

Commissioner Meeting
April 6th, 2020

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

The Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Roy Ballard made a motion to approve March 30th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman, who attended the meeting via conference call, reported that he is concentrating on repairing potholes. Chrisman stated that he has heard from multiple sources that the price of tires will be increasing. With that in mind, Chrisman told commissioners that he will be seeking bids for several tires in anticipation of the increase. Darrel also told commissioners that he is currently looking to get masks for employees to help prevent COVID-19 exposure. Commissioner Ballard informed Chrisman that one end of a culvert near Virgil is smashed and is currently causing water to back up in a property owner's field. Darrel responded he would look into the issue.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$104,761.48. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$146,232.25. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Chuck Spradlin made a motion to add \$13,600 to current payables, which would bring the total to \$159,832.25. To be paid to Brazzle Builders for the expenses due for the Commission room desk and cabinets. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Health Department Director Vicki Ross provided Commissioners with an update regarding COVID-19 outbreak numbers in Kansas. Ross told commissioners that there is currently one positive case in Greenwood County. Vicki reported the Greenwood County hospital has switched labs used to run testing for COVID-19. It now takes 6 days to receive results.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson came before commissioners in reference to the previously approved Resolution 20-06. Vinson reported that the Governors attorney has indicated that local bodies may not be able to enforce regulations on state property, such as state lakes and parks. Dean did not recommend altering the resolution in any way. According to Dean state statues give commissioners the authority to make decisions regarding public access.

Commissioner Ballard stated he had received several calls regarding the spring burning season. Vinson responded that the KDHE recommended a reduction in burning but they are aware of the important role burning plays in agriculture.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey expressed concerns regarding the date given for potentially reopening the courthouse to the public. County Counselor Paul Dean noted that the Greenwood County Courthouse will remain closed to public access until officials are advised to do otherwise.

County Fire Chief Doug Williams reported he had plans to recoat the inside of spray tanks following the completion of the burning season. Williams stated the tanks are ten to fifteen years old and recoating them would save money versus purchasing a new one that would cost the county around \$20,000. Williams stated it costs anywhere from \$1,300 to \$1,500 to recoat a tank.

Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson reported a drive through clinic for lab services will be available by weeks end.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 A.M. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, April 13th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Paul Hodge

Paul Hodge, Chairman

Ben Fox

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

C. Spradlin

Chuck Spradlin Member

Roy Ballard

Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan

Robert Joe Morgan, Member

Kathy Robison

ATTEST:

Kathy Robison, County Clerk

