

Commissioner Meeting  
November 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 County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve November 13, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve November 13, 2018 Board of Canvass minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that Reece Road has been ground up from the intersection of Hwy 54 to the bridge north of the old city limits of Reece, and it is not a permanent solution; but rather a more effective way to maintain the road through the winter while building a base for future construction until they are able to chip/seal in 2019. Chrisman mentioned this information has been added to the county's Facebook page. Chrisman also reported an accident of a vehicle running into a bridge in Fall River, but said he did not see any structural damage when he inspected the bridge. Michael Maris, the county's contracted engineer, reviewed and discussed several projects with commissioners and left plans for them. Chrisman asked if the Tier 4 wage, of \$14.60 per hour, was the top pay he could offer, to a former employee that is qualified to operate multiple pieces of equipment. The commissioners told him he could make an offer at that rate, as it is the top pay, and the pay structure has been set, then they could review after 90 days.

Arianna Mock, Greenwood County Public Information Officer (PIO), updated commissioners on recent training she has attended and told commissioners about one of her responsibilities, which is maintaining the county's Facebook site, that includes information from all over the county, such as road closings and other county business. Mock handed out her contact information to the commissioners. Undersheriff Cox asked permission to order Mock some business cards and County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners she would make Mock some, as she makes them for her department.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 18-04 (Vacation of a certain road – pertaining to portion of 160<sup>th</sup>). Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 18-07 (Vacation of a certain road – pertaining to portion of Road W). Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$93,327.32. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$162,271.40. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Fire Chief Doug Williams updated the commissioners about County Fire business. The recent drone that was purchased due to grant funding, along with a contribution from the City of Eureka has a training set for December 17-20<sup>th</sup>. The training is provided through K-State and will be held in the county. The cost of the training is \$7,750 for ten people. After some discussion, Commissioner Fox made a motion to pay \$3,500 for the training from Courthouse General and the remaining funds will be split between the Sheriff's Office, EMS, Fire and Emergency Management. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Williams mentioned the drone will be accessible to any of those departments, at any time, as it is equipped with night vision, and just like all other county equipment; it will be insured. Williams updated the commissioners on several fire trucks that need repairs and mentioned that it is hard to find local mechanic shops who are able to work on the specialized fire equipment and he has someone in mind to hire. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to hire a part-time mechanic at \$15 per hour for county fire trucks, as needed. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Williams also told commissioners he will be moving a truck to Reece, which will improve their ISO rating to a 9, and working on getting a truck to Virgil so they won't lose their 9 rating. Williams discussed a meeting he attended last week regarding a state Wildland Taskforce that is being organized that will provide state-wide mutual-aid with other counties. Williams explained that by participating in the agreement, instead of other counties relying on calling when an emergency happens, the nearest unit responds, such as the Western Kansas fires in recent years. Williams asked permission to participate and also asked about using a trailer to haul a 5-ton fire truck, if it's requested from more than 100 miles. After some discussion, they talked about him measuring the low-boy trailer at the Road and Bridge Department to use and discussed the possibility of purchasing another one. The commissioners also gave him permission to participate with the Wildland Taskforce.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau mentioned a 2010 Ambulance with transmission issues that he will be taking to have it assessed and repaired.

Preliminary redistricting discussions began at the commission meeting, as Greenwood County voters approved to add two commissioners during the November 6<sup>th</sup> General election. County Counselor Paul Dean explained that a resolution must be passed by the board by January 1, 2019, stating their intentions to expand from three to five districts. Within five days of the resolution's adoption, the governor will either: 1.) Declare the election to be held at the next regularly scheduled General election (November 2019) or 2.) Declare the date of a Special election, between 75-90 days from the resolution's adoption (March 2019). Dean suggested that the commissioners determine the five districts prior to January due to the possibility of a Special election. A discussion was held about how to do the redistricting, which must be based on population. Commissioner Fox had spoken with County Appraiser Jami Clark and Bruce with R&S Digital, who does the county's digital mapping. R&S has the capability to

create a county population map to use in the determination of new district lines. Clark explained the several different types of information that can be used to help create the population map. Once the map is made, they talked about possibly forming a committee, in regards to picking districting lines. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve R&S Digital creating population maps, in the amount of \$3,500. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. There was also a brief discussion about commissioner "terms of office". Currently, District Two (Ben Fox) and District Three (Paul Hodge) will be on the General Election ballot in 2020. District One (Chuck Spradlin) was on the ballot earlier this month, with its next election being in 2022. Commissioners discussed syncing the two new positions with the District one election cycle, after they are initially elected next year. No decisions were made at this time.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute break. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

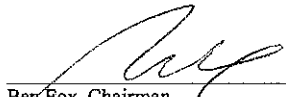
Commissioner Fox reported that Cole Conard has agreed to serve in the last open position on the county Zoning Board. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Cole Conard as a member on the county Zoning Board. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

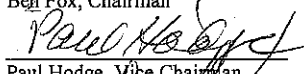
The commissioners were told that former Commissioner Stanley Skaer's wife, Linda had passed away. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a donation to a memorial in her honor, in the amount of \$150. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 11:08 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

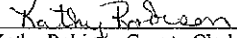
Calendar:

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday  
Nov. 26th - Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

  
Ben Fox, Chairman

  
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

  
Chuck Spradlin, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk