

Commissioner Meeting
October 29, 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, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve October 15, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve October 22, minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that debris cleanup on District #1 is almost complete. Cleaning Shell Rock, which would be a good place to use an excavator because the backhoe doesn't quite reach the spots is almost done. District #2 is clean; working on getting debris off of the bridges in District #3; have a load of patch for Piedmont Road and Reece Road. Have someone checking out the roads discussed in Fall River, to keep them passable, until we can figure out the solution to fix the problem. Today will be a road and equipment maintenance day and some debris removal. Commissioner Spradlin asked about the status of the bridge on L Road. Chrisman said he is waiting for information from engineer Michael Maris. Commissioner Fox mentioned that FEMA would be here possibly Wednesday and would be able to see Ladd Bridge and Rice Bridge. Chrisman reported they have one of the snowplow trucks home. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if they had a chance to look at a road west of Don Chaplin's house. Emergency Management Director and Chrisman said they had looked at the east side of it. Commissioner Hodge told one of the township officers' in that district they should file that with FEMA and go to the Road and Bridge office to see what they need to do. The commissioners discussed that we now have five townships in our county participating with FEMA. Commissioner Hodge asked if Harshman quarry would be willing to donate a load or two of gravel to help maintain 90th Road, he thought there was supposed to be an agreement to that effect. Chrisman said he wasn't sure, but would do some checking.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson reported that KDEM was here last week validating the damages that were turned in to them. Vinson explained the field inspection process to the commissioners on how the threshold is met and how KDEM and FEMA work together. Vinson told commissioners that KDEM thought we were far enough above the threshold to have a KDEM and FEMA representative and will probably have a FEMA representative coming next week. Vinson said that at the bridge on 100th Street, the KDEM rep has never written a program for a bridge like that, but he knows there is a disaster assistance one out there. The KDEM rep told Vinson if the damage to the facility (or structure) is more than 50% of the replacement cost they will pay the replacement cost. Vinson said the FEMA rep will be here next week to investigate it and will be able to give the county more information. Vinson suggested that the county have a contingency plan for the bridge and not completely rely on the state to fix it. Vinson said he estimated roughly \$850,000 in damages for Greenwood County. The county came in at \$1.7 million dollars, which includes the five townships and the Department of Wildlife and Parks. KDEM also reported they thought that the state met it's \$4.2 million damages threshold for FEMA.

Terry Hart represented by Karen McIlvain presented a fence issue regarding his neighbor's perimeter fence near Severy not being maintained. County Counselor Paul Dean said a perimeter fence issue can be considered a public nuisance if it causes cattle to get out. Dean planned to send a demand letter to the neighbor. Karen McIlvain said she would email the legal description to Dean, and Dean was going to send a copy of the demand letter to McIlvain. Later in the meeting, Dean also mentioned he would drive by and look at the fence.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve an employee verification for Mike Miles as the county's new K9 officer, in the amount of \$15.00 per hour, plus \$8.50 per day for K9 stipend, which is a statewide law. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Miles' starting date is November 1st.

Fire Chief Doug Williams gave commissioners an update on the firetrucks in the fleet. Williams also told commissioners that he submitted another grant application for countywide bunker gear, but it may be up to 9-10 months before he knows if the county was selected.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau told commissioners that he is looking into mobile internet options to use in at least one ambulance. Mongeau would like crews to be able to submit reports on a tablet while in the field.

Roger, Ryan, and Rob Winfrey from Insurance Planning Center, representing BMI Insurance, presented a bid for the county's health/dental insurance that appeared to have lower premiums. Winfrey addressed the commissioners and gave the specifics to a self-insured plan, where BMI would serve as the administrator. Scott Day, with Day Insurance, LLC, who submitted the initial bid, the commissioners had been working with since April, was also present and discussed the differences in the two plans, when Winfrey was finished presenting. After some discussion, the commissioners agreed to choose the initial bid from Day Insurance, LLC. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the health insurance plan offered by Day Insurance, LLC. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The commissioners told BMI, that the meetings they have been discussing changing health insurance have been printed in both newspapers, for several months, and now the timing is too close to consider starting over in the process. BCBS has also already been working on the underwriting of the policy, as all county employees, are supposed to be signed up by November 5th. The commissioners welcomed BMI to submit a bid, next time, giving us time to present to the department heads, employees, negotiate, etc.

County Counselor Paul Dean asked what the status is on the chiller because of the bond we hold with the company.

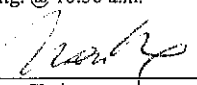
Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley reported that the chiller is complete with the exception of finishing the groundwork, which the company promised to do. The commissioners asked Findley to contact the company and also solicit bids for the work. Findley also mentioned that the hot water heater will soon need to be replaced.

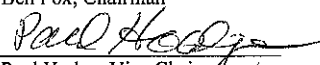
County Clerk Kathy Robison reported that her office has sent out approximately 222 Advance Ballots by Mail and there have been about 160 people in the office so far to vote.

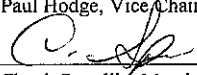
At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

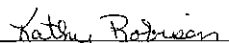
Calendar:

Nov. 6th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
Nov. 6th - General Election 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Various Locations
Nov. 12th - Courthouse Closed in observance of Veteran's Day
Nov. 13th - Board of Canvass will follow the Commission Mtg. @ 10:30 a.m.


Ben Fox, Chairman


Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman


Chuck Spradlin, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk