

**COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 29TH, 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, County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hodge moved to accept March 22nd, 2021 Minutes, as written. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that concrete boxes for the Reece project are slated to be finished by April 5th, 2021. Chrisman told commissioners that the crane that is slated to be used to set the concrete boxes will not arrive until approximately April 26th. He reported that a company is coming in to do a tank integrity test and a spill prevention plan for an estimated \$3,000; which according to Darrel, is mandated by the federal government. Commissioner Ballard asked Darrel to delve further into the matter before any decisions are made. Darrel reported that one of their dump trucks broke down last week. A brief discussion ensued regarding the price of machinery discussed at a previous meeting. No decisions were made on the subject. Commissioner Hodge inquired about the future of recycling in Greenwood County. Hodge made the suggestion to sell the cardboard baler and the trailer, due to cardboard growing increasingly more difficult to dispose of. Darrel told commissioners that Emporia had not begun to charge Greenwood County for the recycling of cardboard, as they had previously indicated. Commissioner Ballard reported having received calls about a road south of Virgil that is in need of repair.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer's report.

Commissioners gave approval for Eureka Ministerial Alliance to utilize the courthouse gazebo on May 6, 2021.

Greenwood County received a plaque from KWORCC for being number two in the state for low loss ratio for workers comp.

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Resolution 21-03 stating that GG 50 Rd is in fact the townships responsibility to care for that road. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0. A brief discussion ensued regarding the specs of GG 50 Rd and signage on said road.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed commissioners that the State had to approve Jerrid Baumgartel as Noxious Weed Director. Vinson presented the application to commissioners to sign and then send it to the state. Vinson then informed commissioners he had done some research on how other Health Departments are doing COVID-19 testing. His findings are that approximately half the health departments in the Southeast region are doing in-house testing.

Commissioner Fox moved to approve a 10 minute executive session, to include Sheriff Heath Samuels and County Counselor Paul Dean, to discuss courthouse security beginning at 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0. At 10:00 a.m. an additional 5 minutes was taken for the same matter. Following the executive session, Sheriff Heath Samuels provided commissioners with a proposed plan for courthouse security. He stated that knives over 6 inches will not be allowed in the courthouse and knives are not allowed upstairs regardless of size. Samuels requested that the signage be changed to indicate no firearms in the courthouse rather than just upstairs. Samuels stated Greenwood County Handbook policy would need to be changed to reflect an exemption for Greenwood County employees that have received firearms training. Samuels voiced the importance of making sure that county staff that are interested in carrying a gun are capable of stepping up to protect others, stating that he would like this to be reflected in the policy manual. Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve Sheriff Samuel's security plan for the courthouse. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

County Counselor Paul Dean informed commissioners that the Resolution they had signed earlier in the meeting was not the revised version of said resolution. Dean presented commissioners with a newer, revised Resolution to sign pertaining to turning over the upkeep of GG50 Rd to Salt Springs Township. Commissioner Hodge moved to accept the revised Resolution 21-03. Commissioner Spradlin seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Spradlin moved to accept Resolution 21-04 pertaining to masks. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0. (See Resolution 21-04)

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Commissioner Hodge moved to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Roy G. Ballard
Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Member

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Member

Robert Joe Morgan
Robert Joe Morgan, Member