

Commissioner Meeting
April 1, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, 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 March 18, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve March 25, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve March 25, 2019 Board of Canvass minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie reported that they received some bids for the Bitler Bridge, located on X Road and 190th, and Woodie is working on an office and bridge grant. The potential bridge design bids are from Perkins and Michael, in the amount of \$59,300, and the other one is from CFS Engineers, in the amount of \$59,000. Michael Maris reviewed both plans and bids and recommended the lower bid, as we have a work history with that company. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the bid with CFS, in the amount of \$59,000. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie told commissioners that Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman asked her to tell them that he talked to Willow Creek Construction about the bridge project on CC50. The road will be closed, weather permitting, from April 8th, thru April 22nd. Woodie also reported that crews have continued to do cleanup on bridges. The Star Program, which is used for budgeting, road maintenance records, etc., in the office, will be coming next week for training/update. Woodie will be attending a grant writing training in Pittsburg on Thursday.

No weekly Treasurer's Report

Tammy Seimears mentioned to the commissioners that the Madison business teacher, Natalie Boone, is interested in recreating the data maps in the current commission room, that were hand colored, and use new technology as a class project in preparation for the move to the new commission room. The commissioners said they would consider this idea, and Commissioner Spradlin said he would talk to Natalie Boone.

Commissioner Spradlin revisited the discussion on Policy 50.04 regarding Sick Leave. After a brief discussion Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve full-time employees to begin accruing sick time their first 90 days of employment with the county, however they are unable to use it until after that 90 days. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. County Counselor Paul Dean is re-writing the changes to the policy.

Greenwood County Hospital Board President Pam Brown and Board Member Randy Cox talked to the commissioners about the funding request that had been previously discussed. Brown had met with the hospital board and they decided to make another request to the county again, in the amount of \$32, 172.58. The hospital has two financial obligations that have to be paid this week, and they do not have enough funds to pay the vendors. Randy Cox, Treasurer, for the Hospital Board verified that, when asked by County Commissioner Spradlin. Brown said the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Melody Curnutt, said they would be able to make monthly payments to pay the loan in 6 months time. Commissioner Fox said he thought with the bridge projects the county has right now that would be the only way we could do this. Commissioner Spradlin said the only way he would be comfortable with providing any funding is if the hospital was required to pay it back, as the one-percent county sales tax has increased to around \$60,000. County Counselor Paul Dean recommended commissioners pass a resolution specifying the repayment requirements and that the hospital hold a special meeting to do the same, in order to acknowledge their acceptance of the terms. Brown said she would have them hold the meeting within the week. Commissioner Fox made a motion that we advance the Greenwood County Hospital \$32,172.58, since they are not receiving the additional sales tax money as anticipated, and it will be repaid by October 15, 2019. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin revisited Resolution 13-04, regarding paying county employees when offices are closed. The policy in the past, which was written in 2013, has been that in inclement weather if the courthouse and other county offices are closed, county employees that are not working that day may use a sick or vacation day, or come in the following Saturday to make up the time they missed. However, no overtime will be paid. County Counselor Paul Dean explained the resolution had been created because employees that were able to stay home were paid for the day but employees that mentioned that Elk County is updating their policy to consider sick and vacation time in the same pool, all classified as paid time off (PTO). Greenwood County commissioners noted they would be open to a discussion about changing their policy as well.

Commissioner Spradlin mentioned he had received a recommendation to hold regular meetings with department heads. Those in attendance were in favor of the meetings

Register of Deeds, Marsha Ramsey, presented a bid to the commissioners for her hardware and software in her office that is technically recommended to be replaced every five years, and it's been eight. Ramsey has \$24,000 in her Tech Fund and said it will take approximately half for all of the costs associated.

County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners her election computer was 13 years old, and it was time to be replaced. Robison had a bid from ES & S Election in the amount of \$3,534. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of the computer/printer combination. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds will be paid out of Election Equipment Reserve.

Sheriff Samuels told commissioners the computers, including the server, at the Sheriff's Office will be needing updated from Windows 7 to Windows 10.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve abatements. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Appraiser Jami Clark told commissioners there were a few areas around Fall River Lake that had not changed over to the county's 911 grid addressing, such as Lookout Point Road and Sunflower Hill, and they would be beginning the process to change the addresses. There may be some complaints from residents that did not want the change, but it needs to be done to help first responders find the locations and there have been some complaints that delivery companies such as UPS and FedEx were having difficulties making their deliveries.

Sheriff Samuels told commissioners he has two deputy positions open right now and is looking at adding another K-9 unit to Greenwood County. Samuels relayed when we interviewed for the last K-9 position we got a lot of good applicants. Samuels said it would add a deputy to assist in the office and stated it would decrease overtime accrued by the current K-9 unit, as they would work separate shifts. Commissioner Hodge asked if that meant we would be getting another dog and Undersheriff Cox said that we would, with the kennel, and the same setup, but with two K-9 officers, they can help train together. The commissioners told Sheriff Samuels to proceed.

Calendar:

April 8th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

April 9th – Special GW Co Hospital Board Mtg @ 12:00 p.m. –GW Co Hospital Conference Room

April 25th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

April 29th – Janae Talbott – Russell County Economic Development @ 11:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Member