

Commissioner Meeting
February 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, Chuck Spradlin, Robert Joe Morgan, 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 January 27th, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the Road and Bridge department continued to work on culvert projects that were started last week. Chrisman stated they were waiting on the weather to stabilize to continue work at 70th and G road. FEMA Specialist Amber Woodie reported receiving an estimate from an appraisal company for repairs on Bitler Bridge, the estimate totaled of \$11,710 for one side of the bridge and \$6,190. The reason for the difference in cost is due to a pipe gate and fencing that would have to be removed and possibly replaced on one side. Commissioner Ballard expressed concerns of the estimated cost of the appraisal. Commissioner Fox recommended that Woodie send the commissioners the appraisal and the subject would be approached at next week's Commission meeting. County contracted Engineer Michael Maris spoke with Commissioners regarding a bridge located on GG road. Maris stated that if the Agricultural permit he is pursuing does not go through, the county will put in a low water crossing at that location. Maris notified Commissioners that construction to the bridge on the one lane road near Madison needs to start by November 21, 2021. Currently, the county plans to start construction in May of 2021.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve signing the letter of support for funding for the Christian Hills Bridge. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson revisited a subject brought up at the previous Commission meeting, of installing GPS tracking devices in county vehicles. Verizon quoted Vinson the cost of \$35 per vehicle per month for a minimum of 25 vehicles. No decisions were made. Vinson presented Commissioners with a road viewing at the bottom of Canyon Hill, stating that Noxious Weed department had removed trees at the discretion of the land owner. The Commissioners set the road viewing for Tuesday, February 18th after the commission meeting. Vinson asked Commissioners permission to get uniforms in the amount of a \$200 yearly allowance. Commissioner Fox made a motion to accept a \$200 yearly clothing allowance for uniforms for the Noxious Weed department employees who spray chemicals. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Levi also reported that floodplain mapping is now available for Greenwood County. Vinson noted that though the maps are accessible, FEMA approval may take up to three years. Following their approval, the maps could be used to contest arguments regarding whether or not a house is on a floodplain.

Commissioners are starting the process of scheduling a tax sale. 195 properties are currently eligible for sale. County Counselor Paul Dean stated that once notices are sent out, those numbers may drastically change.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$6,441.92. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Under Sheriff Randy Cox presented commissioners with an insurance settlement on a K9 vehicle that had been wrecked last year. The settlement was in the amount of \$30,499.26. The replacement vehicle is a 2020 Dodge Durango, the cost of which would be \$32,248.68. The department was able to reuse some of the equipment from the wrecked vehicle, therefore reducing the cost to up-fit the new vehicle. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the cost of the 2020 Dodge Durango in the amount of \$32,248.68. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the amount of up to \$12,000 for the purchase of a boom lift for the county. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a five minute executive session to review employee performance. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to revise a previous motion made that appointed Charles Tannehill to Eureka Township Trustee. The revision would appoint Tannehill to Eureka Township Clerk, rather than Trustee. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission Meeting will be February 10th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to Adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Chairman

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin Member

Roy Ballard
Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan
Robert Joe Morgan, Member