Commissioner Meeting May 4th, 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 and County Counselor Paul Dean

The Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Chuck Spralin made a motion to approve April 27th, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the road and bridge crew has started work on the crossing at GG road last week. Darrel reported an incident with the bulldozer stating that the machine had gotten stuck in a creek, caught in a flash flood and went under water. They were fortunate enough to get it out. Commissioner Ballard inquired about Chrisman's plan with the dozer that had gone underwater, Chrisman responded that he had been in touch with KCAMP and they wanted to know how much repairs would cost. Darrel told commissioners that County Engineer Michael Maris will be in Greenwood County this week to perform annual inspections to five bridges. Chrisman told commissioners that there are trees that blew down in Hamilton but reported no structural damage.

Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$149,892.41. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$115,177.69. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Health Department Nurse Vicki Ross reported having tested over 70 cases of COVID-19 of which, 3 were positive. Commissioner Spradlin asked if public playgrounds should be open. Vicki responded that the sun should kill any virus that might be on the equipment. Her concern would be people not following social distancing rules. The decision was made to open the playgrounds and modify the previous resolution made to coincide with this decision and the previous decision to open the Landfill.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve Resolution 20-07. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. (For more information see Resolution 20-07)

Commissioner Morgan asked Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley about how the sewer project was coming along. Findley responded that they were waiting on Dig Safe. He stated that Dig Safe had to mark the area before they could proceed with digging for electrical. Findley also stated they had the water line finished.

The decision was made for the courthouse to stay closed until May 18th, 2020. Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey asked if she could require the public to wear masks to enter her office or the courthouse.

Sheriff Heath Samuels told commissioners that if security improvements were to be made to the courthouse, now would be the perfect time. Samuels described a adding a security desk at the front doors, a name register for logging individuals who enter the building and limiting use of the back door to employees only.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson told commissioners that 1.1% of Greenwood County's population has been tested for COVID-19 and currently the County has the capacity to test 3.2% of the population.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, May 11th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Paul Hodge, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin Member

Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member