

Commissioner Meeting
November 12, 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 October 28, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve November 4, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

For the Road and Bridge Report, Amber Woodie County FEMA Consultant, explained that the Bitler Bridge grant project is an off-systems bridge and the KDOT grant had special qualifications that the Christian Hills Bridge did not meet, but the Bitler Bridge did. The total project is estimated at \$885,000 with the county responsible for ten percent, approximately \$177,000. Of the County's portion, Ninety percent can be paid from Federal Funds Exchange from KDOT, resulting in the net cost to the county of approximately \$20,000. Woodie added a low water crossing would cost more than that to build. Woodie also said the Blakely Bridge on 30th, west of K99, northwest of Madison, received grant funding to replace. Of the \$200,000 project cost, the county is responsible for \$20,000-or ten percent. That cost is also eligible for Federal Funds Exchange for 90%, resulting in a net cost to the county of approximately \$2,000.

No weekly Treasurer's Report.

Fire Chief Doug Williams updated commissioners on upcoming changes to licensing requirements for first responders. The proposed legislation will require fire department responders to adhere to the strict licensing and oversight requirements that EMS departments have to uphold. Williams noted there is so much at risk, including large fines, they will have to make drastic changes to response if it passes. Currently the fire department assists EMS with lifting assistance and other supportive duties. EMS Director Brian Mongeau agreed that the licensing regulations are "pretty cumbersome at times." Fire Chief Williams asked commissioners to reach out to legislators in opposition of the proposed law.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau reported he spent time last week looking into grants for the defibrillator monitors that he told commissioners will be phased out in 2021. He emphasized that they are in good working order at this time but the supplies will no longer be available to order. Mongeau is estimating a cost of \$150,000 to replace all five monitors.

The subject of the Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deed's Office salaries was revisited from last weeks' discussion. Commissioner Spradlin said he had spent some time checking around with other counties to see how they paid those three positions. After some discussion, Commissioner Spradlin explained he felt it was appropriate to increase the Register of Deed's salary by \$2,000 to \$38,910.

Commissioner Spradlin announced November is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Commissioner Spradlin said he had been diagnosed with prostate cancer several months ago, although he had no symptoms but was monitoring his PSA, a test to check for prostate cancer. "Where I'm at right now is in the early stages, very treatable," he said. "He added if he were to miss any meetings, it would be for testing or appointments." "I have a very good prognosis. You should never take cancer lightly anyways," he said.

At 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

November 12th – Board of Canvass for 2019 City/School Election @ 10:00 a.m.
November 18th – 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