Commission Meeting August 3rd, 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 Fox made a motion to approve July 27th, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported Road and Bridge had received \$17,650 from the insurance company for the bulldozer that had gone under water earlier this year; Road and Bridge also received three checks totaling \$86,423.96 from FEMA for the emergency event that occurred in October in 2018. Darrel then informed the commission that the cost of oil for the pothole patcher would cost roughly \$9 per gallon. Chrisman stated he had a "to do" list of projects that the department is currently working on. Commissioner Morgan notified Chrisman of two projects that needed attention; trees at GG and 80th that are protruding into the road and Reece Road has several potholes that needed repair. Darrel responded that he would notify Noxious Weed Department about the trees. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed Darrel that Thornton Electric would be coming next week to begin digging for the three phase connection.

Commissioners reviewed Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Morgan asked Vinson whether he had been treating Old World Bluestem. Levi responded, informing Morgan that he was not able to hit as much as he would have liked to this year due to poor weather conditions throughout the year. Levi explained there is a small window in June to treat that particular weed that requires wind conditions to be 5 to 10 miles per hour. Therefore they were limited on days they could spray.

Greenwood County was recently named the recipient of \$167,000 through the CDBG-CV grant program to be disbursed among area business owners to support those impacted by COVID-19. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a contract with SCKEDD to administer said funds. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of \$3,691.19. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve hiring Lori Vanderford for the Health Department to serve as a PRN Nurse, at a rate of \$20 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the following SPARK reimbursements;

Eureka USD 389- \$2,507.50

USD 386 Madison/Virgil- \$154,260.63.

Hamilton USD 390- \$6,575.50

City of Hamilton-\$2,854.22

Hamilton USD 390-\$20,000 - for connecting fiber optic to the school

Greenwood County courthouse-\$3,601.23

Eureka USD 389- \$2,700.45

Greenwood County Sheriff's Office-\$54,300

Hamilton USD 390- \$9,893.90

City of Eureka- \$1,191.42

Greenwood County courthouse-\$10,939.42

A reimbursement to MT networks was mentioned for providing expanded internet service in Madison to residents while learning was done virtually. No dollar amount was given for said reimbursement. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Vinson addressed Chairman Paul Hodge, who is standing Flood Plain Manager because of his position as Board Chairman. Vinson asked that Hodge aid Otter Creek Township in their efforts to attain FEMA reimbursement. Vinson noted that a 36 inch culvert was replaced by a 60 inch culvert on 50th street west of K Road. Hodge agreed to sign a letter to be submitted to the Otter Creek Township to aid in their efforts.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a five minute executive session for employee evaluation. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Following the executive session, commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve moving Appraiser's office employee Shawna Griffitt's from hourly wage to salary, with a pay increase of \$6,000 per year. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Fire Chief Doug Williams reported that a semi tanker is at Invena, being repaired.

Phillip Jarred, CPA of Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips, presented the 2019 year-end auditors report. The county was found in compliance with the Cash Basis Law.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held on Monday August 10th, 2020 at 9 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison

Kathy Rollison, County Clerk

Paul Hodge, Chairman

Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin Member

Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan, Member