

Commissioner Meeting
March 23rd, 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 (conference call), Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Kathy Robison County Clerk and County Counselor Paul Dean (conference call).

The Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to approve March 15th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve March 16th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Ben Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve March 19th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that county engineer Michael Maris assessed the drainage issues at Reece road and made recommendations for diverting water flow and preventing current rates of erosion from occurring. Chrisman reported the landfill was closed to the general public. Commissioner Hodge reported having spoken to Mr. and Mrs. Huntington in regards to signing a support letter for the construction project for Christian Hills Bridge. Said letter will be submitted with the grant application.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$138,132.43. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$108,419.84. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Preparedness Director Levi Vinson presented commissioners with the annual subscription for the Code Red contract that had been signed previously by the commissioners but they had yet to make a motion to approve said contract. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the annual renewal for the Code Red system. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chris Myers with Evergy attended the meeting via conference call. Myers reported that he had spoken to the zoning commission regarding the location in which the company intends to construct a substation. Evergy intends to purchase 20 acres of property located on P road. The substation will allow Evergy to run a second feed, increasing the reliability of the line. Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve the substation. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge notified the commissioners that the current Fall River township treasurer is not capable of fulfilling his duties anymore. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve appointment of Josh Butler to Fall River Township Treasurer. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

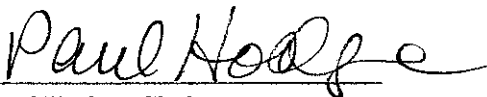
Resolution 20-05 which was approved at a previous meeting was presented to commissioners to be signed.

Sheriff Heath Samuels told commissioners that the number of phone calls the department has received over the weekend was astonishing. Samuels attributed the call influx to public concern regarding uncertainties surrounding COVID-19. Heath noted that members of the public need to be reassured that officials are actively addressing the ongoing issue and will maintain their transparency.

Emergency Preparedness Director Levi Vinson presented commissioners with a recommendation to have courthouse employees alternate or split shifts, in an attempt to avoid the closure of an entire department. Health Department Director Vicki Ross noted that the same employees should be working on the same days and if at all possible, work should be done from home. Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey inquired about how pay would be impacted by the rotations. The courthouse will continue with regular pay rates. The decision was made to present a letter to the public to remind them that officials are actively addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to remain transparent.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 A.M. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, March 30th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.



Paul Hodge, Chairman

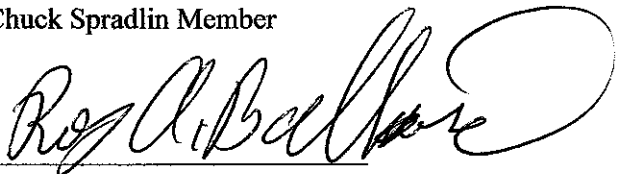


Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Kathy Robison, County Clerk



Chuck Spradlin Member



Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member