

Commission Meeting
August 24th, 2020

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

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve August 17th, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman informed commissioners that he needed to clarify a discussion held at the previous meeting regarding the small bridge grant. He told them that County Contracted Engineer Michael Maris did turn in one bridge for that grant, located on M Road south of 70th, rather than the previous agreement that they would wait until next year to submit an application to the small bridge program. Darrel told commissioners that he had received three bids for culverts. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of culverts from J & J Drainage, in the amount of \$5,786.22. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman reported that GG Road is finished and from this point forward, up-keep of GG Road will be the responsibility of the township. Darrel told commissioners that there are two bridges that he would like to address; one is located one mile east and one mile south from Lamont; the second located near 380. Chrisman also reported that he currently has a truck in the shop for repair, stating that repairs would cost approximately \$1,400.

Darrel asked permission for a 5 minute executive session for personnel. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a five minute executive session for employee evaluations. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Following the executive session Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve moving employee John Schouten to Assistant Road Boss at a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox made a motion to move Robert Cohen from \$13.84 to \$15.00. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer's report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$185,777.19. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$108,056.17. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the 2021 budget for Greenwood County. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve employment verification for Lane Neighbors to be brought in as Detention Officer for the Sheriff's Department at \$11.41 per hour. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve employee verification for Andi Bilson as a PRN for the Health Department, at a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented commissioners with a resignation letter from Salt Springs Township trustee Bert Trimmell. In his letter, Trimmell recommended Dean Robbins to step in as trustee and Ruby Bunyard to step in as Clerk. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to accept Trimmell's resignation and recommendations. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Madison resident Bob Kimberlin approached the commission regarding a mask mandate. Kimberlin believes the commission could unite the County by mandating masks county-wide. Commissioner Hodge stated that they had made the decision to allow businesses to make their own mandates. Kimberlin asked the commission, "with all due respect, what are you here for?" Commissioner Hodge closed the discussion by offering his appreciation to Kimberlin for coming to speak.

County Appraiser employee Dawn Larcom presented the commission with the I7 series contract that needs approval for renewal. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve renewal of said contract. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox presented a list of SPARK reimbursements as follows; Madison/Virgil USD 386 \$10,108.90, Hamilton USD 390 \$6,647.70, Eureka USD 389 \$12,867.84, Hamilton USD 390 \$2,385. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve said reimbursements. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey provided an estimate for office carpet. A brief discussion ensued regarding carpeting in all offices rather than just one. The decision was made to get a quote on the entire first floor of the courthouse and have Ramsey's office billed separately so that it can be submitted for FEMA funding as a COVID-19 related expense. The Register of Deeds office had to be rearranged earlier this year in an effort to provide workers and members of the public with a safe environment.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson presented commissioners with the new COVID-19 resolution that was brought up in last week's meeting. The previous resolution included an end date; the current resolution will state that the resolution is in effect until rescinded. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve current resolution. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session with Levi Vinson and Health Department Nurse Vicki Lindsey-Ross regarding a legal issue. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a letter to Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips that is a supplement to the contract the County already has with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Courthouse maintenance supervisor Jason Findley reported to the commission that he had received one quote for a generator for the Road and Bridge Department and stated that he would continue to seek other quotes.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held on Monday August 31st, 2020 at 9 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin Member

Roy Ballard
Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan
Robert Joe Morgan, Member