

Commissioner Meeting
July 9, 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, Shannon Gant Deputy Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve June 25, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve July 2, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe reported one of the new tarps was not what they wanted so they will need to get a different one and have it put on. They have a dump truck that has a diesel problem in the engine again that needs fixed; Lowe asked about waiving the tipping fee for the houses that are being torn down after the tornado damage. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson said the City is compiling a list of residences that are "totaled". Sheriff Samuels said if they were insured, they should get reimbursed for the tipping fee. There was a brief discussion on house demolition. Commissioner Fox said if homeowners are insured, their insurance should pay for the demolition and hauling of debris, if not; in the past, the city had a program to demolish properties. County Counselor Paul Dean said most cities have ordinances to make sure the job gets done. Lowe also reported that the cardboard baler is supposed to be delivered Friday.

Commissioner Fox reported that, Evergreen, the biofuel company that inquired about removing the county's tree debris contracted him and said their fee is \$500 per hour. The commissioners decided to stay with the system we have, especially since that company is planning on selling it and making a profit.

Donna Olson, Treasurer presented the weekly Treasurer's report and the 2nd Quarter Financial Report to the commissioners to review.

Sandra Dickerson, Greenwood County Hospital CEO, presented the commissioners with Financial Reports from their last hospital board meeting and discussed the findings with them. Dickerson also passed on information from the pharmacy about a hospital recycling program they offer. A lime green bin will be placed in the Hospital Business Office for people to dump any unused medications; pills only, and no Schedule 1 drugs, to help curb people from flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash. Those with questions may ask the pharmacy for details.

Deputy Clerk Deann Bankson asked commissioners for clarification on comp time for salaried employees. County Counselor Paul Dean said there is a county policy that prohibits comp time for any county employee without permission and there is no comp time for salaried positions, no matter how many hours they work.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau reported the generator at the Ambulance barn was installed the day after the tornado. Mongeau also told commissioners they held the EMT informational meeting in spite of the tornado and there are several people interested.

Chamber of Commerce Representative Marcus Johnson told commissioners he is looking for representatives from each of their commission districts for a county-wide chamber. They meet at least once a month, unless there is a project and they need to meet more often.

Levi Vinson Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director presented the following budget requests: Household Hazardous Waste 2019 \$18,000 / 2018 \$18,000; Emergency Management 2019 \$43,016 / 2018 \$29,050; 2019 \$180,290 / 2018 \$100,125.

Fire Chief Doug Williams discussed finding other buildings with back-up generators in the county that could be used as a command center for future emergencies. Williams also mentioned grant funding for generators. Williams told the commissioners that Greenwood County is still in the running for the \$500,000 fire grant that will outfit 100 percent of the county with new bunker gear.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 15 minute executive session for personnel to discuss employee performance with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Fox made a motion to place an ad in the newspapers with qualifications for the County's Road Superintendent Position, as it is now vacant. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. When asked about the former director, Commissioner Fox stated, "We're just wanting to go in a different direction." The commissioners also said that the former commission had offered Lowe the opportunity to stay as an operator, should he not be in the Superintendent position anymore.

Doug Mitchell of Hamilton discussed several issues with the commissioners including; a field covered with Sericea Lespedeza, nails and other debris on the route to the landfill, a vacant cell tower without lights, and the Road and Bridge Department operating with a "skeleton crew".

At 10:47 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners held an open work session after the commission meeting.

Calendar:

July 16th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

July 26th - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co Hospital Conference Rm

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Member