

Commissioner Meeting
August 6, 2018

Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Paul Hodge, Chuck Spradlin, and Kathy Robison County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve July 23, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve July 30, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Interim Supervisor Darrell Crisman reported that he and Engineer Michael Marris visited the well in Severy that was discovered under a main intersection. They have been using concrete barricade placed around it to prevent heavy trucks from driving over the top of it, but city officials have contacted the county for advice on how to build a permanent structure over the top of the well. Marris recommended 10-12" curbing around the well, then put a slab over it (recommended a 35' slab), and never pump water out of it again because it could result in negative pressure against the walls that could destabilize the well. Crisman relayed that Bettis will be here later this week to give an estimate on chip/seal for the rodeo/arena 3/10th of a mile road. Crisman reported that the geologist is supposed to be here tomorrow. Crisman also reported they received a check for the guard rails that were burned up; he is planning to order a steel beam for a bridge up by Madison and the project will be started August 13th to allow a 21 ton weight limit. Archie Moffat, with Foley equipment, was present to introduce himself, as Greenwood County's interim sales rep. and left his contact information with the commissioners.

No weekly Treasurer's Report.

A petition was presented to the commissioners regarding Section 36, Township 27S, Range 10E, a petition to vacate a portion of Q50 Road between 30th and 40th Streets in southern Greenwood County. Based on commission minutes from 2004, commissioners believe the board at the time intended to close that portion of road, but never did it officially. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the petition for the road vacation and schedule a road viewing. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The road viewing is scheduled for August 27, 2018 @ 11:30 a.m..

Commissioner Fox mentioned the approval of the 2019 Budget for publication. Commissioner Hodge asked if the approval of the budget would be with the 1.4% cost of living adjustment (COLA). Commissioner Fox told him it would. Commissioner Hodge commented he has a problem with the cost of living raise, he didn't feel employees would be working any harder than they are. Commissioners Hodge also mentioned that most people don't get a COLA, and he brought up the raise that employees got at the beginning of this year. Commissioner Spradlin replied, "I don't think it means it's automatic just because we're budgeting it. We're free to discuss this when it comes up." There was a discussion about employees thinking that they may be getting a COLA if the budget is approved with one included. County Counselor Paul Dean stated that the proposed budget was being published for the budget hearing. Approving the budget at the hearing does not approve specific line items within each individual budget, but the entire amount and a formal motion was still required to spend anything in the budget. So the raises are included in the proposed budget, and are there if commissioners decide to approve them in the future. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the 2019 Greenwood County Budget for publication for the Budget Hearing. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. Commissioner Hodge voted "no".

County Counselor Paul Dean presented a revised resolution (Resolution 18-03), in regard to the half-cent sales tax question, so the question may be placed on the ballot for the 2019 General Election in November. Dean explained that the words, "with said sales tax commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating after three years, on December 31, 2021" were added to the question. Dean also relayed that County Clerk Kathy Robison will need to publish a Notice about the half-cent sales tax question, three weeks prior to the November election. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the revision to Resolution 18-03. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Fire Chief Doug Williams reported that Greenwood County was awarded a \$10,000 Forestry grant; discussed several truck issues; relayed he is getting ready to submit an application for a Fire Marshall's grant worth \$20,000, and Greenwood County is still in the running for the \$500,000 fire grant. Williams shared that he just received the propane contracts from companies that will be servicing the county's rural fire stations and he indicated they will most likely continue with the same providers that have been servicing each district in the past.

Commissioners decided to make the cutoff for the Road and Bridge Supervisor applications, Friday, August 10th, then look at them Monday morning to narrow them down.

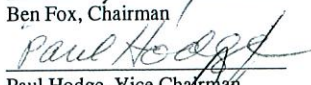
Commissioner Hodge asked County Counselor Dean if we are still involved in a trail in Salt Springs. Dean said "yes", and he's waiting on the court to make a ruling, that it is a road, because it's never been closed. Then Dean said he would like to have a hearing to classify it as a "minimum-maintenance road", then kick it over to the Salt Springs Township.

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

Aug. 7th – Primary Election 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Aug. 13th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
Aug. 13th – Board of Canvass
Aug. 23rd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. - GW Co Hospital Conference Rm
Aug. 27th – Road viewing @ Q50 Road between 30th and 40th Streets


Ben Fox, Chairman


Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman


Chuck Spradlin, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk