

Commissioner Meeting
July 29, 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 July 22, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$118, 835.22. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$106, 278.05. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Office Manager Janet Turner discussed the culvert bids that had been approved the week before. J & J Drainage was re-added and is actually higher than the Welborn bid, in the amount of \$20,765.62. Commissioner Spradlin suggested that they recognize the difference in pricing and make a motion to approve the Welborn bid. Commissioner Fox made a motion to purchase the culverts from Welborn for \$20,765.62. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Spradlin stated that this motion basically cancels out the motion made last week for J & J Drainage. Turner also presented an agreement between KDOT and Greenwood County for the Northwest part of the county for signature to initiate the second phase of the project. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they received the drawings on the boxes and Engineer Michael Maris will be here tomorrow so Darrel will have him look at them. Discussed putting culverts in and waiting on AT & T. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if he had contacted Willow Creek about the landfill project. Chrisman said he tried to contact him but hasn't heard back from him, but will try again this morning, so he can get the information on social media regarding how long the landfill will be closed. Commissioner Hodge asked if a contractor can put fiber optic down the middle of a road. The question was turned over to County Counselor Paul Dean. County Counselor Paul Dean said there is a County Resolution that states they need to bury it in the right-of-way 4 feet deep below the crow line. There was some discussion about an electric dump-bed trailer for recycling, in the amount of \$13,677, which includes freight. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the dump-bed trailer. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds are to come from the Solid Waste Reserve Fund. Turner relayed that Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie asked her to tell the commissioners that she is holding a Solid Waste Management meeting Thursday August 8th at 8:00 a.m. , and at least one commissioner needs to be present. Chrisman reported they went to the Bitler Bridge viewing and it went well.

Commissioners viewed weekly Treasurers Report.

Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross shared information about a grant to make the Health Department more ADA compliant. Ross applied and the application was accepted. The grant has agreed to award the Health Department with \$12,290 to do the parking lot, sidewalks and front door to be ADA compliant. They will reimburse the Health Department when the project is complete. The project must be completed by the end of September. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Health Department proceeding with the grant to make the Health Department ADA compliant. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds will come out of the Health Department Equipment Reserve account and be deposited back into there when it is reimbursed by the grant.

Fire Chief Doug Williams told commissioners that they recently had to spend \$3,000 for truck tires. Williams also shared that they received the \$9,000 grant from Forestry that they receive every year, and it can be applied to previous purchases for the county. Williams also mentioned they were wanting to build a truck for Reece and Neal to meet ISO standards, but found this truck for \$40,000, which would be less expensive than building a truck. The pump on this truck is smaller, but Williams has a pump to replace it, and can use the smaller one somewhere else. Williams added this truck would just need the larger pump, some toolboxes and emergency lights put on it and could be put into service pretty quick. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the fire truck from Bayle Hebb in the amount of \$40,000. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds are to be taken out of the Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund.

Sheriff Heath Samuels presented two quotes for a 30' X 40' metal storage building to be constructed at the impound lot. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the bid from Koop Fence and Barn for \$29,900, which includes an overlay and extension of the concrete slab that is currently there. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve an employee verification for Justin Mead as a corrections officer in the Sheriff's Department at \$13.00 per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson gave the commissioners information on an invasive grass called old world bluestem, that is similar in appearance to native grass, but its effects are very negative. The treatment for old world bluestem grass kills all growth in the treated area, including natural grass and is more expensive than others, at approximately \$30 per acre. Vinson said the growth of old world bluestem will impact Greenwood County's strong cattle industry, if left untreated. Vinson presented an updated 2020 budget request, reflecting a new full time hire to

spray weeds, sell chemical and work with landowners. The amount of the revised budget request is \$197,436. Vinson also said he stopped employees from mowing ditches this week, as the bluestem is seeding and is easily spread by mowing. It has not been officially declared a noxious weed by the state, but Vinson said it could be heading that direction.


At 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners adjourned to have a work session with the department heads and the County Accountant Phil Jarred to discuss budgets.

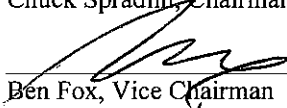
Calendar:

- Aug 5th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.
- Aug. 6th – Primary Election – Eureka City Only – Matt Samuels Bldg. – 7 a.m.- 7 p.m.
- Aug 12th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.
- Aug. 12th – Board of Canvass – 10:00 a.m.
- Aug 22nd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital


ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk



Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Paul Hodge, Member