

Commissioner Meeting
September 17, 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. County Counselor Paul Dean arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve September 4, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve September 10, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the asphalt project on Q Road is complete, but there are a few dressings left to do to it still; crews have patched some of the initial holes on Reece Road, but it is far from being satisfactory, they have a few things to finish at Virgil and Madison then they will work on the Reece Road again to make it a smoother surface. Chrisman reported they are still waiting for the water to recede enough on the bridge located at 380th Road, northwest of Madison, so they can complete that project. Crews have been fixing roads due to rain, potholes, mainly. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman to look at a tinhorn at 90th and Q Road. Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie presented a contract for the High Risk Rural Road signage grant from KDOT that will fund/reimburse the county at 100% of the project expenses. Woodie explained that County Counselor Paul Dean had already read the contracts. Commissioner Spradlin wanted verification on the initial engineering costs that could range from \$5,000-\$41,000, to make sure these costs would not be the responsibility of the county. County Counselor Paul Dean re-read the contract and said it specified the county would first pay the consultant the fees up front, then render proof of payment to be reimbursed by the grant. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to accept the contract for signature. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. County Counselor Paul Dean discussed working on a legal description for Sunflower Hill Road area around Fall River. Dean is still working on it to turn it over to the township.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Several county residents attended the meeting to discuss maintenance issues around the Fall River dam area, including DD25, CC50 and Lake Road. They were also concerned about the school bus stops in that area with no speed limit signs being posted. County Counselor Paul Dean reminded commissioners they just discussed posting speed limit signs at a recent meeting and added that bus-stop signs are not placed in other locations around the county. One of the residents, from Fall River, shared that she has a bus-stop sign in front of her house, but she no longer has children living with her. Commissioner Fox and Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman plan to visit the area later in the day.

Commissioner Fox addressed the road viewing findings from last week at Q50 Road between 30th and 40th Streets and explained that Don Stephens, along with some family members and a neighbor expressed they do not want the road closed. Therefore, in the past if anyone was not in favor of closing a road, the commission, did not close it. There was some discussion about the culvert that needs replaced and it was decided that a 20'X4' culvert would be sufficient. With the size of the culvert chosen it falls under the township to be maintained, County Counselor Paul Dean suggested designating the road as minimum maintenance, and a notice would need to be published in the newspapers. Commissioner Hodge talked to Mike Frakes about placing the tinhorn in when they are ready to start the project.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley updated the commissioners on the last work needed for the chiller project, as Knipp would like their final payment released. Findley reported that workers from Knipp came over the weekend and smoothed around the area a little bit, but Findley said they did not bring proper equipment to do the job. Also they did send a check for the items that were damaged in the County Attorney's Office, after the wiring problem, but we are still waiting on a \$625 check for reimbursement we paid to Thornton to repair the wiring issues. Findley also reported he looked over the contracts, and bonds for clarification about the freon removal, from the older unit that had been removed, and we thought was a part of the deal. After looking through the documents, it was not in the paperwork. Commissioner Hodge asked Findley about the roof situation. Findley said he has contacted one contractor but hasn't heard back from him, and has talked to another. Also keeping in contact with KCAMP about pricing.

Undersheriff Randy Cox reported that the Sheriff's Department has applied for a USDA Rural Development grant for vehicles and equipment. The county's match would be 35% and Cox estimated the grant would provide about \$30,000 towards a new vehicle and equipment for the vehicle. County Counselor Paul Dean said a public hearing must be set and they would like to set it for October 1, 2018 at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve an employee verification for Jacob Mullen as a full-time Sheriff's Deputy at \$14.25 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mullen's start date is 09-17-2018.

Commissioners signed Resolution 18-06 regarding joining the nationwide opioid litigation that had been approved at last week's meeting.

County Fire Chief Doug Williams told commissioners that Greenwood County made it to the last stage for the fire grant he had applied for that would have helped pay for new bunker gear, unfortunately, we did not make the final cut to receive the grant. Also he relayed that Invena finished working on the new five-ton truck and it will soon be in service. Williams plans on moving an old pumper truck from Madison, to Salem, and the one from Salem to Virgil, to help maintain ISO requirements. Williams also shared we are still in the running for a Fire Marshall's grant.

Department Heads joined the meeting to further discuss the new health insurance proposal. Commissioner Fox shared some revised projections he worked on for the county/employee portion to pay. Commissioner Fox made a list from the Department Heads of a few questions to ask the insurance representative. Several Department Heads mentioned they were nervous about switching from the state plan, which they are familiar with. If they switch they will not be able to get back on the state plan for five years. Commissioner Fox said with the new plan, if the county isn't satisfied, we are only locked into it for one year, so we can look for another plan.

Curt Unrein, with Knipp, attended the meeting to discuss the final details of the chiller. Unrein apologized for the confusion on the project not being completed over the weekend, as he thought it would be taken care of, and he knew there was still the \$625 invoice for the wiring issue.

Unrein offered that the county could take the amount of the invoice off the final payment due or he could write a check for the amount. It was decided to withhold the \$625 amount from the final payment amount and Unrein said he will take care of the dirt clean-up issue around the chiller that had been agreed upon.

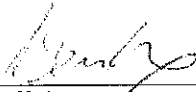
At 10:56 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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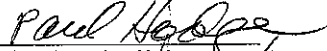
Sept. 24th - Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

Sept. 27th - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m.-GW Co Hospital Conference Rm

Oct. 1st – Public Hearing – 9:15a.m. -USDA Rural Development Grant for vehicles and equipment
(Submitted by Sheriff's Office)



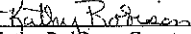
Ben Fox, Chairman



Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman



Chuck Spradlin, Member

ATTEST: 
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk