the bridge that was discussed in last week's meeting is salvageable. Darrel reported they had received the second of two trailers they had previously purchased. He continued, informing commissioners that he had received 3 bids for the purchase of tires, the lowest bid being from Rock 54 Tire and Oil, in the amount of \$15,020. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve said purchase. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Morgan informed Chrisman that the bridge located on H and 120th was in need of a larger culvert. Commissioner Morgan also informed Darrel that the low water crossing at 180th and B Road is impassible. Chrisman responded that Michael Maris has looked into the matter and the bridge would need to be replaced. Chrisman told Morgan that he would look into the matter again. Road and Bridge employees Eric McClain, Marlin Beitz and Supervisor Darrel Chrisman were presented certificates for their years of service

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer's report.

Kwikom Communications representative Eric Vogel provided commissioners with an update on progress in the area. Vogel stated that Kwikom had secured the land lease at Madison and forwarded paperwork pertaining to the agreement to Legal Counsel Paul Dean for review. Dean told commissioners that he would discuss the matter in an executive session next Monday.

Paul Dean told commissioners that the township had not been maintaining GG 50 Rd since maintenance had been turned over to them. County Clerk Kathy Robison informed the commission that the matter was discussed in the Minutes previously but she had yet to find a resolution pertaining to the issue. Robison stated she will continue to look into the matter. Dean also requested a waiver of landfill tipping fees for the City of Madison for the demolition of houses. The decision was made to approve said waiver.

Commissioner Ballard told the commission that he had been approached by a resident of Greenwood County near Quincy informing him of an individual dumping household trash on his land. Sheriff Samuels said he would visit the area.

Health Department Nurse Vicki Lindsey-Ross told commissioners that Valerie Morris had taken on additional responsibilities and asked permission to increase her pay rate to \$14 per hour from \$12.63. Commissioner Hodge stated that he felt this was a substantial increase. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve said pay increase for Valerie Morris. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Hodge opposed.

Lindsey-Ross approached the subject of a raise for herself; commissioners informed her that they would review her current pay rate and discuss the matter in executive session. She then asked permission to add a full time PRN position and a part time PRN position. These positions are COVID related. The pay rates for those positions are \$20 per hour for the RN and \$18 per hour for the LPN. Vicki stated she had some funds in her budget to utilize for these positions, but if something dramatic happens due to COVID and she were to go over budget, she would need to pay these employees from a different fund. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve adding said positions. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners questioned Vicki regarding testing and the COVID vaccine. Vicki noted that she is working with Greenwood County Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson on the distribution process.

Commissioner Ballard stated that Coffey County had refused to administer the COVID vaccine because they felt that not enough research had been done. Vicki confirmed his statement, informing commissioners that she had called Coffey County regarding the matter. Lindsey-Ross then stated that flu vaccines are available to those who need them.

Eureka Township and Salem Township are both in need of Treasurers. Ben Fox and Chuck Spradlin will aid in identifying individuals to assume those roles, as they are the commissioners for those townships.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Zoning Board members. Commissioners are looking to fill the remaining open position.

Sheriff Heath Samuels renewed his Oath of Office.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson asked for a fifteen minute executive session for legal purposes. Commissioner Fox approved said executive session to begin at 9:57 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners reconvened at 10:12 a.m. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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