Commissioner Meeting
June 8th, 2020

Vice Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Chuck Spradlin, Kathy Robison County Clerk and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Roy Ballard made a motion to approve May 26th, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve June 1, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that Road and Bridge has been reimbursed for a signing project in the amount of $36,903.91 in total reimbursements, and informed Commissioners he has a meeting with engineers and KDOT regarding additional signing projects, Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Chrisman stated that, “last Thursday night sometime, somebody evidently stole a car and set it on fire on 7th street.” Darrel continued, stating that there is a crack in that bridge that could possibly have been caused when said car was loaded. Chrisman does not believe the crack is, “hurting anything”, reporting that county contracted engineer Michael Maris is going to look at it.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of $5,168.40. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Counselor Paul Dean reported that the Attorney’s office is in need of a new copier. Dean stated they have received a bid in the amount of $4,362.00. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of a copier in the amount $4,362. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Karen McLlvain, with Verdisgris Valley Community Foundation, reported to Commissioners that they have been working for over a year to have a generator at the Sauder Center and possibly the high school in the event of a disaster. McLlvain reported that she had the money donated for the transfer switch for the Sauder Center, but she needs the information as to how to get it hooked up. Levi Vinson reported that two electricians have looked at the generator and said they would develop a plan and inform him as to what he would need for said transfer switch, thus far, Vinson has heard nothing back. Commissioner Roy Ballard informed McLlvain that he would look into the issue and get back with her.

Shawna Griffitts from the Appraiser’s office presented Commissioners with a contract in the amount of $17,500 for McCully and Associates for one year. Griffitts stated they have been a tremendous help the last few months. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve paying the contract to McCully and Associates in the amount of $17,500. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Heath Samuels reported to Commissioners that he had an employee status change for Jason Myers. Samuels stated he was moving Myers from $17.60 per hour to $17.85 per hour. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve status change for Jason Myers. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Preparedness Director Levi Vinson reported an employee status change for Jennifer Carson. Vinson stated he was moving Carson from $13.72 per hour to $14.22 per hour. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve status change for Jennifer Carson. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey reported an employee status change for Jim Castillo. Ramsey stated she was moving Castillo from $11.86 per hour to $12.36 per hour. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve status change for Jim Castillo. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau asked Commissioners to consider modifying the Ambulance/EMS policy for funeral leave. Mongeau stated that because EMS employees work two consecutive 24-hour shifts, the 4 day allowance provides individuals with the opportunity to take off for two weeks. Mongeau then stated that this presents scheduling conflicts. It was noted that that the four day allowance was adopted with 8 hour shifts in mind. County Counselor Paul Dean will draft a modification to include that EMS staff are allowed 48 hours leave for funerals and allowance is left to the discretion of the department heads.
County Counselor Paul Dean reported that the county has had a good response to letters sent out regarding taxes and potential foreclosure. Following a 30 day period, bids will be sought regarding the performance of a record check looking for things like mortgages on the properties in question. Dean will inquire about pricing with Greenwood County Title, who has performed this service in the past, and move forward with tax sale procedures.

Health Department Vicki Ross reported there have not been any new cases of COVID-19 recently. Greenwood County still has 10 reported cases.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn at 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission Meeting will be held Monday, June 15th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Paul Hodge, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin, Member

Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk