

Commission Meeting
July 20th, 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 Fox made a motion to approve July 13th, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk Kathy Robison informed Commissioners that the county had received a check from Delta Dental in the amount of \$4,342.37, due to COVID-19 rebates. The decision was made to divide the funds between departments.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman asked commissioners for their signatures of approval, so the county could be reimbursed for work done to federally subsidized roads last year. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve signing said paperwork. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman informed commissioners that, "we lost a bridge on M Road between 60th and 80th." Darrel continues, telling commissioners that crews are currently working to remove the curb on Hilltop Hill, also known as 310th. In regards to the Reece Road project, Darrel told Commissioners that Jamie Larcom had stopped in to pick up paperwork, although no bids had been received as of Monday.

County contracted engineer Michael Maris reported that it would be approximately one year before workers break ground on the Christian Hills Bridge project. Maris also reported that the bridge west of Madison is currently a 23 foot structure and 22 and one half feet from curb to curb. Maris proposed making that bridge a 25 foot structure and 24 foot wide and estimated the project to begin in 2022. Maris stated that he had completed his annual bridge inspection, informing commissioners that nothing major was observed.

Commissioners reviewed fee report for June 2020.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of \$330.08. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Madison resident Bob Kimberlin inquired about the future of the Hospital's half cent sales tax revenue. Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson responded, stating she is not sure how long it will take to get that information. Commissioners informed Kimberlin that until the Hospital received word back from the Small Business Administration, they will not facilitate discussing the matter further. Kimberlin then inquired about whether or not the County shared any of the COVID-19 funding with the Hospital. Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson informed Kimberlin that the Hospital has received nearly four million dollars in COVID-19 related funding. Dickerson continued stating, "From a Hospitals stand point, we've decided to step back away from the county's money through SPARK funding."

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau asked Commissioners for a five minute executive session for personnel performance. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a five minute executive session. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. No decisions were made.

Mongeau presented commissioners with the EMS/Ambulance budget for 2021. Mongeau noted that the budget will remain flat, with the exception of a few proposed changes. Mongeau asked permission to add 3 full time employees, in addition to the current employees, which would increase the budget \$81,000 in comparison to the previous year's budget.

Shawna Griffiths presented the 2021 budget for the Appraiser's office, noting that commissioners would see a change in benefits due to a shift in employees. Griffiths informed commissioners that she would be replacing a vehicle damaged this spring and purchasing new computers for the Appraiser's office, as the current computers are obsolete.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented commissioners with the following budgets; CASA budget for 2021 in the amount of \$1,000; Greenwood County Historical Society budget in the amount of \$7,500; the Senior Center requested \$95,823 and New Beginnings requested \$28,000.

Brian Mongeau stated that he is going to attempt to receive funding from the CARES ACT to purchase five monitors. If this move is successful, the department may also look into purchasing a power load system.

Health Department Nurse Vicki Lindsey-Ross asked commissioners for a 15 minute executive session regarding salary. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a 15 minute executive session. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 15 minute executive session with County Counselor Paul Dean for legal. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to move Health Department Nurse Vicki Lindsey-Ross to an hourly pay rate, which would provide her with the ability to receive overtime. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Any overtime received will be contingent on the COVID grant, which will expire when grant funding runs out.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed commissioners that Brian Mongeau could order medical gloves from an EMS supplier, which could be reimbursed through COVID-19 funding. Mongeau will be looking into any restrictions the company may have regarding orders being placed. Vinson informed commissioners that the truck he currently drives needs to be taken to the dealership to have some issues looked at.

Kathy Robison informed commissioners that she would speak with County Treasurer Donna Olsen regarding adding a COVID-19 fund inside the Courthouse General fund.

Commissioner Fox stated that most of the funding from SPARK would go towards the schools; other entities for funding would be the county and cities. Local schools presented their proposal for utilizing SPARK funding in two tiers. Tier one involves a list of things that are considered necessities. Tier two may be less likely to fall within the terms of funding specifications. SCKEDD will administer grant funding and aid in determining what items will fit within the framework. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve tier one to be presented to SCKEDD. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payment of the current COVID-19 invoices received from Hamilton USD #390 in the amount of \$5,019.12 and Madison-Virgil USD #389 in the amount of \$17,118.28. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn at 11:18 a.m. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 9 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, 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
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