

Special Commission Meeting
May 1st, 2020

Chairman Paul Hodge called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Chuck Spradlin, Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Kathy Robison County Clerk (conference call) and County Counselor Paul Dean (conference call)

The Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commissioners discussed the COVID-19 situation. Commissioner Roy Ballard stated that he had been in contact with some Pastors of local churches who informed Ballard that they had no intention of holding services for at least two weeks. Health Department Nurse Vicki Ross stated she felt it would be safer for churches to continue on the path they are on as far as holding services via Facebook live or Zoom. Ross expressed concerns regarding elderly in churches, stating that citizens will need to take major precautions to stay healthy.

Commissioner Chuck Spradlin expressed concerns regarding opening the courthouse. Vicki Ross responded that every office should have a sneeze guard on the counters prior to opening and recommended that people should have a mask before entering the courthouse. Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley told commissioners that he should have the sneeze guards up in about a week in every office. Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey stated that she didn't think that sneeze guards would work in her office due to a fifteen foot counter and books that are accessible to the public. Ramsey recommended rather than the sneeze guard, she could limit access to her office.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed commissioners that any expense for employee safety related to the COVID-19 pandemic is a reimbursable expense through FEMA. Vinson told Commissioners that Greenwood County is scheduled to get a state run mobile test site and that details are currently pending. Vinson stated that the resolution the county currently has in place is sufficient and that no changes were needed.

Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to resume the Landfill and Recycling operations in the county. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Heath Samuels told Commissioners that his budget will be directly affected by the COVID-19 situation. Samuels stated he is not receiving the Civil Service funding that he would normally receive.

The decision was made to keep the courthouse closed but bring full staff back to the courthouse next week. The courthouse will remain closed to the public until further notice.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, May 4th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.


Paul Hodge, Chairman


Ben Fox, Vice Chairman


Chuck Spradlin Member


Roy Ballard, Member


Robert Joe Morgan, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk