Commissioner Meeting  
February 24th, 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, Chuck Spradlin, 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 Ben Fox made a motion to approve February 18th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge employee Kassie Turner reported to Commissioners having received two bids for their township dinner for March 18th, 2020. The first bid from LoMar for $10.75 per person, the second bid from Copper Kettle for $11.50 per person. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve LoMar to supply the county dinner. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported the Annual County Commissioners and Road Officials meeting is scheduled for April 16th, at 9 A.M. in Chanute. Chrisman noted they were currently working on putting up barricades where washouts had occurred. Commissioner Ballard informed Darrel he had received “good comments” regarding the grading job on the road from Lamont to Virgil. Commissioner Morgan voiced concerns regarding pending repairs to Reece Rd. Chrisman responded that they are still developing an appropriate plan of action.

Emergency Preparedness Director Levi Vinson told Commissioners he had spoken to the Kansas Department of Emergency Management about adding the approaches and extensions to several projects across the county and was told that the county could “turn that in, for mitigation funding.” Levi reported another update from the Kansas Department of Emergency Management, they are “working on our October 2018 event.” Levi stated they are getting closer to a resolution on that project.

Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of $105,693.43. Commissioner Chuck Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payables in the amount $163,820.84. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson presented Commissioners with the annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report; the report estimated the county had 108,000 acres of noxious weeds. Commissioner Spradlin made the motion to sign the Eradication Summary provided by Levi Vinson. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Levi reported having looked into a different mower set up for a tractor per Commissioner Hodge’s request. He stated finding a flex arm unit, in the amount of $17,000; and a rotary cutter in the amount of $15,000. Levi reported also looking on Purple Wave for similar units, “in the hundreds of dollars range.” Levi told Commissioners they would continue to mow with the current set-up until they can find a more feasible solution.

Levi Vinson presented Commissioners with Resolution 20-03 adopting a mitigation plan for Greenwood County Fire District #1. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to accept Resolution 20-03. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson requested a 10 minute executive session, with Sheriff Heath Samuels, for legal pay compensation. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session. Commissioner Ben Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. The decision was made to compensate Public Information Officer Arianna Mock for training classes. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to reimburse Arianna Mock for training classes. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Counselor Paul Dean presented Commissioners with the renewal of the Madison Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Madison Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley requested a 10 minute executive session for employee evaluation. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Fox reported finding a company called TriStar Aerial in Georgia that had a 2008 boom lift with 78.1 run hours, in the amount of $19,995. A brief discussion ensued regarding the aspects and the cost of maintenance of the lift. The decision was made to continue contemplation regarding the purchase of said lift.
Commissioner Paul Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. Commissioner Ben Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, March 2nd, 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