

NOVEMBER 28, 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, Robert Morgan, Paul Hodge, Chuck Spradlin, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fox moved to approve November 14th, 2022 Minutes as written. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Report:

Fox moved to approve hiring Russell Peyton for Road and Bridge department at a pay rate of \$15 per hour. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve November 21st, 2022 Minutes as written. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Christian Hills Bridge is open to traffic.
- A trailer utilized by Road and Bridge is currently under repair.
- A contractor quoted an estimated \$36,000 to \$40,000 to repair the damages on Reece Road. Commissioners will revisit this matter at a later date.

Greenwood County resident Harold Engle attended the meeting to inform commissioners of bank erosion that is encroaching on a bridge in Madison Township. Engle has acquired approval from the State of Kansas and a permit from the Corps of Engineers to repair the problem; he has also acquired donated concrete from the Kansas Department of Transportation. Engle would like the County to help with equipment and repair. Road and Bridge supervisor Darrel Chrisman is slated to take a look at the bridge in question alongside Engle and a consultant to resolve the matter.

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

Morgan moved to approve payables in the amount of \$311,614.36. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$131,681.35. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve a \$100 year-end bonus for full-time employees and \$50 for part-time employees. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve a five percent Cost of Living raise for Greenwood County employees. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson provided an update on the Hazel Russell Bridge. The State wanted an updated estimate on the repair costs for said bridge; Vinson noted the updated cost is an estimated \$1.1 million. Road and Bridge is still in contact with the State to resolve the matter.

Following a brief discussion regarding vehicles for the Sheriff's department the following motions were approved;

Fox moved to approve the purchase of an SUV in the amount of \$29,600. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Fox moved to approve the purchase of a truck and an SUV in the amounts of \$39,265 and \$39,444 respectively. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff Heath Samuels noted he would like utilize monies from the 2022 budget for the purchase of the afore mentioned vehicles. Commissioners voiced no opposition.

Samuels would like to offer year-end raises that would take effect on December 18th, 2022 in addition to COLA raises.

Spradlin moved to approve year-end raises for Sheriff's Department employees. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

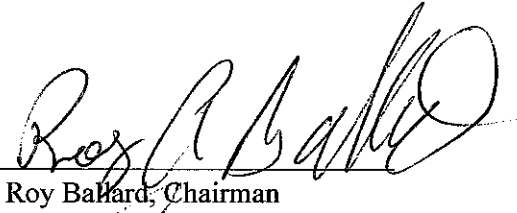
Paul Hodge informed Sheriff Samuels of having seen several deceased animals being housed in pens with live animals that looked to be malnourished and would like direction as to what the next step could be to address the matter. Samuels noted he will investigate the matter further.

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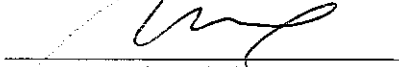
Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau informed commissioners that Ambulance employees have transported patients more frequently; noting the incentive offered for this service has contributed to such aid.

Fox moved to approve a five-minute executive session to include County Counselor Paul Dean to discuss legal matters. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 9:56 a.m. No decisions were made.

Hodge moved to adjourn at 9:59 a.m. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.



Roy Ballard, Chairman



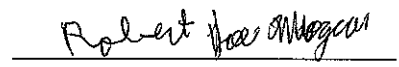
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin, Member



Paul Hodge, Member



Robert Joe Morgan, Member