

Commissioner Meeting
May 13, 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 May 6, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners that the 770 road grader that had been approved at \$7,000 for repairs actually cost \$8,721.25, leaving a balance of \$1,721.25 due. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the additional amount of \$1,721.25 for the repairs on the 770 road grader. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman also reported that the #8 grader has also been repaired, but he has not received the invoice on it yet. Chrisman also told commissioners that June 14th, Hamilton High School seniors are holding a farm to table event and has requested to close down a block of Main Street, as that portion is maintained by the county. The commissioners approved the closing. Chrisman relayed he had talked to Mr. Crique regarding the wingwall project, on the bridge, located north of 200th on FF Road. Crique told Chrisman that on the demolition they will add another \$2,000 for relocation. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if he had talked to Francis Chaplin about the bridge projects located on CC50 Rd at 60th and 70th. Chrisman said he talked to him the other day, but Francis, was busy and couldn't talk, so Chrisman would contact him again. Chrisman said he contacted engineer Michael Maris last week and he is going to call sometime today to confirm when he is coming this week. Maris is going to help fill out the application with the corp. for the bridges. Chrisman told commissioners they have been working on roads that are washed across and low water bridges and hauling debris off of the front of them. Chrisman updated commissioners on several of the bridges after the recent flooding. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman to look at a few bridges down by Daryl Lewis and the old Lilley place, when he gets a chance. Commissioner Hodge also mentioned several other places and culverts. Commissioner Fox reported that on 365th Road there are several potholes that need repaired. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie updated commissioners on the sign project on the northwest portion. Woodie relayed she received a letter of interest from Kirkham Michael, but it's not a bid yet. Woodie also presented an employee status change for Daniel Knox, as he has passed the 90 day mark. Commissioner Fox made a motion to move Daniel Knox from Tier II to Tier III and change his rate of pay from \$13.79 to \$14.30 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie presented two documents from Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson. The first was Resolution EP 19-03 (A local State of Disaster), Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution EP 19-03. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The second was an adoption of the Homeland Security, Region H, Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the adoption of the Homeland Security, Region H, Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kyle Rockhill, owner of Rock's 54 asked permission to use the courthouse lawn for inflatables for Eureka Days, held June 1st. Rockhill sponsored the inflatables last year and plans to do the same this year, as well. Commissioners approved the request.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented an invoice from Everitt Concrete, in the amount of \$3,011.00, for the concrete pad by Noxious Weeds and by the gas pumps at the Road and Bridge Department. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve paying the invoice in the amount of \$3,011.00 for the concrete pad. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Tri-Corner, dated 5-16-2019. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners signed the Greenwood County Code and Health and Welfare, as approved last week, with corrections. Commissioner Spradlin asked for several paper copies of the code to have them available for people that may have questions. Commissioner Hodge asked for clarification about the minimum number of people required to make a complaint, as he was concerned if it only took one person, they could make frivolous complaints. County Counselor Paul Dean explained that it only takes one person to initiate the process of investigation, as there may be a case where there might be only two residents within the 100 yard stipulation of each other. Dean added that a complaint only means the next step is to investigate and determine if there actually is a violation.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve amended payables in the amount of \$5,401.99. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox reported he sold the software he had incorrectly ordered, for the county, on eBay for \$265 of the \$325 purchase price. Fox added the county was able to purchase the correct software for under the retail price.

Commissioner Hodge reported that the Kingsley Property, an ongoing fence issue off of US400 is still not resolved. Hodge was told by both parties there is an old road that was used 30-40 years ago and is overgrown. The landowners would like to vacate the road and build a new fence down the middle. County Counselor Paul Dean explained that the next step would be for one of the parties to sign a petition to close the road. Once a petition is filed, a road inspection by the commissioners will be scheduled.

Two concerned Reece residents attended the meeting to complain about the condition of the Reece Road. They said it has been ignored and is in deteriorating shape. There was some discussion regarding the

road and commissioners and Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman explained that when the weather dries up the plan is to double chip/seal the road. The residents were also concerned about the ditches in Reece, as they are holding water. Commissioners referred them to their Township board regarding the ditches. There was some discussion on lack of funding for Townships, and need for more. Chrisman said he would go look at Reece Road as they are trying to work on priority road issues now, after the flooding.

Concerned citizen Doug Mitchell attended the meeting and expressed concerns about Christian Hills Bridge. Commissioner Spradlin told Mitchell that the county has the bridge at the top of the priority list and they are waiting to hear back from the state about their grant applications.

Sheriff Heath Samuels reported that Jail Administrator Tony Bauer recently graduated with a criminal justice degree. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a .25 cent per hour raise bringing his wage to \$15.96 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee verification for a full-time deputy, Jim Cude, starting at the end of the month at \$14.50 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey reported they are going to start four daily backups to an offsite location in Iola, at a cost of \$480 per year, which she explained was less expensive than a previous quote she had received. Ramsey relayed that in the event of another tornado, her office could be operational at another location within hours if needed. Also there will be three new server stations in her office. Commissioner Fox commented all the other offices should be doing offsite backups at least once a week. Ramsey also inquired about a timeline on the Re Envision process on establishing a new commission and asked if they were planning on a meeting for them to get together again to discuss the arrangements. Commissioner Spradlin said there wasn't a specific timeline yet, and Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley is gathering information.

County Clerk Kathy Robison reported AT & T does not provide contracts any longer for accounts with under 20 lines. The actual courthouse lines are Internet Voice Over lines, however the outlying departments, such as the Sheriff's Office, Health Department, Road and Bridge and Noxious Weeds, still utilize land lines. Commissioner Fox is working on other alternatives that would be more cost effective.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- May 20th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- May 23rd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital
- May 27th – Courthouse Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- May 28th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Member