

Commissioner Meeting  
April 30, 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 arrived at 9:12 a.m.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve April 23, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor reported that the company involved with the sign replacement and enhancement grant stopped by the office and wants the county to put ads in the paper requesting interest from engineering consulting firms for the sign replacement. Lowe reported that Zack Marshall has been hauling rock from the landfill for a ditch project; Lowe said he needed to check and see if the electric poles around Quincy have been moved, as Lowe was told by a supervisor of J.F. Electric that they would be moved back to the fence. Lowe told commissioners that 72 guardrail posts, south of Neal, on 140<sup>th</sup> Street between BB50 and CC roads were ruined during a controlled burn by a landowner. After some discussion about the cost to replace that many posts, and consulting with County Counselor Paul Dean, it was determined that most of the replacement costs should be paid for by the landowner who was responsible for the controlled burn. Dean said he would gather more information and notify the landowner. Lowe reported they are still hauling rock up north; and he went to Ames, Iowa, with Mike Johnson, Road and Bridge Mechanic to look at a used Rex Trashmaster 3-70A model compactor with a recently rebuilt transmission and Detroit Diesel engine. With the rebuilt engine the machine has accumulated 1,582 hours, and is being sold by Brown's Heavy Equipment, Inc for \$83,000, plus, \$4,000 shipping, as the machine weighs 70,000 lbs. Commissioner Spradlin asked Lowe where the compactor fits on his priority list of expenditures. Lowe replied that the compactor was on top of the list because it will be used to conserve space at the landfill and save the county from a costly engineering report that would be required if a new cell would need to be dug to make room. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of the compactor in the amount of \$87,000, which includes the shipping. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The commissioners approved the purchase with the condition that Lowe would try to negotiate a limited warranty. The funds to purchase the compactor will come out of Road and Bridge Special Machinery (Equipment Reserve). Commissioner Hodge asked Lowe about chip/sealing the road around White Hall Bay at the Fall River Lake. Lowe said the road should be maintained by the Corps of Engineers, as it is not a county road.

Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Director presented a Roadside Vegetation Plan that outlined the need to maintain the roadside ditches by mowing them. Vinson explained it could help provide safe clear sightline for cars around curves, and animals in the ditches, and may help with weed control, which would save on chemical expenses. Vinson checked with Road and Bridge Office Professional Janet Turner regarding funding and she verified they have an allotment for seasonal help in their budget as long as the total hours stay under 1,000 for the year, it is considered part-time, with no benefits. Vinson added he would like this position to be under the Weed department next year. The commissioners decided to create a new part-time position from May-September, with wages \$12-\$13 per hour, and it is to be paid out of the Road and Bridge Department budget this year, with Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed Director as supervisor. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the part-time employee to do the mowing, from May-September, at \$12-\$13 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Roadside Vegetation Plan, with County Counselor Paul Dean making few slight adjustments. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk, Kathy Robison, told commissioners the county's health care contract is up for renewal this year and gave information to County Counselor Paul Dean to review. Sheriff Samuels asked the commissioners if they were interested in pursuing other health care options, besides the state contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield. The commissioners said it wouldn't hurt to gather more information and bids. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel for employee performance review with Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director and Paul Dean, County Counselor. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 15 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decisions were made.

Commissioner Spradlin announced that he would attend the Greenwood County Hospital Board meeting that is coming up on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

At 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co Hospital Conference Rm  
May 7<sup>th</sup> - 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