Commissioner Meeting
May 11th, 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, 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 May 4, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Paul Hodge made a motion to approve May 1, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge employee Kassie Turner reported that the County would be receiving a grant for the necessary repairs of the bridge located on 390th street, near Blakely cemetery. The agreement states that KDOT would pay $211,000 of the project and Greenwood County would be responsible for approximately $23,572.50. Commissioner Fox made a motion to proceed with the agreement for repairs to the one lane bridge near the Blakely Cemetery. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrell Chrisman reported that they were nearly finished with the repairs on the bridge near Quincy. Chrisman told Commissioners they were making progress on GG road. Darrel also reported that Greenwood County should anticipate a change in pricing of the recycling options currently available to residents. Emporia is not currently charging the county for recycling, but due to recent price increases, they may begin to charge Greenwood County. Chrisman stated that Emporia is currently being charged $46 per ton for recycle pick up, but may soon be charged over $100 per pick up. Commissioner Ballard mentioned that the money would be, “better spent somewhere else.”

Commissioner Ben made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of $5,965.85. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson reported that contractors are making progress on the sewer line project at the county yard. Vinson informed Commissioners that city employees helped break up an old footing that posed a problem and trenching will continue when the weather allows it.

Following a brief discussion regarding Sunflower Hill Road, County Counselor Paul Dean informed Commissioners that he is currently working on the resolution. Dean also stated that a survey will be will soon be filed with the Register of Deeds. Following that process, maintenance of Sunflower Hill Road will be turned over to the township, rather than the County.

Health Department Nurse Vicki Ross reported that Kansas currently has 6,984 cases of COVID-19, hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are at 657, and deaths are currently at 157.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 9:57 a.m. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, May 18th, 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