Commissioner Meeting
November 25, 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, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, 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 November 12, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve November 12, 2019 Board of Canvass minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve November 18, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the bridge at 360 and R Road is open and passable; Judd Everitt turned in a bid on a bridge at Hamilton on Road W to repair a wing wall, the approach and toe wall, in the amount of $18,500; Chrisman discussed several bridges that he will be getting bids on because they constantly wash out (ex: Lilly, Blakely, South EF & 210). Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson said that we need to get estimates on these bridges that constantly wash out and identify 12-15 of them to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant, which pays 75/25. Commissioner Spradlin asked for a timetable on the process. Vinson said it’s a FEMA grant so once you submit the paperwork, you hear something about three months. Chrisman reported that Jeff from KDEN should be coming soon regarding the debris removal Road and Bridge had done in October. Chrisman also related that he is also going to get with Jerred Baumgartel, with the Noxious Weed Department, regarding the guardrail project and Baumgartel has some trees he wants to remove at Reece. Chrisman also told Commissioner Morgan they were working on the ditch and driveway he had reported at an earlier meeting. Commissioner Ballard told Chrisman that a lot of the bridges in his district still have debris upstream side and maybe the grader driver’s should report that to him, for better maintenance.

No weekly Treasurer’s Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Second Quarter Financial Report. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the Third Quarter Financial Report. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the 2020 Holiday Calendar. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the year-end dinner and approved having it on December 31st at the Matt Samuels Building at 1:00 p.m. and also approved closing the courthouse at 11:30 a.m. to finish year-end transactions. Letters will be sent to restaurants in the county for bids to cater the meal and they must be in to the Clerk’s office by December 13th at 5:00 p.m. The bids will be opened in the Commission meeting Monday, December 16th, @ 9:30 a.m. The menu has been selected and is roast beef, baked potato w/sour cream and butter (on the side), corn, rolls, variety of desserts, water, and tea.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a $75 year-end gift, less taxes, for full-time employees, and a $37.50 year-end gift, less taxes, for part-time employees. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of $8,714.04. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve an employee verification for Valerie Morris as a full-time Administrative Assistant at the Greenwood County Health Department at $11.50 per hour. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. After 90 days employment, Morris may receive a .50 raise, based on job performance per Health Department Director Vicki Ross.

Joy Jensen attended the meeting and thanked commissioners for their donation and support during the annual Field trials event. Jensen mentioned many monetary and edible funds that supported the event that makes it possible.

Commissioners went to a fence viewing, Monday, November 18, 2019 at 12:00 p.m., located at Section 35 Old County Road 24 or Road 250 Line between the N & S ¼ of Section 35 beg the west right of way of Road C50 thence W 1 mile to the section of Section 34 & 35 all in Twp 27S, Range 8E, GW Co, KS. It was decided that County Counselor Paul Dean will contact both landowners and let them know the findings and give them a timeframe.
Discussion over the meeting room was revisited this week as Commissioner Spradlin shared that a couple of businesses contacted rejected the project due to traveling this far. However, Brazzle Builder’s, Inc., from Madison had submitted an original bid for $13,800, an estimate that included the construction of press, legal counsel, and clerk’s desks, in addition to the now approved commissioner’s desk, lectern, and platform. There was a brief discussion regarding funding and the samples for the desk, and areas where costs could be saved. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to accept the bid from Brazzle Builder’s, Inc. in the amount of $13,600. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. Commissioner Ballard voted “No”.

Fire Chief Doug Williams asked approval to increase the volunteer fire fighter pay from $15 per call to $20. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve paying volunteer fire fighters $20 per call starting January 1, 2020. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Williams also shared that the county was turned down for the regional bunker gear grant they applied for.

The Greenwood County Hospital Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 26th @ 5:30 p.m. @ the hospital. Commissioner Spradlin said he would attend.

Commissioner Morgan brought up the subject of an individual he knows that would be interested in applying for the position of assistant to the Road and Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Spradlin asked Commissioner Morgan to go out to the Road and Bridge Department and discuss it with Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- December 2nd – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- December 9th – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- December 13th – Bids for Year-End Dinner due in Clerk’s Office by 5:00 p.m.
- December 16th – Bids for Year-End Dinner to be opened at Commission Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.
- December 26th – GW Co. Hospital Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge, Member

Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member