

Commissioner Meeting
May 7, 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.

No commission meeting minutes.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Road and Bridge Mechanic/Laborer Mike Johnson presented several different bids to the commissioners. First - 52,000 lb trash compactor, in the amount of \$35,000, located in St. Louis, Missouri, that he told commissioners would be a better fit for Greenwood County than the 70,000 lb, \$87,000 compactor that was approved last week, from Ames, Iowa, but has not been paid for yet. This compactor will have a new transmission installed and has 5,000 hours. Johnson told commissioners he would like to go look at it this week. Will need to take a check with him. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve Road and Bridge Supervisor Roger Lowe and Johnson going to Missouri to look at the compactor and purchasing it if they are satisfied; they are allowed to spend up to \$38,600, including shipping. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds will come out of Special Machinery (Equipment Reserve). Second - \$12,452.75 from Compactors, Inc. for a cardboard baler. Currently cardboard is taken to G&W Foods, who bales the cardboard and sells it. Johnson had spoken to several businesses that were interested in the county taking their cardboard and baling it, then we could sell it for profit. Lowe estimated we could offset some of the costs of the recycling programs and bring in approximately \$477.36 a month. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the cardboard baler in the amount of \$12,452.75. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds will come out of Recycle (Equipment Reserve). Third - \$1,848 for a hydraulic auger for the installation of guardrail posts. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of a Bobcat Auger Drive Unit E Bit (hydraulic auger). Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Roger Lowe, Road and Bridge Supervisor reported he has not received the numbers yet from the chip/seal companies, but expects to have them soon, however, he was told from one of them that we should never haul chips without a tarp and our tarps have been destroyed, so here is bid Four - \$4,960.35 for three tarps for the county's belly dump trailers used for hauling rock and chips, often on the highway. The commissioners asked for more information before approving this expense, like what fund it will come from and what the current balance is.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel for an employee evaluation with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for legal with County Counselor Paul Dean to discuss pending litigation involving the county. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Spradlin presented a proposal to increase the number of Greenwood County Commissioners from three to five. Spradlin had a report compiled about potentially restructuring the board and had information regarding Kansas Open Meeting Act (KOMA). With three commissioners two are not allowed to have a discussion outside of a public meeting, because two are a quorum, Spradlin mentioned if they had five commissioners then three would be the quorum and they would be able to have numerous discussions needed such as what road or bridge in a given area needs attention, what they could do to encourage economic development, and many active problems in their individual districts. Spradlin said the current districts are large, five commissioners would be able to govern a specific area, closer to their residential areas. Spradlin added, "Five members will bring new ideas and energy to the table with cost savings and economic development opportunities well above the relatively low cost of two additional commissioners." Spradlin explained the process necessary to make this change; commissioners would need to create a resolution that would be on the next general election ballot for approval by the public 60 days prior to the election, August 2018; current commissioners would suggest the new districts, Spradlin recommended seeking input from a member from each political parties' committees. The date for implementation of the five districts, if approved, would be the general election held in 2019, at that time the additional two commission positions would be open for interested parties in those districts to run for it and if elected they would take the oath of office in January of 2020. Commissioner Fox and Commissioner Hodge planned to review the information and continue the discussion in a future meeting.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$91,101.70. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$132,477.89. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sandy Dickerson, Greenwood County Hospital CEO reported they had a Hospital Board meeting May 3rd. Dickerson provided commissioners with a financial update based on the hospital's March 31st reports, she stated that they were under budget for expenses, at 48% for the year. However, revenue is also lower than they expected at 47% for the year, and she is looking into ways to increase that. County Counselor Paul Dean asked about the hospital's current deficit, which is at \$239,727, according to the March reports. Dickerson said that last year, at this time, the hospital had a deficit of \$900,000 and the year before that \$800,000. Dickerson attributes the difference and progress made to changing workflows and not replacing some positions that came open. She also added that staff members

had made suggestions about ways to save costs. Dickerson said she plans to come back at the end of the month with a preliminary budget and funding request and indicated she will be asking for the mill levy funding again. The commissioners thanked her for the information.

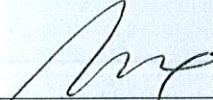
County Counselor Paul Dean mentioned he is still working on obtaining a legal description for Sunflower Hill Road at Fall River Lake and is planning on having the county's surveyor look at the road while they are in the area.

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

Calendar:

May 14th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.


May 24th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co Hospital Conference Rm



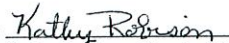
Ben Fox, Chairman



Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman



Chuck Spradlitz, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

