

Commission Meeting  
June 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that employee Jennifer Watts had completed 90 days of employment; Darrel proposed moving Watts from \$13 per hour to \$13.50 per hour. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a 90 day pay raise for Jennifer Watts. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Darrel reported that Road and Bridge had put in a crossing on GG road, south of 400, stating that after those repairs were finished, future repairs would be up to the township. Chrisman told commissioners that Greenwood County won the bid for the purchase of the pothole patcher in the amount of \$15,400. The department will now be shopping for reasonable oil prices for the patcher.

Commissioner Ben Fox reported that he was approached by Eureka Mayor Stephen Coulter regarding the maintenance of the roadway into Lions Park. It was then noted that the park is owned by the county, but the city is responsible for the maintenance.

Commissioner Roy Ballard discussed an issue being faced regarding HH Road. He noted that after contacting the Register of Deeds office, it was still unclear who was responsible for maintaining the road. Chrisman will contact Woodson County, as HH Road sits near the county line, and discuss designating a maintenance plan for said road.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve to approve payables in the amount of \$170,271.28. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to payroll in the amount \$106,763.20. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Karen McIlvain of the Verdigris Valley Community Foundation asked commissioners for an update regarding the electrician who has agreed to take on their generator project. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson informed McIlvain that the electrician will be in Eureka Tuesday.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a five minute Executive session for legal. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Spradlin questioned Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson regarding PPP paybacks. Dickerson informed commissioners that the Hospital is working on gathering and submitting loan paperwork, stating that once the paperwork was submitted, she would have more information on the matter.

Levi Vinson told commissioners a conference call was recently held regarding the use and restrictions associated with SPARK Task Force funding. Levi noted that he missed the call but had a recording of said call and had not yet had the chance to listen to it. Once he is able to review the recording, commissioners will revisit the subject. Vinson reported that he was able to locate a local company; Cintas, selling touchless thermometers. Cintas now has touchless thermometers available for order, with a minimum purchase of 40. Vinson noted that \$2,600 would be needed for the purchase. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of 40 touchless thermometers in the amount of \$2,600. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Morgan asked Vinson about the mower attachment that was discussed at a previous meeting. Vinson reported after researching further and relaying that information to Commissioner Ballard, he went ahead with the purchase of said attachment.

Vinson presented commissioners with the Noxious Weed budget proposal for 2021. He noted that the biggest change would be moving Jerrid Baumgartel to the position of Noxious Weed Director, which would move him from an hourly wage to salary. Vinson then noted that the changes would be absorbed by the budget; there is no change in the overall total. Vinson also reported that HHW budget would have no change.

Greenwood County Agriculture Agent Lindsey Shorter presented commissioners with the Extension Council budget, reporting there would be no change in their 2021 budget.

Natalie Boone and Alan Johnson presented the budget request for the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation, reporting there would be no change. Johnson informed commissioners that he had recently signed a contract to build a 70 foot lean-to on the south side of the arena.

County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners that she was recently informed by the state that a Resolution was needed regarding the County's new appraiser. Legal Counsel Paul Dean will be working to draft the resolution.

Levi Vinson informed commissioners that all the outdoor warning sirens are owned by the cities. The Sheriff's Department is responsible for setting them off through dispatch and Emergency Management is responsible for ensuring that they are in working order. Vinson then noted that it is the responsibility of the town that owns the equipment to pay for any maintenance or batteries needed to ensure that the equipment is operational. Vinson informed commissioners that the debate has been raised in the past regarding the matter and having a memorandum in place would dissolve the issue. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve said memorandum. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 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 Ballard  
Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan  
Robert Joe Morgan, Member