

Commissioner Meeting  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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, Robert Joe Morgan, Kathy Robison County Clerk (conference call) and County Counselor Paul Dean (conference call)

The Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Chuck Spradlin made a motion to approve April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Paul Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that they are continuing to work on gravel and stated he had plans to get in a truck himself and help as a result of several drivers not working due to illness. Commissioner Paul Hodge informed Chrisman that several people have complained about Piedmont road, stating that the road needed repairs. Darrel responded that it was on their list of projects. Commissioner Hodge asked Darrel if he had spoken with County Contracted Engineer Michael Maris regarding repairs on Reece Road. Darrel responded he had spoken with Maris and that they are going to have to do ditch work on both sides of Reece Road, of which Maris provided Chrisman with drawings. Commissioner Paul Hodge expressed concerns regarding progress towards the county sewer line project. Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley, who was selected to oversee the project, informed commissioners that the local contractor has had several emergency projects that took precedence. Findley stated that trenching for the line is supposed to start Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Hodge recommended that if the current contractor continues to string things out, someone else should be found to take over the project. Chrisman informed commissioners that he had received a bid from another company for an estimate of \$82,000. If the current contractor does not begin the trenching project as scheduled, commissioners will revisit the issue.

County Counselor Paul Dean stated that he is currently drafting a resolution to officially designate Sunflower Hill Road as a township road.

Commissioner Chuck Spradlin made a motion to approve fee reports. Commissioner Ben Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter financial report. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$2,292.67. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a ten minute executive session to discuss the Appraiser's position. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion, the motion carried. Following the executive session, Commissioner Roy Ballard made a motion to appoint Steve Thompson to once again serve as the temporary appraiser. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Thompson will assume the position on May 1, 2020 and continue as Appraiser through July 1, 2021 at the pay rate of \$25,000 annually.

Corner House representative Rodney Shepard appeared at the meeting via Zoom, to discuss the prospects of utilizing \$2,500 of liquor tax to allow the company to set up an office within the Crosswinds building. The partnership would afford Greenwood County the ability to provide alcohol and drug evaluations. Commissioner Chuck Spradlin made a motion to approve \$2,500 to be paid to Corner House, LLC. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

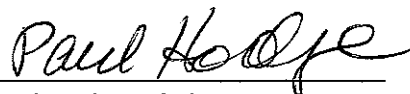
Commissioner Chuck Spradlin reiterated sentiments he shared last week regarding the process of dissolving the stay-at-home order that is in effect due to COVID-19. Spradlin read excerpts from "Stop the Panic and End the Isolation," an article written by Scott Atlas, MD. Spradlin stated that he is not in favor of extending the stay-at-home order. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson told commissioners that on Thursday at 2 p.m. Governor Kelly intends to release her plans for reopening the state. Spradlin recommended having a meeting before next Monday to discuss the Governor's decision, could potentially allow them to open businesses in a restricted capacity. Levi Vinson told commissioners that 21 and a half yards of fabric have been purchased to help equip local businesses with masks.

Commissioners will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, to discuss the governor's decision and begin preparing local procedures.

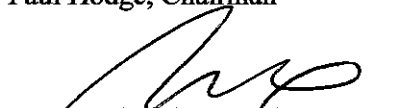
County Treasurer Donna Olsen inquired about having plexiglass put on the counters at the courthouse in the event that the Governor reopens the state. Commissioners assigned Jason Findley to oversee the process of incorporating plexiglass barriers above counters throughout the courthouse.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 10:41 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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



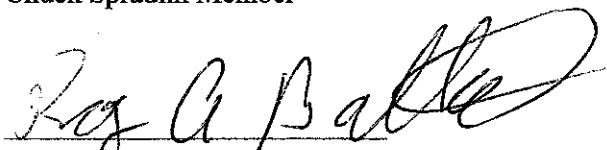
Paul Hodge, Chairman



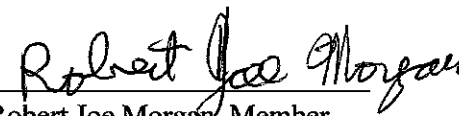
Ben-Fox, Vice Chairman



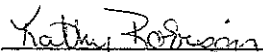
Chuck Spradlin Member



Roy Ballard, Member



Robert Joe Morgan, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk