

Commissioner Meeting
May 18th, 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, Chuck Spradlin, Kathy Robison County Clerk and County Counselor Paul Dean (via Zoom)

The Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve May 11, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Roy Ballard voiced concerns over the proposed repair plan for the bridge on 390th near Blakely cemetery. KDOT originally reported that the County's responsibility would be \$10,000, but that figure later jumped to \$30,000. Ballard requested that Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman contact County Engineer Michael Maris to have him look at said bridge.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrell Chrisman reported that he has received an email from Michael Peterson from KDIM stating that they want to move the bridge on U and 100 Rd from DR4417 to DR4449, which means they would like to put that bridge on 2019 disaster rather than 2018 disaster. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson cautioned the Commissioners that such a move may make that bridge ineligible for FEMA support, Vinson informed Darrel to get in writing that it will still be eligible if such a move were to occur. Chrisman stated they are currently working on 14 bridges across the county. Commissioner Hodge asked Darrel what his plan was on the bridge on 7th street. Darrel responded that they would have to put new approaches on said bridge.

Matthew Galbraith reported that he has lives on State Street and the ditch near his yard floods with enough force to carry a full five gallon gas can across his driveway. Galbraith requested that the county replace the culverts and possibly cut a ditch to resolve this issue. Galbraith reported that his neighbors to the North have animals that are tied up without water or food and other animals are running loose. He also reported that trash and debris blow out of their yard and into neighboring yards. Galbraith stated his neighbors' horse got out, and then the horse was tied up for days without food or water. County Counselor Paul Dean stated that a letter to abate had already been sent to the property owners. Sheriff Heath Samuels stated they had already taken goats away from them and left them with a horse and a few dogs. Samuels reported that he had made contact with the animal owners and they assured Samuels they would continue to feed and care for the horse. Samuels stated he would continue to work on the issue.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve fee reports for the month of April. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$-3,769.66. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk Kathy Robison asked the commissioners consent to utilize SKEDD for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application process. Robison will contact SKEDD regarding the cost of the process and Commissioners will revisit the issue next week. Once the county begins the application process, local businesses can then apply for CDBG grant funding through the County and City offices.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$188,328.66. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$106,518.88. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners approved Resolution 20-08 establishing speed limits for unincorporated towns. Under the new Resolution, a limit of 55 miles per hour has been set for county and township roads and a limit of 30 miles per hour was established for residential areas. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve said motion. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve Resolution 20-09, which states that Sunflower Hill Road will be turned over to Salt Springs Township for them to continue maintenance. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson told commissioners that the county recently received a large shipment of face masks. A portion of those masks were distributed to barber shops and hair salons. Face shields have also been provided to salon workers.

Commissioner Ballard inquired about the Greenwood County Fair. Levi responded that it would be a local decision. Sixty-three days ago Greenwood County Commissioners signed a disaster declaration, making Greenwood County eligible for PPE and FEMA reimbursement due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Vinson stated the declaration expired 3 days ago and asked the Commissioners to approve a 60 day extension of the resolution. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a 60 day extension. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Vinson then requested that commissioners approve EP20-01: a local disaster declaration for recent flood damage received in the county. Vinson informed Commissioners that having this declaration in place would make the county eligible for reimbursement for clean-up of flood damage. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve resolution EP20-01. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Vinson reported that Home Lumber gave the Noxious Weed Department two large sheets of double pane glass to serve as a protective barrier for workers and the public who utilize their services.

A brief discussion ensued regarding where the funds would come from, to install windows and barriers for each department. The decision was made the funds would come out of the Courthouse General Fund.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey questioned whether or not the restrooms would be reopened as well. After a brief discussion with Lindsey-Ross, the county will be looking into the possibility of adding an employee restroom at the west end of the Courthouse.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau requested Commissioners' support for seeking bids to construct a wall to separate the departments' crew room from the ambulance bay. Vinson noted that this would be eligible COVID-19 related federal reimbursement.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, May 26 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin Member

Roy A. Ballard
Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan
Robert Joe Morgan, Member