Commissioner Meeting
April 8, 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, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean arrived at 9:30 a.m.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No commission meeting minutes.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported he visited with Ashley at Westar and received a quote on what it is going to cost for a transformer and underground wiring necessary to install a generator to function during emergency power outages. The quote was $2,410.44. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to proceed with the transformer and wiring, for the generator, in the amount of $2,410.44. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie presented a pay-rate change for Donal Huffman, as he has passed the 90-day period at Road and Bridge in Recycling. His old rate of pay was $12.63, new rate will be $13.13, starting per hour, starting next Monday. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve changing Donal Huffman’s rate of pay from $12.63 to $13.13 per hour, starting next Monday. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie also told commissioners they got three bids on culverts, to be able to have them on hand, and save on shipping. The bids were from Coyote Culvert, in the amount of $28,465.40; J & J Drainage, in the amount of $26,782.50; Wellborn Sales, in the amount of $26,015.80. Commissioner Spradlin asked Woodie to check on the freight pricing. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the culverts from Wellborn Sales, in the amount of $26,015.80. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie also presented the contract from Cook Flatt and Strubel (CFS), to be signed, before they can start on the Bitter Bridge located on X Road and 190th, which was approved at last week’s commission meeting. Chrisman reported that they are putting signs up this morning at CC50, in Fall River so they can work on the bridge.

Mandy Fogle attended the meeting to discuss the Brown/Deley property dispute where a portion of GG Road in Salt Springs Township was in question and had recently been the subject of a lawsuit. Fogle presented information from 1885 and asked to be compensated for the property involved. She also asked that the land be surveyed and platted at the county’s expense. Commissioners referred her to County Counselor Paul Dean.

Neal Community Residents attended the meeting, with Nancy Kirkham, as their spokesperson to discuss the accumulating “junk” properties in their community, and other unincorporated communities in the county. Kirkham read a statement that mentioned an increasing population of mosquitoes and rodents due to private properties covered in piles of trash, tires, tall grass, vehicles, and other general health hazards. The group was also concerned about the eyesores and inconveniences caused by the junk as well. There was a discussion about the ordinance that commissioners had County Counselor Paul Dean draft a few years ago, and Dean explained why they were reluctant to pass the ordinance. Commissioners decided to review the ordinance and discuss it at a future meeting.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of $101,563.60. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables, dated April 8, 2019, in the amount of $6,467.57. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the special alcohol funds that are disbursed from the county. Corner House has requested $2,500 per year to provide services. County Counselor Paul Dean mentioned they were good, but there was always a waiting list for their services. He suggested Therapy Services from Burlington.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee status change for Cameron Howard as a part-time EMT at $13.35 per hour to Paramedic at $14.81 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners received a quote from ReEnvision L.L.C., in the amount of $2,500 for architectural and documentation for permitting and bidding. The services would be for remodeling the new commission room. At this time, they are considering moving to the Extension Office, as gaining two more commissioners will make the space more tight in the current room. Before moving forward, commissioners agreed they wanted more input from department heads and representatives. They scheduled a work session to meet with those employees and get feedback this Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel, employee performance. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.
County Clerk Kathy Robison asked commissioners if they would approve donating for former employee Sharon Beeman’s memorials. They agreed to approve $50 to the Hamilton Library and $50 to 4-H.

At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

April 15th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
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, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge, Member