

Commissioner Meeting
May 21, 2018

Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Paul Hodge, Chuck Spradlin, and Kathy Robison County Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor was not present.

No commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a special payable, dated 5-18-2018, in the amount of \$4,132.84. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$200,500.88. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$93,093.33. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$1,672.24. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Mike Johnson, Road and Bridge Mechanic/Laborer, brought a bid in for tarps for five trucks, in the amount of \$6,273. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the bid, in the amount of \$6,273. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director told commissioners he is still looking to hire a seasonal mower for May-Sept. Vinson currently has ads in the papers, but has only received one application.

Undersheriff Randy Cox presented an employee verification for Christian Powell as a full time Deputy at the Sheriff's Department. Cox relayed that Powell has previous law enforcement experience and will start on May 23rd. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the employee verification for Christian Powell as a full time Sheriff's Deputy at \$13.15 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Cox also reported that one of the deputies hit a deer, but the claim has already been approved for repair through the insurance and they will owe \$1,000 deductible. Cox also updated commissioners on a fiberoptic failure last week that occurred when 911 call were down. Fortunately, they were able to route Greenwood County 911 calls to a neighboring county, so there was no break in response. A faulty router was found to be the cause and has been replaced. Texting is also now available to 911 for emergencies.

Madison resident Bob Kimberlin attended the meeting to voice his opinion on a five-member commission board. Kimberlin was concerned that, "A five-man commission could circumvent the quorum rule and allow under-the-table deals to be made without public knowledge." He preferred the county's current three-member structure for several reasons, including the fact that all county-related conversations between commissioners must be done in an open meeting. Kimberlin's other concerns included the increase in paperwork, courthouse work, and cause more spending that adding two more commissioners would provide. Kimberlin also brought up that a year or so ago the county ordered generic flag holders for veterans graves, and was appreciative of the generic holders, but the VFW had requested era-specific flag holders and were denied due to the expense. "Greenwood County is my home," concluded Kimberlin, "Please don't mess it up."

Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe gave an update on the bridge north of Madison on 380th Street, west of Highway 99. They are going to post the bridge as "single-lane" to avoid further weakening of the outside edges. Signage and barriers will be put up this week. Commissioner Fox asked if they were going to drop the speed limit leading up to the bridge, and Lowe said they could do that. Lowe said Michael Maris is supposed to be coming in this week. There was a discussion about concrete box (pre-fab) bridges, and how you need a crane and a contractor to install them. Commissioners even talked about looking into the cost of an excavator, because it could be used for many other projects. There were several bridges mentioned that need looked at.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel employee performance. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox provided a tentative projection for 2019 county employee wages, based on tiers he created for employee longevity. His tiers would create "automatic" raises when employees reach certain work anniversaries, i.e. 10 years, 20 years, etc.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After the commission meeting the commissioners had a work session.

Calendar:

May 24th - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co Hospital Conference Rm
May 28th - Courthouse will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.
May 29th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.



ATTEST: Kathy Robison
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Member