

Commissioner Meeting  
March 26, 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 Hodge made a motion to approve March 19, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor reported they have been hauling rock around Virgil/Hamilton area going south by the Flat Rock Ranch area; ordered the chain length fence for the shop yard, should hopefully be in this week; the sign company that was planning on doing west of Hwy 99 called Road and Bridge Office Manager Amber Woodie and told her they will be doing east of Hwy 99, if the grant comes through, instead of west of 99. Lowe said there are actually more signs on the east side of 99 anyway. Lowe said that Woodie needs some information about Sunflower Hill, so he may have her call County Counselor Paul Dean to discuss it, for the legal description. Lowe reported that Levi Vinson, Noxious Weed Director contacted the company TCS regarding getting the lights installed on Roger's truck that was approved at last week's meeting. Lowe said he was contacted about the truck that is being overhauled and was told the suspension is bad on it too. Lowe told them they can fix the suspension, but he needs to have an idea of what it's going to cost. Commissioner Hodge asked if Dalton Evenson has heard anything from the geologist he has been in contact with about possible quarry sites for Greenwood County. Lowe said the geologist hasn't called back yet. Lowe had previously shared a couple of quotes of compactors that had been found by a couple of vendors that are looking for the county. They are still keeping an eye out. Commissioner Fox mentioned that a constituent came in a little before the meeting and wanted to know if there was any way to fix the Christian Hills Bridge without replacing it. Commissioner Fox said he gave the concerned constituent a copy of the bridge inspection. Commissioner Spradlin asked why that bridge hasn't been considered for a grant before. Commissioner Fox relayed that the Christian Hills Bridge has been turned in every year for a bridge replacement grant but has been denied. Lowe explained that on one occasion when they turned in the application KDOT said they consider the number of accidents that have occurred on the roads/bridges that are being submitted for grants. The commissioners and Lowe all agreed due to the age and current condition of the bridge that it needs to be replaced, also Lowe had mentioned the more concrete they continue to put on it as a "band-aid" fix the more weight they are adding, which with the current condition, could be a problem. Commissioner Fox asked Undersheriff Cox if he remembered any accidents on Christian Hills Bridge. Undersheriff Cox said he doesn't remember any on the actual bridge. Lowe mentioned several bridges that have problems that need attention. Commissioner Fox stated, "I think we're just going to have to start throwing more money in the bridge fund. We're reaching the point where we're going to have to spend some money to do this. The grants are fine, but like last year, we didn't get a grant." Lowe told the commissioners that the Norwegian Church Bridge replacement, mostly funded by a KDOT grant, is coming along, as last week contractors drove the pilings. County Counselor Paul Dean said he has the resolutions for Sunflower Hill Road, and he is still working on getting a legal description. Marsha Ramsey, Register of Deeds, gave him a copy from a plat map, and he's still trying to get information from the Feds for a legal description of some kind. Lowe reported he had a couple of applications for a part-time employee.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Vic Delpine, Chiller Project Manager, told commissioners that the concrete would be poured that day and then the plumbers will be pressure testing their lines. This will complete the plumbing portion of the project.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$91,498.73. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$267,630.75. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the 2018 February Fee Reports.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$679.76. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Undersheriff Randy Cox discussed the current per diem policy on meals for employees, which allows \$15 per meal and a maximum of \$45 per day when traveling for work-related reasons. Cox relayed that he and Sheriff Samuels recently went over the limit while attending a conference by \$14 each, and they both intend on paying it back, but Cox explained he thought the limit was low. Cox noted that certain occasions make it necessary to eat at nicer restaurants, i.e. when eating with state official, representatives, etc. After some discussion about different options, Commissioner Hodge approved a new policy that allows \$20 per meal, not to exceed \$50 per day. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Undersheriff Cox also told the commissioners that he is testing out new handheld radios, as most of the Sheriff's Office radios are 10-11 years old and have had several failures. Cox said he would like to replace 10-14 in the next year, and estimates each radio will cost between \$300-600.

County Fire Chief Doug Williams reported several truck repairs. Williams also commended the volunteer firefighters, as well as local oil companies for hauling water to various fires this season. Williams ended his report by sharing he estimated that volunteers have donated \$30,000-worth of labor in the last three weeks.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute legal executive session with County Counselor Paul Dean for a legal question. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

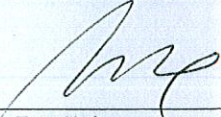


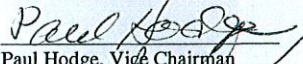
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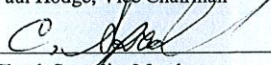
At 10:26 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Calendar:

- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Farm Bureau Lunch w/Commissioners @ 12:00 p.m. @ Cherokee Lanes
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fence Viewing Hart / McCollum @ 11:00 a.m.
- April 5<sup>th</sup> – SEK District Mtg in Paola – Reg @ 9:00 a.m./Breakout Sessions 10-11:30a.m./Lunch 12p.m.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – 2018 Annual County Commissioner & Hwy Officials of SEK Mtg @ Chanute @ 8:30a.m.  
KDOT Office Complex, South Bldg
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co Hospital Conference Rm

  
Ben Fox, Chairman

  
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

  
Chuck Spradlin, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk