

Commission Meeting
August 31st, 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.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve August 24th, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Undersheriff Randy Cox asked commissioners' permission to purchase a 2020 Dodge Grand Caravan to utilize as a transport van. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of said transport van in the amount of \$21,602. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman presented commissioners with paperwork for Cook, Flatt and Strobel to serve as the design engineers for the Christian Hills Bridge project. Chrisman presented commissioners with employment verification for Chad Luther, to be hired as a truck driver/laborer in a full time capacity at a pay rate of \$13.79 per hour. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve hiring Chad Luther. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Darrel then informed the commission that Road and Bridge employee Douglas Bishop is due for a 90 day pay raise. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve moving Bishop from \$13.79 per hour to \$14.29 per hour. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Darrel then questioned commissioners regarding quarantine procedures for employees. He asked if employees would be covered under paycheck protection or if they would have to take sick leave or unpaid leave. After it was noted that paycheck protection would not apply, Chrisman was informed that the options for those who have to quarantine are paid sick leave or unpaid leave. Chrisman presented commissioners with two bids for the completion of low water crossing projects located on 60th and 70th streets. The first bid presented was from Gary King in the amount of \$106,630; the second bid was from Leiser Excavating in the amount of \$115,025. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve utilizing Leiser Excavating for said projects. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried, 4 to 1, with Commissioner Hodge opposed. Commissioner Morgan inquired about progress to Reece Road, Chrisman responded informing Morgan that Jamie Larcom was scheduled to begin his portion of the project today.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of \$89,143.35. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

KDOT representatives attended the meeting to address any concerns or questions commissioners may have had. Sheriff Heath Samuels asked KDOT representatives when repairs on HWY 99 north will begin; the response was that those repairs are slated to begin next year. Samuels also informed KDOT that there is a sink hole in the east bound lane of 400 HWY east of the HWY 99 north junction that needed addressed.

Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson provided commissioners with a copy of the hospitals financial report, their audit report and the budget. Dickerson also informed the commission that Cindy Pelky will be stepping down from the hospital board. Dickerson stated that she had reached out to Hamilton resident Dee Elliot to replace Pelky. Elliot is interested in stepping into that position in January 2021.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey approached the commission asking permission if the courthouse offices could be appointment only due to a rise in COVID-19 cases. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to allow access to the courthouse to be limited to appointment only. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson asked the commissioners for permission to allow the Noxious Weed Department to stay open on Friday's in September to catch up on spraying and mowing. Commissioners agreed to allow Vinson's request.

Fire Chief Doug Williams reported that Invena has finished repairs to the semi tanker with an overall cost of approximately \$27,000.

Commissioner Fox reported two more reimbursements for SPARK funding as follows; Eureka Senior Center in the amount of \$14,843 and Madison-Virgil USD 386 in the amount of \$2,810.40. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve said reimbursements. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Counselor Paul Dean asked the commission for a ten minute Executive session in regards to employee conduct. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve said executive session. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a ten minute executive session pertaining to salaried personnel. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a five minute executive session to discuss salaried personnel. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. The decision was made to give Levi Vinson an increase in pay, bringing him to \$49,000 a year. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve said increase. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 9 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, 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