

Commissioner Meeting  
March 19, 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 Paul Dean, County Counselor.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve March 5, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve March 12, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor reported that County Counselor Paul Dean called and the utility poles that are too close to the roadway near Quincy, that have been discussed in recent meetings will be moved soon by the company that installed them; crews have been bogging by the rodeo arena south of Eureka and north of Eureka on Lake Road. Commissioner Hodge asked if they use oil to add to the recycled asphalt but Lowe explained that there are hoops now regarding oil, including hazmat licenses and the county doesn't have the proper resources to store it. Crews patched a little road off of 400, the Fall River City turnoff. Two quotes from TCS Upfitting in Wichita were presented to the commissioners. The first quote was presented to install lighting on the front and back of Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe's work truck in the amount of \$1,809.80, as he sometimes assists with emergency response efforts. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of the lights for Road and Bridge Supervisor, Roger Lowe's truck in the amount of \$1,809.80. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The second quote was for Levi Vinson, Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director, he explained that his lights in his light bar are no longer working and they were "hand-me-down" equipment from the Sheriff's Department. When he recently went to have his grill guard installed he asked for them to see what it would cost to repair the light bar. They said they were unable to get parts for it so this quote is for a light bar, along with front and back lights, and a siren, this includes labor. It came to \$3,784.70. Commissioner Spradlin approved the \$3,784.70 quote for Levi Vinson's truck to be outfitted with emergency lights. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds for Vinson's lights will come out of his Capital Outlay Account and he said he will try to negotiate the price further with TCS. Commissioner Hodge said a constituent asked about widening Christian Hills Bridge. Lowe was concerned about the weight limit and Commissioner Fox was concerned that it would encourage larger equipment to drive over the bridge, which is already in poor condition. After some discussion the commissioners and Lowe decided they should consult with Michael Maris, the engineer who does the evaluations on the bridges in the county. Vinson mentioned that "From an emergency response position, in my estimation that's a critical bridge for response," referring to that in the event that bridge was closed for any reason and there was flooding; traffic would have to be diverted to K99 or over to J Rd, which also would have some low water crossings. Vinson noted that the Christian Hills Bridge provides the primary access to rural areas southwest of Eureka. Commissioner Fox suggested when it comes time to apply for grant funding again on that bridge, letters of support from Sheriff Samuels, and Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson could be beneficial to include in the process this time, stating how vital the bridge is to emergency response access. Vinson also mentioned that the keynote speaker for the township meeting Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, will be the Kansas of Emergency Management (KDEM) Public Assistance Officer. Vinson told commissioners FEMA has been in the process of redesigning the disaster declaration process and has been working with a pilot program over the last year and are ready to implement the program nationwide. The KDEM representative will be speaking on the process at the meeting.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

County Counselor Paul Dean asked Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe if he had updated the commissioners on what he had found out on the utility poles. Lowe said he told them they were being moved. Commissioner Spradlin asked for more information. County Counselor Dean reported his contact with the company for the relocation of the utility poles near Quincy. Dean said the company measured them and found out they were too close. Dean was told the contractor will be moving the poles and they will be moved in Woodson County as well.

Attorney Karen McIlvain who represents, Terry Hart, who has a fence that is scheduled at 11:00 a.m. to be viewed today, was present to ask if they were still planning to go to the property, as it was very muddy. The commissioners decided to reschedule the fence viewing for April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve an employee verification for Samantha LeVieux as a part-time EMS RN at \$14.60 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox reported that a payroll issue had been brought to his attention. When an employee has exhausted their sick and vacation pay and is unable to work the equivalent of full time hours for the month, how should their insurance premium be affected. After some discussion, it was the general consensus that if a full-time employee has exhausted all of their compensated time, then they would be responsible to pay back a portion of their insurance premium that is prorated, to the county. County Counselor Dean was asked to draft a policy to that effect for the commissioners' approval.

9:45 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

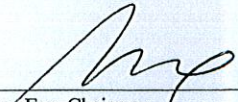
9:47 a.m. Commissioners reconvened for Doug Mitchell, who commented on the Christian Hills Bridge. Mitchell told commissioners that while working under the bridge when he used to be Road and Bridge Supervisor several years ago, it used to rattle, and shake and discussed the advantage of straightening the bridge.

Courthouse Maintenance Director Jason Findley and Chiller Consultant Vic Delpine updated commissioners on electrical changes during the courthouse chiller project. They talked about the box that will have the three separate breakers that will go to the Sheriff's Office that had been previously discussed. Again this will allow for the use of a separate generator for the Sheriff's Office/Jail in the event of a large power outage. Findley and Delpine presented a letter from Curtis Unrein, project Manager for Knipp Services, who is handling the project with the cost of \$4,275.00 for the changes needed. The commissioners requested an itemized bid showing the charges for the change order.

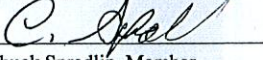
9:55 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to re-adourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

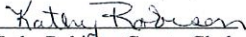
Calendar:

- March 21<sup>st</sup> – Annual Township Dinner @ Matt Samules Bldg @ 7p.m./Registration @ 6:30p.m./RSVP by 12p.m. March 9<sup>th</sup> w/Road & Bridge office (620)583-8111
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. GW Co. Hospital Conference Rm.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Farm Bureau Lunch w/Commissioners @ 12:00 p.m. –Restaurant not chosen yet
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fence Viewing Hart / McCollum

  
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Ben Fox, Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk