## GREENWOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, 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, Paul Hodge, Robert Morgan, County Counselor Paul Dean and County Clerk Kathy Robison.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fox moved to approve March 21st, 2022 Minutes, as written. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Road and Bridge report:

• Chrisman informed commissioners that he would like to hire Russell Peyton at a pay rate of \$14.75 per hour with an anticipated start date of April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Fox moved to approve hiring Payton full-time at a pay-rate of \$14.75 per hour, to be re-evaluated at 90 days. Spradlin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- Chrisman provided commissioners with information regarding putting warranty's back on two the department's graders.
- Commissioners signed documents pertaining to the pending 2024 signage project.
- Chrisman noted that he is actively working on finding someone to make necessary repairs to Reece Road.

Amanda Cunningham with Crosswinds attended the meeting to provide an update and overview of their annual operations and new services offered.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau stated that conversations took place with representatives from the Unbound Gravel event. Representatives would like Greenwood County EMS to be on standby for the event. Mongeau then told commissioners that he would like to look into charging 'special event pay' to be billed to the event holders. Following a brief discussion, Mongeau is slated to draft a proposal to submit to commissioners and be discussed at a later date.

Courthouse landscape was briefly discussed. Maintenance Supervisor Greg Rawlings is slated to install automatic sprinklers. Rawlings is also looking into receiving aid from high school students to lay mulch.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson provided commissioners with an updated Memorandum of Understanding for signatures. This document pertains to each city and their maintenance of storm sirens.

Fire Chief Doug Williams told commissioners that Madison Fire would like Greenwood County to provide 1/3 of the costs associated the purchase of structural firefighting gear in the amount of \$11,126.

Fox moved to approve \$11,126 be allotted for Madison Fire for the purchase of fire gear. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Severy Fire would like to sell a vehicle purchased two years and use funds from that sale to purchase equipment. Commissioners agreed that the funds from selling said vehicle could be utilized for the purchase of equipment.

Fox moved to approve a ten-minute executive session with Register of Deeds personnel pertaining to employee performance. Hodge seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:06 a.m. No decisions were made.

Ballard moved to approve a five-minute executive session with Levi Vinson to discuss employee performance. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m. No decisions were made.

Spradlin moved to approve appointing Jennifer West as Noxious Weed Director at a salary of \$42,500 to begin March 27th. Fox seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Ballard moved to adjourn at 10:41 a.m. Morgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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ATTEST: Kathy Rollison, County Clerk

Roy Ballard, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin, Member

Paul Hodge, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member

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