

Commissioner Meeting  
March 30<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 Chuck Spradlin (conference call), Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Kathy Robison County Clerk (conference call) and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to approve March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Roy Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported having hired Jennifer Watts at \$13 per hour to fill the position of secretary/clerk. Commissioner Paul Hodge made a motion to approve hiring Watts for said position. Commissioner Ben Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Hodge requested that a letter be sent out to Salt Springs Township to serve as a reminder of the shared responsibility regarding the maintenance of Sunflower Hill Road. Hodge stated that people have inquired as to why the county has not properly maintained the roadway; he noted that Sunflower Hill Road is a township road. Darrel reported that County Engineer Michael Maris devised a plan of action regarding 136<sup>th</sup> street and Reece road. Chrisman noted the project would labor intensive. Maris also recommended that access to the bridge on 260<sup>th</sup> street be limited to one lane until work is completed. Chrisman reported the afore mentioned bridge was named the second worst bridge in the county according to the bridge report.

Health Department Director Vicki Ross reported that all the cases that the Health Department has tested for COVID-19, came back negative. There are currently no positive cases in Greenwood County. Ross noted that clinics, Health Department, food suppliers, fast food restaurants and feed stores are among the list of essential businesses. Ross requested approval for adding a PRN nurse to her staff. Ross noted, in the event that the COVID-19 virus spreads to Greenwood County, having a provisionary nurse in place would be an asset. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve appointment of Marilee McCoy as Deputy Health Officer. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. In the event that Ross was to become ill, McCoy would be able to temporarily fill her roll.

Sheriff Heath Samuels noted that the department would not be pulling over every vehicle on the road to determine whether or not they are an essential service. Members of the public are asked to be mindful of the orders put in place. In an effort to limit public exposure, the Sheriff's office is working with the pharmacy and essential grocers to deliver orders and prescriptions to homes.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to take a ten minute break. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Counselor Paul Dean presented commissioners with Resolution 20-06 which will serve as an extension of the Governor's Stay-at-home order. In the resolution, public access to the courthouse and all other county departments, excluding the Health Department, is officially removed. All public meetings will be conducted through Zoom video stream. Access to public areas including the pool, playground equipment, tennis courts, basketball courts and lake swimming areas is no longer permitted. The Lions Park walking trail is open for public access with a reminder to utilize social distancing. The resolution stated that no outside parties are allowed to travel to Greenwood County to self-quarantine. This addition was prompted by individuals from surrounding counties attempting to utilize camping areas or lake cabins for their self-quarantine. In the event compliance issues are faced, the resolution also gives the Greenwood County Sheriff's office the ability to ticket people, should those actions be necessitated. (For more information refer to Resolution 20-06) Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve Resolution 20-06. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 A.M. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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

ATTEST: Kathy Robison, County Clerk