

Commissioner Meeting
April 23, 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 Shannon Gant Deputy Clerk. Paul Dean, County Counselor arrived at 9:17 a.m.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve April 16, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$99,120.38. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$135,067.90. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox presented information for purchasing a color printer for the Road and Bridge and Noxious Weed offices to share. The cost of the HP laser printer is \$370, to be split between the two departments. Fox also mentioned he had been looking for compactors and gave Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe information on one in Iowa and one in Kansas City, Kansas. Fox also found a website that had attachments that may be helpful to the Road and Bridge Department, like an attachment for a skidsteer that heats up chips for small chip/seal projects.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor reported Jamie Larcom is working on an intersection south of Neal; Zach Marshall is working on the project on DD Road and it's looking good; Lowe has talked to APAC about the piece on 400 that needs bo-magged and repacked, it's around CC Road; he plans to meet with Vance Brothers this Thursday regarding chip/seal; talked to J. F. Electric regarding the poles in the Quincy area, and they will be moving the poles back to the fence and re-correcting some other poles. Lowe submitted an invoice from Murphy tractor for the cost of 1/2 of the cost of new grader tires, for the trade-in grader, in the amount of \$2,500 and a 2 foot L.H. Moldboard extension that was not included in the contract, as Lowe had thought was part of the original agreement, in the amount of \$2,850. The total amount of the invoice was \$5,350. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the invoice from Murphy tractor for the tires and extension, in the amount of \$5,350. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an executive session for an employee performance personnel for 20 minutes with Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe, and Office Manager Amber Woodie, Sheriff Heath Samuels, Emergency/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson, and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session to discuss a new hire.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Fox announced that they were pleased with the way the inmate program is progressing. Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director said that in 2018, 24 inmates have worked a total of 4,301 man hours. Madison News reporter, Tammy Seimears, asked about this being discussed in an executive session. County Counselor Paul Dean clarified that it was discussed due to a complaint from an employee which was found to be unsubstantiated. Before the meeting had begun, Jen Thomsen, Eureka Herald reporter, handed out Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) information to commissioners, and explained that the laws had changed on the verbiage they could use, and what can be shared in regards to executive sessions.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the new hire of Trent Crisswell as a truck driver/laborer for the Road and Bridge Department at \$13.60 per hour as he already has his Class A CDL. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve creating a new tier for Mike Johnson at the Road and Bridge Department as a Mechanic, as he has passed his 90 day review. His pay rate will be changed from \$12.70 per hour to \$15.00 per hour effective 4/29/18. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox said he had a constituent complain to him about the condition of Shell Rock bridge southeast of Madison. Vinson and Fox planned to look at the bridge with a contractor later in the week.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director reported that the CodeRED notification system is now live and ready for sign-ups. Commissioner Spradlin asked if there was a way to monitor how many users have registered so far. Vinson said they will know how to after training.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion for a 5 minute break. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Fire Chief Doug Williams told commissioners he had to purchase approximately 12-14 tires last week due to going through pastures; the Fall River 2.5 ton engine blew, but he found a replacement for \$1,000; the pump in the pumper truck at Neal needs replaced and will cost \$15,000; and the Hamilton tank needs sandblasted and recoated, that project will cost \$3,500. After a little discussion, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of the pump, in the amount of \$15,000, and sandblasting and recoating of the Hamilton tank, in the amount of \$3,500. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Williams also said we need an agreement for the grant he has been working on. He and County Counselor Paul Dean discussed it briefly and Williams said he would write something up for the agreement and send it to Dean for his part needed.

Amanda Cunningham, Interim CEO of Crosswinds and Carol Hind, a representative on the Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness board told commissioners they are interested in forming a focus group in Greenwood County to focus on mental health needs in the county. Hind relayed that she is currently the only board member from Greenwood County and it would be nice to have more, and those interested serving on the focus group could contact them by calling 1-800-279-3645. Cunningham and Hind talked with commissioners and Sheriff Samuels on ways to improve the inmate evaluation process. Commissioner Fox asked if the Sheriff's Department has been using the videoconferencing that had been done from the jail in the past. Samuels indicated it wasn't dependable and they've been having to drive inmates to Emporia to do the consult, and often use another videoconference with an out of state provider. Samuels asked for guidelines on doing patient transports for the hospital. He added he would be willing to provide a deputy to transport the dangerous patients, but not all patients. Cunningham explained that the designation of dangerous was in line with if the patient was being admitted involuntarily, she also added that under certain circumstances their staff could come get a patient and take them to a crisis house in Emporia for up to 72 hours. Cunningham said that the focus group they would like to form could work with issues such as these.

Vic Delpine, Chiller Project Manager and Derek Miller updated the commissioners on the chiller project. Delpine told commissioners that, based on the engineering report from LST Engineers, it had mistakenly identified the need for a 150 kw transformer. Derek Miller, with Kruse Construction, found the error and alerted Delpine, that it actually needed a 300 kw transformer, to handle the load of the new chiller. After making several phone calls Delpine was able to get to the bottom of the issue and make arrangements for the 300 kw transformer to be here this weekend to be installed. Westar will shut the power to the courthouse off Saturday, but there will be three generators set up to take care of the needs of the jail, Sheriff's Office and dispatch. By next Saturday the new chiller should be operational.

At 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

April 30th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

May 3rd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co Hospital Conference Rm

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Ben Fox
Ben Fox, Chairman

Paul Hodge
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin
Chuck Spradlin, Member