

**COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 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 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 Hodge made a motion to approve January 18, 2021 Minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman briefly discussed the future of recycling in Greenwood County. He reported that Lyon County would soon start charging \$130 per ton to accept out of county recycling. Eric, with Kwikom, stated he could put Darrel in touch with some people from Iola, who have a fairly good recycling set-up. Commissioner Fox later told fellow commissioners that had been in contact with an Iola Rotary representative, who informed Fox they handled local recycling only but a company located in Illinois takes their cardboard. Commissioner Fox noted he would look into the matter. Commissioner Ballard voiced his concerns regarding the cost, stating the people utilizing such a service need to know what the cost will be. Darrel reported he had a meeting with KDOT regarding the signing project. The project could start anywhere from February 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>. Chrisman informed Commissioners that county contracted engineer Michael Maris looked at the bridge located in Reece, Maris stated the repairs would amount to an estimated cost of \$10,000. Maris also looked at a low water crossing in the county and informed Darrel the crossing could be saved. Commissioner Morgan informed Darrel that another bridge in Reece is in need of guardrails. Commissioner Ballard told Chrisman that he received a call regarding two bridges in need of repair; one located near 240<sup>th</sup> and R Road, the other located near AA and 250<sup>th</sup> Road. Chrisman stated he would look into the matter. Commissioner Morgan inquired about the progress on Christian Hills Bridge; Darrel informed him that construction could start next year.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer's report.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$229,113.16. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$118,955.86. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners that Health Department Nurse Vicki Lindsey-Ross did not wish to move \$35,000 to her Reserve account; therefore the resolution to do so, needs rescinded. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the rescission of Resolution 20-26. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Robison also informed commissioners that Eureka Township had found Austin Evensen to fill the position of Eureka Township Treasurer. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve appointing Evensen to said position. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Eric, with Kwikom attended the Commission meeting with a contract for a tower in Madison. County Counselor Paul Dean informed commissioners that he would like to make revisions to the contract before approval.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau asked Eric questions regarding placement of County equipment on their Kwikom towers. Eric responded that it was not a problem for their equipment to be there and if Mongeau needed to move his equipment higher, Kwikom can move it at a reasonable cost to the county.

Mongeau then updated commissioners on the monitor replacements funded by the CARES money. He stated those monitors had been delivered. Mongeau also informed commissioners of a couple of purchases he would like to make for COVID response; of those purchases, he mentioned ventilators at a price of \$25,000 to \$28,000.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve appointing Mirah Dow as a new board member for New Beginnings. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Emergency Management Supervisor Levi Vinson told commissioners that the COVID testing site will be moved to the south side of the building to allow for more space. The cost of said move will increase from \$300 per month to \$500 per month. Commissioners had no objections.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a five minute executive session to begin at 9:58 a.m. for legal consultation regarding Kwikom. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The commission meeting reconvened at 10:03 a.m. No decisions were made at this time.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a ten minute executive session to begin at 10:11 a.m. to discuss employee review with Vicki Lindsey-Ross. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The commission meeting reconvened at 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to increase Vicki's rate of pay to \$29 per hour. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-2. Commissioners Paul Hodge and Robert Joe Morgan opposed.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a ten minute executive session to begin at 10:23 a.m. to discuss employee status with Levi Vinson. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The commission meeting reconvened at 10:33 a.m. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on February 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, 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