

**GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 7, 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.

*Fox moved to approve October 24, 2022 Minutes as written. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Fox moved to approve October 31, 2022 Minutes as written. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Road and Bridge Report:

- Crews are working on a low water crossing on R Road.
- It was noted that barricades on the south side of Christian Hills Bridge are down. These are not county barricades, but Chrisman will look into the matter.
- There has been no word from the contractors regarding the Reece Road project.

Sheriff Heath Samuels discussed briefly the Neal property that is in need of clean-up. County counselor Paul Dean noted that Tim Leiser is slated to look into the matter and produce a bid for the job.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed commissioners that he had contacted the State of Kansas regarding the bridge project on U Road and 100<sup>th</sup>. State representatives noted that they are working on the matter and it is a priority. The State is also requiring an updated bid for said project.

*Spradlin moved to approve special payables in the amount of \$7,729.21. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

A Granite representative attended the meeting via Zoom to speak with the commission regarding moving the remaining land lines to Granite rather than AT&T to save Greenwood County an estimated thirty percent. Fox is slated to speak with Sheriff Samuels regarding their lines and will revisit the matter at a later date.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau revisited the transportation driver shortage. Commissioners will appoint a committee consisting of two commissioners, fire department employees and EMS personnel to meet with the Kansas Department of Emergency Management Services on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the matter further.

A Vaughn Acres resident attended the meeting for a status update in regards to scheduled improvements to the roads. Said resident was directed to contact Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman.

Scott Day with Day Insurance attended the meeting to continue discussion regarding policies for the 2023 budget year. Following a brief discussion regarding policies and finances the following motions were made in regards to insurance for Greenwood County;

*Fox moved to approve a 9% increase in insurance rates. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Fox moved to approve signing the renewal for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Fox moved to approve the renewal with Delta Dental. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Fox moved to approve renewal with Vision Insurance. Ballard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Fox then moved to approve a ten-minute executive session to include Sheriff Samuels to afford discussion for legal matters. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting to reconvene at 10:12 a.m. No decisions were made.*

A brief discussion regarding hours worked during Thanksgiving week was visited. Commissioner Ballard noted that the County is only paying for one day vacation for Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed and the Health Department; as those departments are not open on Fridays, the county will not pay vacation time for Friday.

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

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ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, 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