

**COMMISSION MEETING**  
**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 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 Spradlin moved to accept March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Minutes, as written. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve payables in the amount of \$187,724.28. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$120,250.72 Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported a company had picked up approximately 30 bales of cardboard from Greenwood County for recycling. Chrisman told commissioners that debris removal estimates from FEMA is around \$30,000. Chrisman stated that the decking has been poured on Bitler Bridge and the guardrails are slated to be poured in three weeks. Darrel reported he received a quote for an excavator with a quick connect and hydraulic thumb in the amount of \$260,000. Commissioner Ballard inquired about the timeline for repairs to the crossing at Shell Rock; Chrisman noted that he needed to visit with Judd Everitt with Everitt Concrete about the estimated timeline. Commissioner Ballard informed Chrisman that he had received a comment that Road and Bridge did a great job on a road south of Madison. Commissioner Spradlin noted that the pothole patching machine could be utilized to aid cities with their pothole repairs. Darrel reported that the County received approximately \$17,600 for the dozer that went under water last year.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed commissioners that the Emergency Management County owned vehicle needed repairs in the amount of \$1,626.95. Vinson asked commissioners to approve said amount, although the repairs had already been done. Commissioner Hodge moved to approve repairs in the amount of \$1,626.95. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Vinson then informed the commission that it was time for the annual renewal of the Code Red Standard Notification System in the amount of \$4,260. Vinson noted that he thought the county upgraded from the standard package last year to include weather and will delve further into the matter before seeking approval.

Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve appropriations for Corner House Inc. in the amount of \$2,500. Commissioner Ballard seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Ben Fox asked County counselor Paul Dean his thoughts on other states adopting legal documentation in the efforts to exempt themselves from federal law pertaining to Second Amendment rights. Sheriff Heath Samuels stated he does not believe the federal government has any intentions to confiscate firearms. He believes the government will make it more difficult to purchase firearms and ammunition and also to abolish person to person firearms sales. Commissioner Fox stated he did not believe the government had the ability to tell him he would not be allowed to pass a firearm down to a family member. Samuels told commissioners that he does not want them to be concerned that the government will take the firearms from Greenwood County residents; as Sheriff Samuels himself would not enforce such laws.

Commissioner Spradlin moved to approve a ten minute executive session to begin at 9:54 a.m. to discuss employee performance. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners reconvened at 10:04 a.m. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Hodge inquired about the progress on the re-carpeting project in the courthouse. County Clerk Kathy Robison informed commissioners that the Register of Deeds office and the County Appraisers office had been finished and possibly upstairs in the court system; although no one knew for sure as the court is still mostly closed to the public due to COVID-19.

County Clerk Robison stated that the government is slated to send money to cities in Greenwood County and have asked for information pertaining to said cities. Robison gathered that information and sent it to

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the appropriate entities. Vinson posed questions regarding the purpose of the money; neither the commission nor Robison knew why the government is sending money.

Commissioner Morgan inquired about the cause of fires throughout the county. Sheriff Samuels stated some fires were intentional burns by landowners; others were likely accidental causes such as power lines or discarded cigarettes. Commissioner Spradlin posed questions regarding which entity decides that the county is in a red flag warning, meaning it is illegal to burn. Sheriff Samuels, along with Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson explained that the National Weather Service is the deciding entity. As the discussion progressed, Samuels said that if a person were to burn on a red flag warning day, they would receive a citation up to \$500.

Commissioner Hodge moved to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

The next commission meeting will be held on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox

Ben Fox, Chairman

Roy Ballard

Roy Ballard, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin

Chuck Spradlin, Member

Paul Hodge

Paul Hodge, Member

Robert Joe Morgan

Robert Joe Morgan, Member