

Commissioner Meeting  
January 7, 2019

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 December 26, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve December 31, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they are working on tin horns; planning to unclog a bridge at GG & 60<sup>th</sup>; will continue to work on debris removal and potholes on roads. Chrisman reported the excavator is supposed to cost \$100,000. Commissioner Spradlin said he would like to have the department's financial report and look at their capital assets before approving the purchase. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie attended the meeting and asked the commissioners to sign the updated Solid Waste Plan that has to be done every year. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the 2019 Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie reminded the commissioners there is no budget for recycling. Commissioner Fox told Woodie that the money will be moved from Noxious Weed to Road and Bridge to cover recycling costs.

No weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of \$3,505.22. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve GAAP 19-01 Resolution (concerning financial reporting). Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the 2019 City/County Law Enforcement Agreement between the City of Eureka and Greenwood County. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A letter was presented, to the commissioners, from the Twin Grove Township Clerk recommending appointing Steve Tolle as the Trustee. Commissioner Fox made a motion to appoint Steve Tolle as Twin Grove Township Trustee. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Wayne Gudmonson, Chris Kelly and Darrin Petrowsky, engineers from KDOT, came to address the commission concerning an email Gudmonson received about the county being dissatisfied with the previous project. County Counselor Paul Dean reviewed the letter and assured Gudmonson that the letter was not sent from the commission but was actually sent from the engineer on the project.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session to discuss legal matters with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Fox, reiterated, that it was their intention for all county employees to receive the 1.4% cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase that was approved during their December 10, 2018 meeting. It was mentioned that Sheriff's Office employees, Emergency Manager Levi Vinson and Mike Johnson didn't receive the increase. Commissioner Hodge stated, "I just hope it wasn't intentional." "No," commented County Clerk Kathy Robison. "We passed those slips to you for you guys to check them and no comments were made." "I will make a comment about this, there is no possibility that we sit here, and read every line, doesn't happen," stated Commissioner Spradlin. "And, in my past experience, one of the worst things possible is for someone to knowingly hand somebody something to sign knowing they can't review every line. If someone knowingly knew something was on there prior to us signing it, that is taboo," he continued. The COLA increase is to be added to all employees effective January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the 2018 End Of Year Forfeiture Report from Greenwood County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve merit increases for some of the Greenwood County Sheriff's Department employees ranging from 1% to 3%. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley submitted a quote for a handicapped door opener for the northeast door of the courthouse, in the amount of \$1,850, from Automatic Doors in Maize. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of the door opener from Automatic Doors in Maize, in the amount of \$1,850. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to appoint Randy Cox to serve on the Greenwood County Hospital Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy left by Dick Roberts. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

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

January 24<sup>th</sup> – GW Co Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

  
Ben Fox, Chairman

  
Paul Hodge, Vice Chairman

  
Chuck Spradlin, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
January 14, 2019

Before the County Commission Meeting began Commissioner Chuck Spradlin was sworn in for his new term

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 appoint Chuck Spradlin as the Commission Chairman. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to appoint Ben Fox as the Commission Vice Chairman. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to appoint Home Bank & Trust as the main depository and Emprise Bank for warrants and payroll and all the other banks that were listed, in the county, to be used for investments. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to use The Eureka Herald and The Madison New as the county's official newspapers. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve January 7, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that a wing wall fell off a bridge on FF Road, north of 200 (north of Quincy), so they will probably be getting Michael Marris involved on how to fix it; there was a discussion on bids and jobs that are waiting to be done. Commissioner Spradlin asked if the Road and Bridge Department had a list of jobs to be done with the bids? Administrative Asst. Amber Woodie said they do at the office. Chrisman brought the estimate for the excavator, in the amount of \$100,000 and told the commissioners they have an estimate for a 36" bucket attachment for \$3,250. Commissioner Fox made a motion to accept the bid on the excavator in the amount of \$100,000. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox made a motion to accept the bid on the 36" bucket attachment in the amount of \$3,250. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee verification for Donal Huffman, as a full-time recycling/laborer for the Road and Bridge Department, at \$12.63 an hour. Start date is January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie announced the Township meeting date is to be held March 20, 2019. Woodie also said that Office Manager Janet Turner asked her to mention that \$90,000 was moved into Special Machinery, and she needed \$30,000 to go into Special Highway and \$60,000 to go into Special Machinery. County Clerk Kathy Robison and Commissioner Spradlin both remarked that they were aware of it and were reviewing it. County Counselor Paul Dean reported that a bridge located at 375<sup>th</sup> to the east of between Y and Z Road, is pretty plugged up. Chrisman said he would have someone go look at it. Commissioner Hodge visited with an individual that was putting a tinhorn in and cleaning up debris, and is going to pay for all of it, south of 10<sup>th</sup>, east of Severy, on V Road, but the county will need to work on their end of it. Woodie clarified where the location was so they could go look at it. Chrisman reported they cleaned out two tinhorns last week and need to go back this week. County Clerk Kathy Robison asked for clarification on where the new recycling hire's wages need to come from, as money had been put in the Noxious Weed budget for that purpose. Commissioners said to leave the salary money in the Noxious Weed budget, but pay the Recycling hire out of the Road and Bridge budget, as they have plenty of money, and it will be taken care of in the 2020 budget, but they do want the Recycling Contractual and Commodities budget funds to be transferred to the Road and Bridge's budget.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner's decided to hold off on approving payroll until they held their executive session.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$103,620.31. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Spradlin explained that payables included a salary increase for County Counselor Paul Dean which hasn't increased in many years from \$26,200 to \$27,500.

Commissioners received a letter and proclamation from the governor's office regarding the five-man commission board, stating the vacant commission seats are to be placed on the November 5, 2019 general election not to be done by a special election.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License (CMB) for Tripco. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License (CMB) for Jim & Lila's Café. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the December 2018 Fee Reports.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 15 minute executive session to discuss Legal to discuss personnel issues with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Spradlin announced that there were no decisions made but that payroll had been skipped over earlier on the agenda, so Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve an amended payroll amount with the intent that every employee would receive a cost of living increase of 1.4%, based on their last years' salary. Commissioners Fox and Hodge decided they would rather wait to vote on it until the next executive session.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 15 minute executive session for an employee evaluation with Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the session. Vinson left the executive session, and the commissioners and Dean added an additional 10 minutes.

After returning from executive session, Commission Spradlin announced that they have decided to increase Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson's salary from \$41,600 to \$45,000, based on a lot of information they have, effective now. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to increase Levi Vinson's salary from \$41,600 to \$45,000 starting this pay period, plus the 1.4% COLA. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll as amended. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables as amended. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey attended the meeting and asked the commissioners to consider an "equitable process" for increases for department heads. Ramsey explained the duties of her office, as well as the county clerk, appraiser and treasurer, referring to those offices as the "core" departments when it comes to generating taxes. Ramsey told commissioners that out of the four departments only one of the department heads, makes over \$37,000 annually, and between the four of them, they have over 100 years' experience. Ramsey suggested that the commissioners come up with a plan to make the courthouse wages more competitive, based on duties, experience, education, training, etc. Ramsey also relayed, "Morale in the courthouse is at an all-time low," she added, "We have a lot of talented and knowledgeable people employed by the core departments and we can't afford to lose them." There was some discussion about the raise that was given in 2018. Commissioner Hodge commented to Ramsey, "You've been here a long time and you're doing a great job." He continued, "You're not having to drive 40-50 miles to another job. You got a little raise last year... and then a cost of living increase this year, which could have been better. But all in all, being close to home is worth something. Anybody can be replaced, not saying that you can. You have a lot of experience, all of the department heads do. But that's something to be considered I think."

County Clerk Kathy Robison submitted an employee salary change sheet for Appraiser Jami Clark for Dawn Larcom, in regard to the \$1.00 Larcom receives for computer services she provides + .02 COLA. Clark would like the funds that were being taken out of the general fund to be taken out of the Appraiser's budget. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the change to take the additional funds for Dawn Larcom's salary out of the Appraiser's budget. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session to discuss courthouse security with County Clerk Kathy Robison, County Counselor Paul Dean, Sheriff Heath Samuels, and Undersheriff Randy Cox. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Sheriff Heath Samuels asked about Public Information Officer Arianna Mock's, additional pay that she is receiving for the PIO position, as the first pay on her stub, was not correct, but commissioners looked at reports and verified that she is receiving the \$1.44 per hour from the general fund that was approved. Commissioners also added a 1.4% COLA raise to the pay.

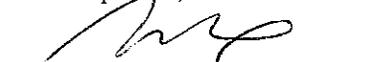
Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson told commissioners he looked at a 2008 GMC C6500 truck at Springfield, MO. that could be used to pull the chipper, and then place the chips in the bed. Currently they are using a dump truck, and you must have a CDL to drive one, but Vinson checked on this type of truck, and it is not necessary. The cost of the truck is \$18,500 plus an additional \$350 to have it delivered to the Noxious Weed Department. The piece of equipment would be paid out of the Noxious Weed Capital Outlay Fund. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2008 GMC C6500 truck, in the amount of \$18,500, plus the \$350 shipping fee. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

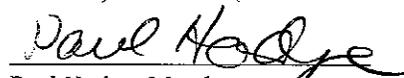
At 11:38 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

January 21st - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.  
January 24<sup>th</sup> - GW Co Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
January 21, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Shannon Gant, Election Deputy. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present, but reached via telephone for an executive session.

Commissioner Spradlin reported he and Commissioner Hodge attended the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC Conference) last week. Spradlin relayed that it was a two-day meeting and very beneficial. Commissioner Hodge agreed. Commissioner Spradlin also shared that they are going to have the power point presentation sent to them.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve January 14, 2019 minutes as corrected. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported the trailer that is broken is being repaired; Michael Maris will be here this week to look at the wing wall that collapsed on FF Road, north of 200; Chrisman is planning on contacting Berry Tractor about a truck they have under warranty that is still smoking and has a check engine light on; still working on hiring a new employee; crews worked on roads Friday night from 10:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m., due to weather conditions; Chrisman needs to purchase truck tires, and is figuring out how many and pricing them. Chrisman also mentioned checking to see if he needs grader tires too. Chrisman also told commissioners that crews are continuing to fix trouble spots on roads.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve amended payroll, dated 1-18-2019, in the amount of \$111,228.72. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve amended payables, dated 1-18-2018, in the amount of \$103,616.87. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau was approached by the plumbing company that is working on the Fire Department plumbing at their building, due to the addition onto the central fire division. The plumbing company told Mongeau they would be able to re-route, their sewer as well, and replace the pipes, as the pipes they currently have are outdated and there have been problems in the past. The cost would be approximately \$2,500. Mongeau was told if they don't do it now, it will cost more money, because the equipment is already there and they will already have the ground dug up. The commissioners told Mongeau to move forward with the sewer replacement project.

Doug Mitchell of Hamilton asked commissioners if they were still looking for a quarry in the northwest corner of the county. Commissioner Hodge told Mitchell he has been in contact with Harshman that has been looking for different areas, but hasn't found anything yet. Mitchell said he knew someone in that area that had a property with decent rock. The commissioners said they would continue looking at sites. Commissioner Hodge said he would contact Harshman.

Commissioners took a 5 minute break.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Fire Chief Doug Williams reported that they are working on firetrucks to meet ISO ratings. Williams explained that ISO ratings are the minimum rate requirements, pertaining to the amount of water that must be pumped from a certain-gallon sized truck, etc. Commissioner Hodge asked Williams where he fills the fire trucks, and Williams explained he usually fills the trucks in a town, or from a wet-hydrant behind watersheds. There was some discussion on maintenance on hydrants.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 15 minute executive session for a personnel employee evaluation. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. County Counselor Paul Dean joined the executive session via telephone.

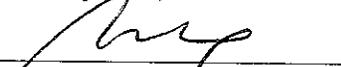
No decision was made.

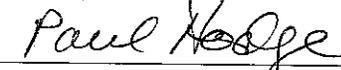
At 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

January 24<sup>th</sup> – GW Co Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital  
January 28<sup>th</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
January 28, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve January 21, 2019 minutes as corrected. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that Engineer Michael Maris should be in town today around 11:00 a.m. to look at the bridge north of Quincy with the collapsed wing wall; the landfill is almost cleaned up from the storm damages, and KDHE will be here this week. Chrisman briefed the commissioners on the final details of what needs to be removed from the landfill; Chrisman told commissioners he was looking at a tilt/dump trailer for recycling, but said they were pretty pricy and he wasn't sure if the money was in the budget for this year. What he had priced so far was \$24,500-\$26,000, not including freight. Chrisman mentioned that was an on-line price and did not reflect if they do a state pricing option. Commissioner Hodge suggested checking with Chris Hare in Severy about building one, to see if the price would be cheaper than buying one on-line. Commissioner Spradlin asked if the trailer has it's own hydraulics. There was a brief discussion about the procedure now for dumping recyclables and how a tilt/dump trailer would change that. Commissioner Spradlin suggested that the office do a report to guesstimate the type of savings they could expect over six or eight months, then they could talk about it. Commissioner Fox asked how well the truck they use to pull the recycling trailer now is doing and Chrisman told him it was in bad shape. Chrisman said the crews are out still working on rough spots on the roads.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$98,928.35. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$219,994.54. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Treasurer Donna Olson met with the commissioners. Robison explained when she set the levy for the Southeast Kansas Library it was entered as 1.00 instead of .100. Robison relayed they are working with the software company to help them refigure everything and refunds will need to be issued by the Treasurer's Office, and the amounts of the refunds issued will approximately total \$47,000, but will not affect those living inside the cities of Eureka, Madison, or Hamilton, as they have their own libraries, and are taxed differently. Olson told commissioners many of the refunds are under \$1. Olson plans to send only taxpayers that are due a refund will receive a revised statement. Olson asked commissioners if they wanted her to mail refund checks for less than \$1, or another option would be send the revised statement and ask that they come to the Treasurer's Office within 60 days to receive their refund. Otherwise, the refunds over \$1 will be mailed. Robison said the clerk's office will pay for the expenses associated with the refund. The commissioners agreed with the plan.

Doug Mitchell from Hamilton complimented the work that the inmate crews have been doing on tree trimming between the lake road and 99 Highway (Road 220). Commissioner Spradlin commented that he had a chance to go out there while they were doing that, and it seems they have a pretty good crew put together, and good supervision. Commissioner Fox noted he's been pleased with the inmate program, adding, "I think it's a great idea to do this because it gets them out doing some work. Maybe they'll improve themselves. That's what I hope."

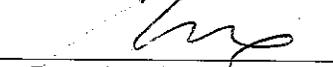
County Clerk Kathy Robison told the commissioners that Marion County is going through the same process as Greenwood County, switching from a three-person commission board to a five-person commission board. The Secretary of State's Office told Robison they would like Greenwood and Marion representatives to work together and mirror each other during the transition. Robison also relayed that the board should continue acting as a three-person board until the new commissioners take office, so the current quorum will remain at two.

At 9:23 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- February 4th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- February 6<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Special Board Mtg @ 5:30 @ GW Co. Hospital Basement
- February 18<sup>th</sup> Courthouse Closed in observance of President's Day
- February 19<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> – GW Co Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:

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Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Special Meeting  
January 30, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the special meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:03 a.m. via telephone. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Shannon Gant Election Deputy. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present.

Commissioner Spradlin opened the meeting by mentioning he had spoken with Fire Chief Doug Williams last night, who has been looking for a fire truck for several months and has found the one he would like to purchase for Greenwood County. The original amount approved for the purchase of the fire truck was \$10,000 on May 14, 2018. The truck Williams found on an auction site, including freight, is in the amount of \$18,500. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve raising the original limit set to purchase the fire truck from \$10,000 up to \$18,500, which includes freight. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 9:09 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

February 4<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting @ 9:00a.m.  
February 18<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of President's Day  
February 19<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.  
February 28<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

C. Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
February 4, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve January 28, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve January 30, 2019 special meeting minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Spradlin explained that the meeting was regarding raising the purchase price of a fire truck for Fire Chief Doug Williams that had been approved at a previous commission meeting May 14, 2018, in the amount of \$10,000. Williams found a truck on an auction site, including freight, in the amount of \$18,500.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve two fire trucks, one for \$12,000, plus shipping and fire fees and the other \$18,500, which includes the freight. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Amber Woodie, Office Administrative Assistant at the Road and Bridge Department presented an employee verification for Daniel Knox at \$13.79 per hour effective February 11<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve hiring Daniel Knox as a Road and Bridge employee at \$13.79 per hour effective February 11<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they got the horns in at N and 30<sup>th</sup> by Mengers, Chrisman said they will let it settle for a week then concrete the faces in a week or two; Chrisman also reported that last week crews did road repairs and will try to do more before the ground freezes again. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman to talk to Ronnie Sampson about a road in Twin Grove. Commissioner Spradlin asked Chrisman if he had received a report yet, Chrisman said no. Commissioner Hodge asked about the wingwall and Commissioner Spradlin said there was a recommendation that was logical it just depended on who and when. Commissioner Fox asked if they needed to do bids. Chrisman said he would like to test the ground.

Commissioners reviewed the January 2019 Fee Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the quarterly report. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve abatements and adds. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion for a 20 minute executive session for employee evaluation with Fire Chief Doug Williams and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Williams reported that they finally got the Burkett truck back and it's finally fixed and the Piedmont truck has been brought in to sandblast the tank.

Tim Watchous and Larry Hein attended the meeting to discuss the recent 2019 special school bond election. Tim Watchous told commissioners he would like to contest the school bond election that was completed Wednesday based on a notification that was listed in the Eureka Herald that Watchous said did not have the polling places listed for Woodson, Elk and Butler counties. Watchous claims that people didn't know where they were supposed to vote and that the publication didn't include the amount of the bond, the projected interest and the projected payment, pursuant to state statute 10-120(a). County Clerk Kathy Robison told Watchous it had been published previously by the school board. After some discussion, County Counselor Paul Dean explained, "This is not a body who's going to sit here and decide this issue. That's not what the board of commissioners does. If there's going to be a challenge to the vote, then proceed with your challenge. But this body does not have the authority to reverse an election or make that determination."

The commissioners mentioned they will need to find someone to fill Matt Wilson's position on the Greenwood County Hospital Board, as he is stepping down.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for an 18 minute recess before the Board of Canvass. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner's reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to do the Board of Canvass (See Separate Minutes).

Commissioner's adjourned the Board of Canvass at 10:15 a.m. (See Separate Minutes).

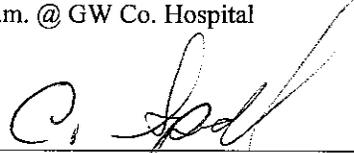
Commissioner's reconvened the regular commission meeting at 10:18 a.m.

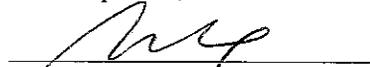
Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson reported that a company will be here on February 15<sup>th</sup> to pick up HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) material. Vinson said the cost will be approximately \$7,000-\$8,000, which was less than he had projected.

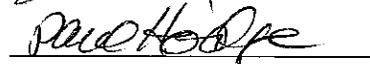
At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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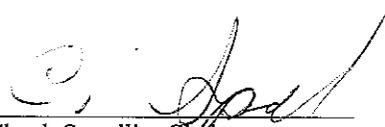
  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
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Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

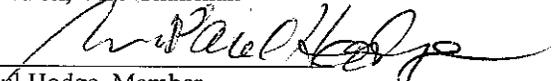
Commissioner Meeting  
Board of Canvass  
February 4, 2019

Greenwood County Commissioners, Chuck Spradlin, Ben Fox, and Paul Hodge met February 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. as the Board of Canvassers for the 2019 Special School Bond Election. Also present were Kathy Robison, Election Officer.

The Canvass was completed at 10:15 a.m.

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
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Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
February 11, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

No commission meeting minutes.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they have been salting and sanding roads; today they will be doing oil changes and vehicle maintenance; Chrisman reported that he, Janet, and Amber from his office will be attending the finance/budget class March 1<sup>st</sup>; Chrisman also told commissioners he will be sending two of his employees to a signage class that costs \$35 each; he is looking for bunker blocks on purple wave and found a cement mixer; still shopping around for tires; when the weather breaks would like to get a contractor for north of Quincy and see what they need to do for that project and get some prices on it. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if he had talked to the man in Fall River yet, and Chrisman said not yet.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$97,081.82. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$307,237.81. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners that K-State Extension will be doing their Walk Kansas program, they do every year, and they would like to do it at Lyons park this year. They are asking permission from the commissioners, since the county owns the Park, as they are also wanting to put educational signage out around the walking trail on their designated "walking dates"; March 23-24<sup>th</sup>, April 6-7<sup>th</sup>, May 4-5<sup>th</sup>. The commissioners said they were okay with it.

County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners that David Wyckoff had been the Eureka Township Clerk previously but did not come in to be placed on the ballot at election time. The other two officers on the Eureka Township would like David Wyckoff to be the Township Clerk again and he is willing to serve. Commissioner Fox made a motion to appoint David Wyckoff as the Eureka Township Clerk. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Department Heads: Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau, Undersheriff Randy Cox, Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey, Appraiser Jami Clark, Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross, Treasurer Donna Olson, County Clerk Kathy Robison, and Office Assistant Arlene Edwards were all present during a brief discussion regarding the recent offices being shut down due to inclement weather. Mongeau asked for clarification on the policy (resolution no. 13-04) which states, that if the county offices are closed due to inclement weather, the county employee may use a vacation, sick, or personal day, or make up their time on Saturday, but will not receive overtime in that work week. Mongeau questioned the policy, as county employees were paid differently during time off for George H.W. Bush's funeral, and the 2016 tornado. Mongeau also asked about his employees that are scheduled to work while everyone else is off, (essential" employees, i.e. EMS and Sheriff's Office), should they be paid double time. There was a discussion regarding using sick/vacation/and personal time, as other department heads also agreed that some of their employees were low or did not have enough time to use, as well. The commissioners agreed they thought the resolution needed some changes but wanted to talk to County Counselor Paul Dean before making any decisions. The Department Heads said they would call around to other counties and find out what their policies are on paying their employees for days that the county shuts down. It was decided that it would be best to table this discussion until next week's meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Amanda Cunningham, CEO of Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness, along with Regional Manager Kayla Scott presented their annual report to commissioners. There were several concerns brought up by the Commissioners, Sheriff's Department, and County Attorney's Office. The Crosswinds representatives addressed those concerns by offering updated contact information, including cell phone numbers. Cunningham mentioned their televideo services have increased by 40 percent in this area and they wanted to keep the lines of communication open with the commission and all of the county services. They will work harder to make sure there is better communication and quicker responses for Greenwood County. Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross asked if would consider doing workshops in the community for smoking cessation, healthy eating, etc. The representatives said they would look into that as well.

Undersheriff Randy Cox told commissioners an opportunity came up to purchase a used 2017 Ford SUV from the Lyon County Sheriff's Office for \$14,000, and the vehicle is already outfitted with the necessary equipment. Greenwood County will only need to get a radio and their decals. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2017 Ford SUV from the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$14,000. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Cox also added that the Sheriff's Department was impressed with the local KDOT crews last week with their treatment of roads in Greenwood County, in comparison to surrounding counties. "Jeff Marks and his crew really did a fantastic job with this last storm system. And so did the county crews." He added there was a potential for many accidents, but didn't know of any that occurred in Greenwood County due to weather.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau gave a brief update on the EMS training program. The trainees have class the 16th, then they test here in Eureka on the 23rd. There were no dropouts this time and Mongeau said the instructor is very good, and encourages the ones that are struggling.

Office Assistant Arlene Edwards asked commissioners how a convicted felon, who has worked here one year, could come on board as a county employee making more money than someone, who has worked here more than 20 years, who is not a convicted felon and has two college degrees? Commissioner Spradlin told Edwards it had to do with abilities. Edwards explained, "I can't do what he can do, but he can't do what I can do either. There needs to be more equality." Commissioner Spradlin said that maybe he should have a talk with County Attorney Joe Lee, because that would be "there" not "here". Commissioner Fox agreed. Commissioner Spradlin thanked Edwards for making them aware of it. Mongeau agreed that when that happened with that specific employee, it did cause some

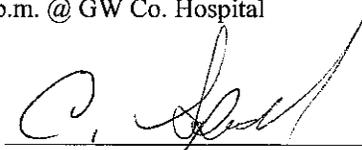
bitterness in some people because, in his department, for example, paramedics, with some extensive training, do not make \$15.00 an hour. Mongeau relayed that it wasn't the first time employees had a bitter taste from other people receiving raises. Commissioner Spradlin told Mongeau, "You have to realize there is another layer there. There is elected officials; and those elected officials have certain responsibilities, and you're not, there's a difference there." Undersheriff Randy Cox said, "By that same aspect, he still works a budget and turns it in to you." Commissioner Spradlin said, "That's right, and that's the case, the county commission, basically selected him." Mongeau stated, "I'm just saying, there have been some instances that it's hard to tell someone, I'm sorry, that's what they have chose to do." County Clerk Kathy Robison reported that she had a citizen call to report that the same individual mentioned earlier is driving a county vehicle home, and using it for personal use. Commissioners decided to talk to the employee's Department Head.

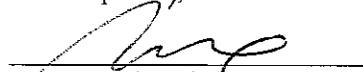
Commissioners noted that they will discuss the vacancy of Matt Wilson's Hospital Board position at next week's meeting.

At 10:08 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

February 18<sup>th</sup> Courthouse Closed in observance of President's Day  
February 19<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.  
February 28<sup>th</sup> – GW Co Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
February 19, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve February 4, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve February 11, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve February 4, 2019 Board of Canvass minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they salted and sanded last week and did a little bit of road maintenance. They received more salt and sand in today; there was a hole that popped up in a bridge east of Quincy, but it looks like it was caused by an animal, and they are repairing it now. Commissioner Hodge asked about some ditching in his district, and Chrisman told him that those projects are on their priority list, but right now the bridge projects are higher on the list. Commissioners discussed different options to work on the ditching project. Commissioner Hodge also mentioned two bridges on 60<sup>th</sup> by Chaplins'. He suggested hiring a contractor and removing the bridges and putting in two low water crossings. Hodge said the estimate for the work to do the project was \$14,000, and he talked to Emergency Management Director Levj Vinson about FEMA Funding, but hasn't heard anything back yet on that. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson said that most of the damage was road damage and debris that FEMA looked at, not bridge repair. Vinson said after March of this year, we will be eligible for pre-mitigation hazard funds, so we could apply for a pre-mitigation hazard grant. Chrisman also reported that they are attending a grant-writing seminar. Sheriff Samuels asked Chrisman if they would shut State Street bridge when the weather gets icy, because people try to cross it and go up the hill and slide down the bottom, and get really concerned.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

County Clerk Kathy Robison reported that Salt Springs Township Trustee Joan Penner called and told her that as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, she is stepping down from her position, as Trustee. Harold Sullens is the Salt Springs blade operator and he said he would take the Trustee position temporarily until they find someone else, but he really doesn't want to do it, but in order to keep the township running, he would. Robison has not received Penner's letter of resignation yet.

County Clerk Kathy Robison also received an SKT Video Service Agreement and told commissioners that she thought County Counselor Paul Dean really needed to look at it. Robison pointed out that in the contract it states that the county can charge a fee.

Bob Kimberlin from Madison addressed the commissioners in regard to the need of war-specific markers (flag-holders) for veteran's graves in the county. Kimberlin explained that in addition to a universal veteran marker on each known veteran's grave, local Legion Posts 2712, Eureka and 124 in Madison, have placed markers designating WWII, Korean and Vietnam conflicts. These specific markers he had traded with other posts and is no longer able to find, so he would like the county to purchase some. Commissioner Spradlin asked Kimberlin if he knew how many were needed. Kimberlin had estimated an order of at least 50 WWII, 150 Korean, and several hundred Vietnam markers are needed. The commissioners said they would look in to the cost of the markers and take it into consideration.

Commissioners Spradlin mentioned they have some resumes for potential hospital board members to fill the vacant position, and considered having an executive session, but decided to table the discussion until they could ask County Counselor Paul Dean if this subject falls under executive session guidelines.

Resolution 13-04, regarding closing county offices/and how the employees will be paid, was discussed, from last week's meeting. Treasurer Donna Olson told commissioners that she checked with six other counties and Coffey, Crawford, Linn, Montgomery, Labette, and Bourbon all pay their employees, if they close the courthouse. Commissioner Spradlin asked how they handle emergency-pay, and Olson said she didn't check on that. Commissioner Spradlin commented that since the last meeting he has had time to really look at the Resolution and thinks that it is well-written and has the two personal days built in to it. There was some discussion about personal days and employees not having leave time. Commissioners Fox said, "if the weather is bad enough, and we close the courthouse, I think they should be paid." Commissioner Hodge said, "I do too." But commissioner Fox and Hodge said they do not think there needs to be overtime or double-time. Commissioner Spradlin said we would probably need a new resolution detailing essential and non-essential employees. EMS Director Brian Mongeau and Sheriff Samuels talked to commissioners about giving the employee comp time or a floating holiday, or a bonus at the end of the year for the extra hours worked on days like that. Another suggestion was to never close the courthouse and leave it to the discretion of the employee whether they can make it or not, then they can use their vacation or personal day, if they have it. After some discussion the commissioner decided to make a decision on this last closure day and talk to County Counselor Paul Dean about a new resolution for future closures. Commissioner Fox made a motion to pay straight-time, not double-time for the recent day the courthouse/county offices were closed. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. Commissioner Spradlin voted "no."

Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson presented the 2018-2019 Greenwood County Noxious Weed Management Plan. Vinson explained that in the plan it states, where we are at, and where we are planning to move forward. Vinson said their plan is to eradicate sericea lespedeza. Next year, he would like to plan in his budget to have two spray trucks to cover more territory, and his employee is working on his license, as he will also be selling chemicals in the office. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Greenwood County Noxious Weed Management Plan. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Vinson also presented the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report and explained the results. There was some discussion about chemical sales and the discount they get if they buy from the county. The last page showed how many chemicals have been sold. Commissioner Fox made a motion to accept the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2018. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Vinson told the commissioners that the chipper truck that was recently purchased needs new truck tires, as the ones currently on it, are recapped highway tires, so they are not holding up on our gravel county roads. Vinson said he is gathering quotes on tires, but so far it will be \$300-\$350 per tire and he needs four tires for the back of the truck. So it estimates to over \$1,000. Vinson asked permission to purchase the tires once he finds the ones he thinks are best. Commissioners told him to go ahead and purchase the tires then they would approve them.

At 10:07 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:09 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to reconvene the commission meeting. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a five minute executive session for personnel issue employee performance with Noxious Weed Director. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox asked Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson if the personal use of the county vehicle issue has been cleared up. Vinson said yes, he didn't think the statement about the employee taking kids to school in the county vehicle was correct because at 8:00 a.m. in the morning the employee is already in the chip truck working. Vinson said he's not going to say it didn't happen before he worked for the Weed Department, but since January 1<sup>st</sup>, it hasn't occurred.

The commissioners decided to revisit the Hospital Board Member subject and appoint someone, in open meeting, since they had each looked over the resumes of the hospital board candidates. Commissioner Fox made a motion to appoint Leslie Spillman to the Greenwood County Hospital Board. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox mentioned that the Soil Conservation Office is having a meeting Wednesday night, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Jr. Sr. High School. There will be representatives from the state in attendance so they would like a commissioner at the meeting. After discussing their schedules, Commissioner Hodge offered to attend.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

February 25<sup>th</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

February 27<sup>th</sup> – GW Co Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

C. Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
February 25, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve February 19, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman, verified with Commissioner Hodge that the \$14,000 estimate discussed last week on two bridges on 60<sup>th</sup> included Francis Chaplin's labor and told commissioners he was going to talk to Chaplin about the project. Chrisman also relayed that he was going to start negotiations with Greg about extending the warranty on the excavator. Chrisman said that Rock's was looking at buying tires in bulk, which would make the price cheaper and crews did a lot of salting and sanding last week. Commissioner Hodge relayed he got some complaints about the bridge being closed during the last storm from people that lived up on the hill. Chrisman explained it wasn't closed because of the hill, they closed it because they were concerned the ice melt wasn't completely melting the ice, and there are no guard rails on that bridge. Commissioner Hodge said he was completely okay with it being closed for a safety issue. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie updated commissioners on the High Risk Rural Roads grant program through KDOT to replace all road sign and posts, with the exception of 911 signs, on major collector roads south of US 54 and west of Highway 99. The project will be 100% funded by KDOT. The project has to be completed by October 2021. Woodie explained that another application has been submitted and approved for the same program and will cover north of US 54 and west of Highway 99. Woodie also discussed the Township Meeting/Dinner March 20, 2019. Registration starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Matt Samuels Building. The menu is chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, roll, dessert, coffee, tea, and water. Woodie presented two bids: one from Copper Kettle in the amount of \$11.50 per person and one from Lo Mar in the amount of \$10.75 per person. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the bid from Lo Mar for the Township meal in the amount of \$10.75 per person. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$95,416.03. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$144,401.55. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox mentioned he mistakenly ordered the wrong renewal license for the internet filter in an effort to get a better deal. Fox purchased one for a different model of router, in the amount of \$350 and the company will not take it back, but he plans to sell the license on eBay.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented the annual contract with Advantage Computer for IT services in the amount of \$3,500. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the contract with Advantage Computer. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners received a letter of resignation from both the Salt Springs Treasurer, Stacie Fogle and the Salt Springs Trustee, Joan Penner, with the effective date 3-1-2019. County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners that Salt Springs does not have a Clerk to represent them, and the road grader said he would temporarily be the Trustee until they find someone, but he doesn't want to do it permanently. Robison said they can find someone, see if another township would incorporate them into their township and manage them, or turn them back over to the county. Commissioner Hodge said he talked to someone who may be interested, and said he talked to the road grader that said he knew a couple of people that may be interested. Commissioner Hodge said he would follow-up.

Appraiser Jami Clark presented the R & S Digital Maintenance Agreement renewal in the amount of \$7,024. They are the company we contract with to do our mapping and the amount is the same as last year. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the R & S Digital Maintenance Agreement renewal in the amount of \$7,024. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Counselor Paul Dean mentioned to Appraiser Jami Clark that they need to get GG Rd, south of 400 off of the tax roll, as it has been designated as a township road, according to a recent court case between Brown/Daley.

Crosswinds Contract and SKT Video Agreement were both on the agenda for discussion but it was decided to table them both until County Counselor Paul Dean had more time to review the materials.

The commissioners revisited their discussion from last week on designated Veteran's Grave Markers. County Counselor Paul Dean had shared statutes, which basically said the county wasn't obligated to purchase the markers, but it is a good practice. The commissioners were given information gathered by the Clerk's Office, that priced aluminum markers at approximately \$15.50 each and bronze markers \$35 each. Commissioner Fox mentioned he thought he could get them less expensive from another distributor and suggested ordering a few samples for comparison. Commissioners Spradlin and Hodge agreed to look at a sample and discuss the matter again.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Mary Harrison, Health Department and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, commissioners relayed that Monica Harrison of the Health Department is moving from full time to part time until someone new is hired and trained for the office position. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve changing Monica Harrison's position from full time to part time, effective February 7, 2019, until someone is hired and trained for the office position. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin asked the other commissioners if they would be willing to stay after the commission meeting next week and have a work session to discuss the 5 member commission board.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau reported that the new ambulance was damaged this weekend when it was hit by a deer near Rosalia. Mongeau said there wasn't a tremendous amount of damage but would like to take it to John North Ford in Emporia for repairs. Mongeau also said he talked to KCAMP already for the insurance and is working on filling out the form. Commissioner Spradlin asked what the deductible is, and Mongeau told him \$500. Mongeau also told commissioners he is considering putting grill guards on the ambulances for added protection. Mongeau also gave an update on the EMT class that has been going on. He told them that 16 students tested last weekend and should know in the next couple of weeks whether they passed. If so, they will move on to the written exam. Commissioner Fox told Mongeau about a complaint he received about ambulance transfers. Mongeau hopes that these additional EMTs will help with transfer times and options.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

February 27<sup>th</sup> – GW Co Hospital Board Mtg @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital  
March 4<sup>th</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.  
March 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. thru March 18th 8:30a.m.- 12:00p.m. - Early Voting in the Clerk's Office Dates  
March 11<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.  
March 19<sup>th</sup> – 2019 Special Election – 389 School Bond from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
@ Matt Samuels Bldg & Severy Methodist Church  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – Township Mtg/Dinner – Registration @ 6:00 p.m. / Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. @ Matt Samuels Bldg  
March 25<sup>th</sup> – Board of Canvass for 2019 Special Election – 389 School Bond @ 10:00 a.m.  
March 25<sup>th</sup> – Lunch w/ Farm Bureau @ Cherokee Lanes @ 12:00p.m.  
March 28<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

C. Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
March 4, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve February 25, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the situation last week was pretty normal, but this weekend they were out pushing snow drifts, and this morning, they were out doing the same. Chrisman said he got another quote on the recycle trailer, the original one was \$24,500, but the quote is now \$13,000. Chrisman said he would talk with the vendor and said he would see if he could get it a little lower, and then bring a quote to present to the commissioners. Chrisman also told commissioners that he has been talking to Westar and Donnie Thornton about getting estimates for the 3-phase wiring needed to power the gas pumps in case we have a power outage again so we can move forward with the generator that was donated from the Greenwood County Hospital. Chrisman said he is still working on buying tires, from a local vendor, that will purchase them in bulk. Chrisman discussed a copy of a warranty that needs to be in by the 15<sup>th</sup>, he said the guy he is working with is still making adjustment to it for mileage/etc. then will send Chrisman a copy and Chrisman can email it to the commissioners. Office Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie presented two different quotes to purchase 911 and bridge signs, the first one from Newman Sign Company for \$2,496. The second quote was from National Sign Company for \$2,395. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the E911 and bridge signs from National Sign Company in the amount of \$2,395. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if he had talked to King Construction yet about the two bridges on 60<sup>th</sup> Street. Chrisman said he had not heard from them yet. Commissioner Hodge asked about the water crossing on N Road north of 30<sup>th</sup> (culverts have been put in). Chrisman reported that they were in and weather-permitting they were going to go in and cement both sides. Commissioner Hodge reported that F25 south of 96 off of 400 needs some tree-trimming and brush, you can't even get a truck down the road. Chrisman said they would check on it.

Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson reported that the October 18, 2018 flood event has officially been declared a FEMA event by the President so a kickoff meeting will be held March 14<sup>th</sup> to begin the process of filling out the paperwork necessary. The largest project that the county will submit will be for the 100<sup>th</sup> Street bridge that has been closed since the event. This will be for a complete replacement, which Vinson relayed, no one in the State of Kansas has had to do, and the estimated cost is at \$500,000-\$600,000, with the county share being 25%.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Madison resident Bob Kimberlin revisited the commissioners regarding his request for war-designated Veteran's grave flag-holders for Greenwood County. Kimberlin said, "We don't want to seem ungrateful in your consideration of saving money by getting these aluminum holders, however, the brass holders will stand the test of time." Commissioner Fox ordered an aluminum epoxy-coated sample of a flag holder and had it at the meeting to view. After some discussion on the quality of the aluminum holder verses bronze or brass. Commissioners said they would order a bronze and brass sample for comparison. Kimberlin added if cost was the main issue, the quantities of the holders could be reduced. The VFW and American Legion could get by with 25 WWII War, 25 Korean War, and 50 Vietnam War flag holders. Commissioners said they would table the discussion, after comparing the aluminum and bronze or brass samples.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve and sign the contract with Crosswinds. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve and sign the SKT Video Service Agreement. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau reported that we now own the Madison tower and a tower inspection was done on it. Mongeau called the inspection company and asked for a priority list and an approximate cost for the project. Two of the top priorities before we can start moving forward were fixing a tower anchor, and having a structural analysis. Mongeau told commissioners that he has the full report and would be happy to send it to all three commissioners if they would like to look at it. Mongeau also relayed that he would like to have a meeting with the Sheriff and County Fire Chief, as well, before moving forward with the project, as they are also typically involved with partnering in the tower maintenance. Mongeau also mentioned that there is a cost amount in the paperwork that says \$54,350, but he doesn't know if that includes everything. Commissioners asked Mongeau to get a couple of different bids on the project repairs/plans. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson relayed that the project could be eligible for a hazard mitigation grant. Commissioners asked Vinson to attend the meeting with Mongeau, the Sheriff and the County Fire Chief to discuss the grant for funding. Commissioner Hodge received a complaint from a citizen regarding why the Ambulance Department is using John North Ford in Emporia to repair the new ambulance that was recently damaged by a deer rather than use a local body shop. Mongeau explained that he tries to use the local businesses, but he has to have the ambulance back in a timely manner, and most of the local shops are unable to fit the ambulance in their bays.

Appraiser Jami Clark told commissioners that Greenwood County agricultural values are up 13% for 2019, as determined by the state based on an eight-year average on crop prices. Clark said that valuation notices will be mailed on Friday. Any questions should be directed to her office at 620-583-8131.

Greenwood County Hospital board member Pam Brown and Hospital CEO Sandra Dickerson attended the commission meeting to request \$105,000 funding for a Medicare payback. Brown explained that the new half-cent sales tax for the hospital will not go into effect until April and will not likely be available to the hospital until June. According to the request, "We owe Medicare roughly \$176,000 on the cost report, you may not be aware the hospital gets paid based on our costs and we have done several cost-saving measures this past year that impacted that, kind of a double-edged sword." Commissioner Spradlin addressed the three mills that had been re-allocated for 2019, in lieu of giving to the hospital and pointed to several unexpected expenses the county also needs to deal

with this year, including the 100<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and the radio communications tower in Madison. Commissioner Fox asked if the hospital was interested in a loan of \$105,000, to be paid back after sales tax starts generating. Brown said the board had not discussed the option of a loan, and didn't think they would be interested as they are trying to still pay down their accounts payable. Commissioners decided to table the discussion so they could consider it. County Counselor Paul Dean mentioned he had been hearing several issues regarding public information, i.e. some of the hospital's financial information, that was not being shared when requested due to it's "confidentiality". Dean informed them that was "public record".

Commissioner Hodge is in contact with people in the Salt Spring area to fill the vacant township positions, and may have some leads.

Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson told commissioners he would like to host a Kansas Department of Emergency Management Class (G402), for elected officials, regarding their roles in disaster/emergency response. The class would be open to all elected officials in the area. Vinson planned to contact KDEM about scheduling a class.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve abatements. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson reported that the Storm Spotter meeting that is held at the Eureka Jr/Sr High School and was originally scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>, has been postponed due to the State Basketball Tournament, and we do not have a reschedule date at this time.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners adjourned to have a work session following the meeting.

Calendar:

March 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. thru March 18th 8:30a.m.- 12:00p.m. - Early Voting in the Clerk's Office Dates

March 11<sup>th</sup> - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

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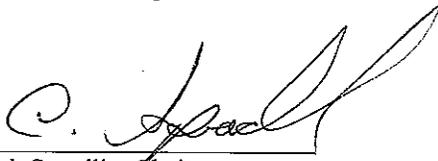
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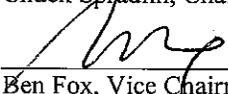
March 20<sup>th</sup> - Township Mtg/Dinner - Registration @ 6:00 p.m. / Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. @ Matt Samuels Bldg

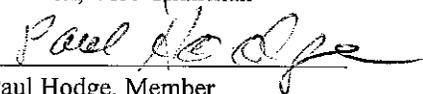
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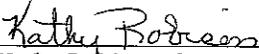
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
March 11, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve March 4, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that he has a new quote on the warranty deed for the excavator, with no deductible, no mileage, and an extended warranty for high priced items, in the amount of \$2,772.00. The warranty deed covers 1200 and something more hours or 48 months. Chrisman mentioned, if possible they normally try to take the equipment to the vendor because it's so expensive to have them come to the Road and Bridge for repairs or maintenance. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the warranty deed in the amount of \$2,772.00. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman relayed that the local tire vendor, Rock's, he has been working with to purchase tires in bulk to maybe get a cheaper price, said he could get 20 tires at \$225 each, right now before a tariff goes into effect. Commissioner Hodge made a motion for the Road and Bridge Department to purchase 20 tires from Rock's in the amount of \$225 each. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie presented a 1302 to the commissioners for signature that was related to the new sign project in the northwest corner of the county. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the 1302 for signature. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie also gave commissioners an update on Bitler's Bridge, located on X Road north of 190th. Woodie relayed that Michael Maris contacted her and gave her material to be sent to consultants regarding the bridge. Commissioner Spradlin asked if Maris mentioned how much approximately the project would cost. Woodie said she didn't have that information with her. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge Department moving forward with the design plans from Michael Maris and collecting bids for the project. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The stone arch bridge will remain with a new bridge built straight. Woodie also reported that they sold six-months worth of cardboard to Linn Paper Stock Co. out of Oklahoma. Greenwood County sold them 22.77 tons of cardboard at \$75/ton. Woodie said that was a little low and was told next time they would probably get a higher rate due to the quality of what they purchased. The total amount of the check will be \$1,707.75. Woodie told commissioners they will sell the cardboard two times a year and should have the baler and supplies paid for in three and one-half years, excluding costs for labor of the employee, fuel and repairs. Commissioner Spradlin asked if they were considering doing any other recycling programs? Woodie replied that they were looking into other recycling programs including plastics.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$100,520.02. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$162,315.70. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for Tri-Corner. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioners revisited the SKT Video Service Agreement they had approved at last week's meeting, as SKT contacted County Clerk Kathy Robison to verify whether the commissioners would like to charge a 2-5% service fee, as the contract states Greenwood County is entitled to do. The commissioners decided to not collect a service fee.

Fall River Fire Chief Robert Graham addressed the commissioners regarding Fall River fire units not being paged to recent injury accidents on Highway 400. Graham told commissioners he was involved in a head-on accident recently on Highway 400, and although the response time was within specs, it seemed lengthy. Graham stated there are eight firefighters that serve on both the Fall River City Fire and the Greenwood County Fire - Fall River Division. Graham mentioned they could be on the scene within 5 minutes. Greenwood County Fire Chief Doug Williams stated, "If we (the county) are going to respond 10-48 (injury) car wrecks and various things, we have an obligation by law to provide infection control programs, which include infection control vaccinations, to the tune of \$500 per man." He continued, "There is a cost associated if they want to respond." Williams mentioned there are 15 county fire divisions within Greenwood County, and Chief Williams didn't believe it was feasible for all divisions to undergo this program. Graham said he would talk to the Fall River City council to see if they would like to pursue this avenue. It was noted that Fall River Fire units cannot provide medical treatment, due to lack of EMT training. They are able to serve as a first responder, but are limited to CPR, first aid, and have the ability to utilize AED machines. Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau relayed that response times were checked and were all within the adequate time frame.

Commissioner Fox mentioned he has talked to someone at Re-Invision to look at the courthouse for options on updating office space for a new commission meeting room.

Greenwood County Hospital Board Member Pam Brown and Hospital CEO Sandra Dickerson returned to discuss the request they had presented to the commissioners at last week's meeting, in the amount of \$105,000, to help pay down a Medicare payback. Last week the commissioners told the hospital members they would like a week to think about the decision. Brown had mentioned that the hospital has taken some cost-saving measures, which is some of the reason they owe a Medicare payback. Brown also mentioned at last week's meeting that the half-cent sales tax will not go into effect until April and probably not be received until July. After some discussion the commissioners decided they could not issue funds at this time, as other issues may arise. They asked Brown and Dickerson to return to the commission meeting in a month or so.

Madison resident Bob Kimberlin and Eureka resident Don Scott revisited commissioners to follow up on the request for war-designated flag holders for veteran's graves in Greenwood County. Commissioner Fox stated he had ordered a bronze holder for comparison, but it has not arrived in time for this meeting. No decisions were made.

Register of Deed Marsha Ramsey told commissioners she has an open job position in her office and would like to get the hourly rate approved so when she hires the person she can tell them how much they will be making. Commissioner Spradlin asked if it was a reasonable amount. Ramsey confirmed that it was. Commissioner Hodge asked if they would be in training for awhile. Commissioner Spradlin and Fox suggested offering less at the beginning, then in 30-90 days, if she is satisfied with the person's performance raise their pay. They told Ramsey it was completely up to her, as it was her Department.

Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross presented an employment verification for Brandi Starr as a full-time Administrative Assistant at \$12 per hour. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the employment verification. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ross also asked for clarification regarding accrued time for county employees, as she felt an employee didn't receive accrued time. Ross referenced policy 50.04 (sick leave) and said she had talked to someone at Kansas Labor and Wage Board. County Counselor Paul Dean asked her who she talked to at the Kansas Labor and Wage Board. Dean also explained that sick leave is a benefit. Ross said she would get with Dean for clarification and possibly update the policy if possible.

Attorney's Office Administrative Assistant Arlene Edwards asked, "If new employees are coming on at \$12, when is longevity going to be addressed?" Commissioner Spradlin told her to talk to her Department Head County Attorney Joe Lee. Edwards asked, "At what point in time does any increase become a merit raise?" There was a discussion about different ways to incorporate merit raises during budget time. Commissioners said if the elected officials have the money in their budget to give the raise, they can.

At 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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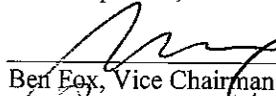
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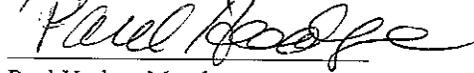
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
March 18, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve March 11, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reminded everyone the township dinner was March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. with registration at 6:00 p.m. at the Matt Samuels Building. Chrisman then began updating the commissioners on Road and Bridge business such as: they received one estimate on the wingwall, north of Quincy, in the amount of \$24,000. The estimate includes the sheetpile and them driving it in. Commissioner Spradlin asked if he was going to get a second bid, and Chrisman said he was working on it. This estimate was from the company that did the Norwegian Church Bridge and he's still waiting on an estimate from the company regarding tearing out the bridges on 60<sup>th</sup>. Chrisman also reported that he revisited with Willow Creek Construction about the approaches at CC50 Road bridge, \$10,480 bid total amount for both sides. It will be 8 inches thick with rebar. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the bid from Willow Creek Construction to follow through with the project on CC50 Road bridge in the amount of \$10,480. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman mentioned the road could be closed for 9 days while the project is being executed. Also he mentioned Willow Creek's contract may want 50% of the payment up front. County Counselor Dean looked at the paperwork and said it read you may pay 50% up front or 100% at the end. Commissioners decided to wait until they request the payment, since the project is a short amount of time. Chrisman also reported that they tore a decayed bridge out at 350<sup>th</sup> and R and repaired it and put some tin horns in. They will have to go back and do maintenance on it. Chrisman also mentioned that if people burn clear up to the county roads, if they could let the road and bridge department know, they could try to clean ditches out, for safety. Chrisman mentioned the kickoff meeting with FEMA, and said that KDEM was in attendance. Chrisman also relayed they are still using the excavator cleaning debris.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to appoint Thelbert Trimmel as Salt Springs Trustee. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to appoint Lloyd Newkirk as Salt Springs Treasurer. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Madison resident Bob Kimberlin was again present at the meeting as commissioners discussed the designated veteran's grave flag holders. After a short discussion the commissioners decided to approve 60 bronze flag holders (30 Vietnam, 20 Korean, 10 WWII), approximately \$30 each. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the designated markers. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the policy 50.04 pertaining to sick leave, and County Counselor Paul Dean plans to edit the policy, for the commissioners to review again, then approve.

Andrew Davis, Bob Brink, Keila Sherman, and Bob Culbertson addressed the commissioners regarding a budgetary request for the Greenwood County Conservation District. Davis shared the benefits the district has for Greenwood County residents and made a request of the commission to increase their budget by \$7,000 for 2020. Commissioners said they would keep the request in mind during budget preparations.

Robin Wunderlich, representing, the Eureka Honors Club, asked permission to utilize Lions Park for the annual Eureka Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on April 20, at 11:00 a.m.. Commissioners said they were okay with it. She also got permission from the Lyons Club and the Recreation Board.

Darrin Petrowsky with KDOT shared that the Fall River Bridge, located 99 South is now a candidate for bridge replacement. Petrowsky also shared that weight restrictions of 25 tons for single axle and 43 tons for double axle will soon be posted. While discussing other upcoming projects, commissioners asked if Hwy 99 North would be resurfaced in the near future. Petrowsky stated it is on a wish list for two years from now.

There was some discussion on raising the spending limit for Greenwood County Departments' to \$1,500, as it has been set at \$1,000 for some time now. Also there was discussion regarding raising the spending limit during an emergency/disaster. After some discussion, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve raising the County Department spending limits from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and the spending limit during an emergency/disaster to \$3,500 for incident command, when a disaster has been proclaimed. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. County Counselor Paul Dean said there does not need to be a resolution, this can be written into the employee manual.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approved the full-time employment of Shelly Conard, Deputy Register of Deeds, at a rate of \$13.50 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson presented a quote to the commissioners for 10 handheld 800 radios in the amount of \$5,775. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of the

radios. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The purchase will come out of Capital Outlay.

At 10:37 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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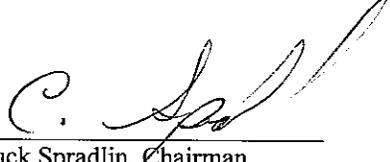
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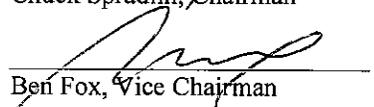
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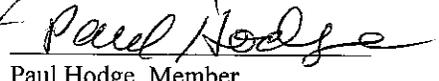
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ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
Board of Canvass  
March 25, 2019

Greenwood County Commissioners, Chuck Spradlin, Ben Fox, and Paul Hodge met February 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. as the Board of Canvassers for the 2019 Special School Bond Election. Also present were Kathy Robison, Election Officer, Shannon Gant, Assistant, and Deann McCaffree, Assistant.

The Canvass was completed at 10:20 a.m.



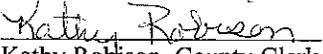
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
March 25, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No commission meeting minutes.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that a couple of employees attended a sign class in Emporia that was very informative; and Chrisman discussed a chip/seal class he would like to attend with a couple of employees that is coming up in Wichita, it is a free class; Chrisman reported that he talked to the man at Willow Creek that will be doing the approaches at CC50 and he said that if it was possible, he would like to receive half of the cost up front to get started on the project. Commissioner Spradlin asked Chrisman if he was familiar with who the man was and his work and Chrisman said yes he does a lot of work in Fall River. Commissioners said they were okay with that. Chrisman mentioned he thought the township meeting went well and that the department is continuing to do maintenance on the county roads. Commissioner Hodge asked what the smallest size of tinhorn we can put in for a township. Chrisman told him if we put anything over 5 feet we become responsible for the township. Commissioner Hodge asked about the two tinshorns on 30<sup>th</sup> and Chrisman explained that they are two 3 footers, so they are still a township road responsibility. Chrisman said he sent a truck to Emporia for reprogramming, it was recalled due to a clutch disengagement.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$96,211.11. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$113,570.81. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a payable, dated 3-25-2019, in the amount of \$320.01. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employment verification for Randall Wade for a part-time EMT position in the Ambulance Department, in the amount of \$11.51 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve abatements. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

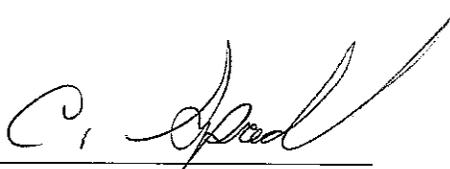
At 9:23 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

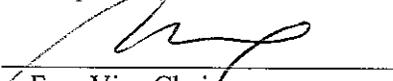
At 9:24 a.m. Commissioners reconvened to hear from Greenwood County citizen, Maurice Erickson, who mentioned that he had contacted the Road and Bridge Department in October to tell them a bridge on 200<sup>th</sup>, east of J50 Road, was plugged up and stated that he would assist with the project, but never heard from them. Erickson also told commissioners that he had concerns with frequent breaks and idling of equipment. The commissioners said they would relay the message to the to the Department.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

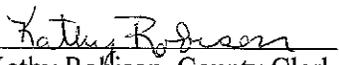
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March 28<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital  
April 1st – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
April 1, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve March 18, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve March 25, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve March 25, 2019 Board of Canvass minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie reported that they received some bids for the Bitler Bridge, located on X Road and 190<sup>th</sup>, and Woodie is working on an office and bridge grant. The potential bridge design bids are from Perkins and Michael, in the amount of \$59,300, and the other one is from CFS Engineers, in the amount of \$59,000. Michael Maris reviewed both plans and bids and recommended the lower bid, as we have a work history with that company. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the bid with CFS, in the amount of \$59,000. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie told commissioners that Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman asked her to tell them that he talked to Willow Creek Construction about the bridge project on CC50. The road will be closed, weather permitting, from April 8<sup>th</sup>, thru April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Woodie also reported that crews have continued to do cleanup on bridges. The Star Program, which is used for budgeting, road maintenance records, etc., in the office, will be coming next week for training/update. Woodie will be attending a grant writing training in Pittsburg on Thursday.

No weekly Treasurer's Report

Tammy Seimears mentioned to the commissioners that the Madison business teacher, Natalie Boone, is interested in recreating the data maps in the current commission room, that were hand colored, and use new technology as a class project in preparation for the move to the new commission room. The commissioners said they would consider this idea, and Commissioner Spradlin said he would talk to Natalie Boone.

Commissioner Spradlin revisited the discussion on Policy 50.04 regarding Sick Leave. After a brief discussion Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve full-time employees to begin accruing sick time their first 90 days of employment with the county, however they are unable to use it until after that 90 days. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. County Counselor Paul Dean is re-writing the changes to the policy.

Greenwood County Hospital Board President Pam Brown and Board Member Randy Cox talked to the commissioners about the funding request that had been previously discussed. Brown had met with the hospital board and they decided to make another request to the county again, in the amount of \$32,172.58. The hospital has two financial obligations that have to be paid this week, and they do not have enough funds to pay the vendors. Randy Cox, Treasurer, for the Hospital Board verified that, when asked by County Commissioner Spradlin. Brown said the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Melody Curnutt, said they would be able to make monthly payments to pay the loan in 6 months time. Commissioner Fox said he thought with the bridge projects the county has right now that would be the only way we could do this. Commissioner Spradlin said the only way he would be comfortable with providing any funding is if the hospital was required to pay it back, as the one-percent county sales tax has increased to around \$60,000. County Counselor Paul Dean recommended commissioners pass a resolution specifying the repayment requirements and that the hospital hold a special meeting to do the same, in order to acknowledge their acceptance of the terms. Brown said she would have them hold the meeting within the week. Commissioner Fox made a motion that we advance the Greenwood County Hospital \$32,172.58, since they are not receiving the additional sales tax money as anticipated, and it will be repaid by October 15, 2019. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin revisited Resolution 13-04, regarding paying county employees when offices are closed. The policy in the past, which was written in 2013, has been that in inclement weather if the courthouse and other county offices are closed, county employees that are not working that day may use a sick or vacation day, or come in the following Saturday to make up the time they missed. However, no overtime will be paid. County Counselor Paul Dean explained the resolution had been created because employees that were able to stay home were paid for the day but employees that mentioned that Elk County is updating their policy to consider sick and vacation time in the same pool, all classified as paid time off (PTO). Greenwood County commissioners noted they would be open to a discussion about changing their policy as well.

Commissioner Spradlin mentioned he had received a recommendation to hold regular meetings with department heads. Those in attendance were in favor of the meetings

Register of Deeds, Marsha Ramsey, presented a bid to the commissioners for her hardware and software in her office that is technically recommended to be replaced every five years, and it's been eight. Ramsey has \$24,000 in her Tech Fund and said it will take approximately half for all of the costs associated.

County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners her election computer was 13 years old, and it was time to be replaced. Robison had a bid from ES & S Election in the amount of \$3,534. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of the computer/printer combination. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds will be paid out of Election Equipment Reserve.

Sheriff Samuels told commissioners the computers, including the server, at the Sheriff's Office will be needing updated from Windows 7 to Windows 10.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve abatements. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Appraiser Jami Clark told commissioners there were a few areas around Fall River Lake that had not changed over to the county's 911 grid addressing, such as Lookout Point Road and Sunflower Hill, and they would be beginning the process to change the addresses. There may be some complaints from residents that did not want the change, but it needs to be done to help first responders find the locations and there have been some complaints that delivery companies such as UPS and FedEx were having difficulties making their deliveries.

Sheriff Samuels told commissioners he has two deputy positions open right now and is looking at adding another K-9 unit to Greenwood County. Samuels relayed when we interviewed for the last K-9 position we got a lot of good applicants. Samuels said it would add a deputy to assist in the office and stated it would decrease overtime accrued by the current K-9 unit, as they would work separate shifts. Commissioner Hodge asked if that meant we would be getting another dog and Undersheriff Cox said that we would, with the kennel, and the same setup, but with two K-9 officers, they can help train together. The commissioners told Sheriff Samuels to proceed.

Calendar:

- April 8<sup>th</sup> – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Special GW Co Hospital Board Mtg @ 12:00 p.m. –GW Co Hospital Conference Room
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital
- April 29<sup>th</sup> – Janae Talbott – Russell County Economic Development @ 11:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
April 8, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean arrived at 9:30 a.m.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No commission meeting minutes.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported he visited with Ashley at Westar and received a quote on what it is going to cost for a transformer and underground wiring necessary to install a generator to function during emergency power outages. The quote was \$2,410.44. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to proceed with the transformer and wiring, for the generator, in the amount of \$2,410.44. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie presented a pay-rate change for Donal Huffman, as he has passed the 90-day period at Road and Bridge in Recycling. His old rate of pay was \$12.63, new rate will be \$13.13, starting per hour, starting next Monday. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve changing Donal Huffman's rate of pay from \$12.63 to \$13.13 per hour, starting next Monday. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie also told commissioners they got three bids on culverts, to be able to have them on hand, and save on shipping. The bids were from Coyote Culvert, in the amount of \$28,465.40; J & J Drainage, in the amount of \$26,782.50; Wellborn Sales, in the amount of \$26,015.80. Commissioner Spradlin asked Woodie to check on the freight pricing. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the culverts from Wellborn Sales, in the amount of \$26,015.80. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie also presented the contract from Cook Flatt and Strobel (CFS), to be signed, before they can start on the Bitler Bridge located on X Road and 190<sup>th</sup>, which was approved at last week's commission meeting. Chrisman reported that they are putting signs up this morning at CC50, in Fall River so they can work on the bridge.

Mandy Fogle attended the meeting to discuss the Brown/Daley property dispute where a portion of GG Road in Salt Springs Township was in question and had recently been the subject of a lawsuit. Fogle presented information from 1885 and asked to be compensated for the property involved. She also asked that the land be surveyed and platted at the county's expense. Commissioners referred her to County Counselor Paul Dean.

Neal Community Residents attended the meeting, with Nancy Kirkham, as their spokesperson to discuss the accumulating "junk" properties in their community, and other unincorporated communities in the county. Kirkham read a statement that mentioned an increasing population of mosquitoes and rodents due to private properties covered in piles of trash, tires, tall grass, vehicles, and other general health hazards. The group was also concerned about the eyesores and inconveniences caused by the junk as well. There was a discussion about the ordinance that commissioners had County Counselor Paul Dean draft a few years ago, and Dean explained why they were reluctant to pass the ordinance. Commissioners decided to review the ordinance and discuss it at a future meeting.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$101,563.60. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$171,801.80. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables, dated April 8, 2019, in the amount of \$6,467.57. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the special alcohol funds that are disbursed from the county. Corner House has requested \$2,500 per year to provide services. County Counselor Paul Dean mentioned they were good, but there was always a waiting list for their services. He suggested Therapy Services from Burlington.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee status change for Cameron Howard as a part-time EMT at \$11.35 per hour to Paramedic at \$14.81 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners received a quote from ReEnvision LLC, in the amount of \$2500 for architectural and documentation for permitting and bidding. The services would be for remodeling the new commission room. At this time, they are considering moving to the Extension Office, as gaining two more commissioners will make the space more tight in the current room. Before moving forward, commissioners agreed they wanted more input from department heads and representatives. They scheduled a work session to meet with those employees and get feedback this Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel, employee performance. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

County Clerk Kathy Robison asked commissioners if they would approve donating for former employee Sharon Beeman's memorials. They agreed to approve \$50 to the Hamilton Library and \$50 to 4-H.

At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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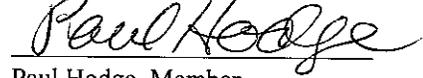
April 15th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.  
April 25<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital  
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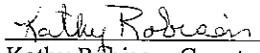
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting -Worksession  
April 10, 2019

Commissioner Spradlin opened the worksession at 9:00 a.m. in the commission room to discuss what the options could be if they decide to move offices around to accommodate the space needed for the 5-person commission board.

Those present were Chairman Chuck Spradlin, Vice-Chairman Ben Fox, Member Paul Hodge, County Clerk Kathy Robison, Treasurer Donna Olson, Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley, Sheriff Heath Samuels, Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson, Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey, Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman, Extension Agent Lindsey Shorter, Appraiser's Office Drew Ramsey and Dawn Larcom, and Robin Wunderlich with the Eureka Herald.

Spradlin mentioned that the consensus is that the current commission room is probably not going to be big enough when they become a 5-person board so they are leaning toward moving to the Extension room, this meeting is to find out what everyone's thoughts are on moving around.

Spradlin opened with asking Shorter from Extension what they think about the move. Shorter said they were okay with it, but just wanted to clarify that they could still, use the room, when needed, on days other than Monday mornings. Commissioner Spradlin told her, of course, they would like that room to be available to any of the offices that may need to use it. Shorter said they actually are interested in the grouping of offices offered, because they will offer confidentiality to their clients, which they did not have before in the large open room.

Commissioner Spradlin asked about the stuff that is in the offices now, that Extension will be taking over. Part of the space belongs to the Appraiser's Office, and one of the offices' belongs to the County Clerk. It's where she keeps her Election equipment and supplies. Robison stated she would like to have the current commission room as it is attached to the Clerk's Office and would make it a lot easier for all of the process of elections, such as downloading equipment, as well as checking supplies, plus, that is the room we use for our resolution board election night. Ramsey told commissioners that the Appraiser's Office had measured the old Economic Development Room (Levi's Office) the Commission Room and relayed their equipment, tables, and cards that they use to show taxpayers all fit in the Commission Room, but they can't get all of their tables up in the Economic Development Room.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey mentioned she was interested in Levi's Office, as she is running out of space too, and "called dibs" on it before Levi came but knew he needed an office. Commissioner Spradlin asked Vinson where he was planning on going if someone moved into his office. Spradlin asked if he had to have an office in the courthouse. Vinson said he had to have an office by state statute.

Commissioner Spradlin asked about locking the back door and making it only accessible to employees for security purposes, as he and Sheriff Samuels discussed it Monday. They also noted to look at making an emergency exit in the new commission room.

Maintenance Jason Findley said he could move to the basement if he needs to, as he has a small office, next to Levi's Office.

Sheriff Samuels talked about building on possibilities, so there was a brief discussion about that.

Everyone took a walk to the extension office to view the space.

The worksession ended around 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Meeting  
April 15, 2019

Chairman Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and Paul Dean County Counselor.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve April 1, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve April 8, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road Supervisor Darrell Chrisman talked to the commissioners about concern regarding communication with KDOT, Darrin Petrowsky, Area Engineer over the E911 signs along the highway in the county. Chrisman told the Commissioners that Petrowsky claimed that Chrisman had been unresponsive to KDOT requests to replace E911 road signs along the highways. Chrisman stated he had responded to all communication and was unaware of any issues. The commissioners agreed with Chrisman that issue had been resolved.

Chrisman said that Road & Bridge have been working on small FEMA jobs and on 120<sup>th</sup> repair/replacing a tinhorn. Commissioner Hodge talked to Chrisman about guardrails posts that have been burn off and the replacement of them.

Amber Woodie, Administrative Assistant discussed a upgrade module to the STAR Software Program that Road & Bridge use and this program will add a new layer of information which will be very useful to the county maintenance and FEMA events. Woodie said that there are additional layers that can be purchase at a later date. Commissioners approved the purchase of the first layer for the roads, in the amount of \$2,500 and a \$250 per year maintenance fee. Commissioner Ben Fox made the motion to purchase the first layer of software, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Hodge. The motion carried.

Commissioner reviewed the weekly Treasurers report and the Treasurers 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report.

Commissioner reviewed the amended payables for April 12, 2019. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the amended payable and Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner received a letter from Leonard Booth, South Salem Trustee stating he had served on the South Salem Board since 1980 and is submitting his resignation due to health reasons. Leonard Booth recommended appointing Dusty Booth as Trustee to complete his term of office. Commission Fox made a motion to except Leonard Booth resignation and appointment of Dusty Booth as South Salem Trustee. Commission Paul Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Commissioner review a 2017 draft of Greenwood County Code, Health & Welfare ordinance. This ordinance if passed would allow property owners in the unincorporated communities' recourse when unhealthy and unsafe conditions exist on properties in close proximity. Commissioner decided to put it back on the agenda next week.

Mandy Fogle was present to discuss GG50 road, County Counsel Dean explain to Fogle that her attorney has filed an appeal on this road issue so any communicates will have to come through her attorney.

County Counsel Paul Dean spoke to the Commission about a letter from Elk County, addressed to Kansas Governor Laura Kelly regarding the wind farm moratorium in the Flint Hills. Dean is going to prepare a letter from Greenwood County Commissioner requesting that the moratorium on windmill farms in the Flint Hills be lifted.

Sherriff Heath Samuels introduced Mike Bumgardner, the new K9 deputy. This will be Greenwood County's second K9 unit and will be a single purpose dog for narcotics detection.

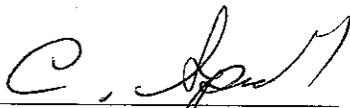
Emergency Preparedness Director Levi Vinson presented the annual Code Red contract, in the amount of \$3,449. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve paying the contract. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion the motion carried.

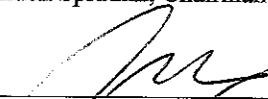
Vinson reported to the commissioners that representatives for KAKE News would be in Eureka for a weather radio event. The KAKE News radios will cost \$40 each and Vinson is planning to purchase several radios to place in the county offices.

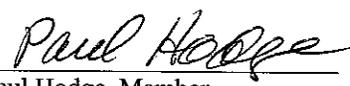
At 10:08 a.m., Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

April 22 --Next Meeting

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
April 22, 2019

Chairman Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. Not attending County Counsel Paul Dean.

Commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No minutes for approval.

Road Supervisor Darrel Chrisman talked to the commissioners about the current road work. He will be meeting with FEMA on Wednesday of this week on progress and various road projects. Chrisman also reported that he negotiate the 4,000 hour maintenance agreement for the John Deere grader to \$3,012, with the county agreeing to do some of the maintenance.

Commissioner reviewed the weekly Treasurers report.

Commissioner and several people from the Neal Community discussed the "Greenwood County Code, Health & Welfare". After the discussion, Commissioner Hodge made a motion to pass the "Greenwood County Code, Health & Welfare", with corrections to the word marked on page 2, Article 1, 101.E. Correction to the last page will be the date, and the commissioners' names. After these corrections are made, the commissioner will sign and publish for two weeks. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the April 26, 2019, payables in the amount of \$253,071.91. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the April 26, 2019, payroll in the amount of \$97,026.88. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the First Quarter Financial Report. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve employee verification for Michael Baumgardner, K-9 Deputy in the amount of \$ 15.25. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried

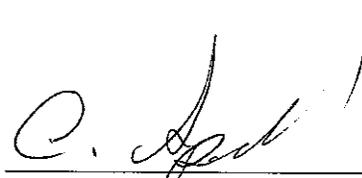
Emergency Preparedness Director Levi Vinson requested a 5 minute executive session for Legal, dealing with another Municipality. Commissioner Hodge made a motion for the 5 minute executive session. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried, commissioner and Vinson went in an executive session.

The commission reconvened the regular commission meeting, after returning from the executive session, with no decision was made.

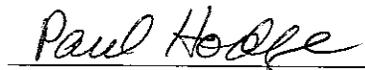
Commissioners reviewed information from Kingsley Properties on a fence issue, and determined that they would put it on the next week's agenda when County Counsel will be present.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded. The motion carried.  
The Commissioner adjourned at 10:08.

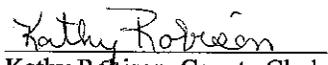
Calendar:  
April 29 -Next Meeting

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
April 29, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve April 15, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve April 22, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman updated commissioners on county projects and reported that he had attended a FEMA scope meeting that was held Thursday with KDEM officials regarding the October flooding event. The county now has 60 days to declare any additional damage. Chrisman noted there is a new FEMA mitigation formula 428 that pays on projected costs rather than actual claims submitted. However, if the estimate ended up being short, the county would be responsible for coming up with the remaining funds. Vinson said that the new model has not been used yet by counties in Kansas and he was reluctant to be the "guinea pig". Commissioners decided the new program may be beneficial in the future but wanted to continue with the current model for now. Commissioner Spradlin relayed he had a recent inquiry from the City of Fall River regarding hauling off the debris from a recent storm. Commissioners noted that a policy in 2016 had been passed to assist cities in the county with debris removal from storm damage, with the stipulation that the county would need to have the available personnel and equipment. Commissioner Spradlin mentioned they could waive the county's portion of the landfill fees but did not feel they had the available staff or equipment at this point to assist with hauling the debris. Francis Chaplin discussed several bridges in the south end of the county that need repairs, and said that he had done some work on a low-water crossing himself. They discussed bridges located on 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> streets. Chaplin plans to meet with a construction company next week.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve an employee status change for Kassie Martin, in the Clerk's Office from part-time to full-time and her pay from \$9.13 per hour to \$10.00 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an abatement. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Levi Vinson, Emergency Management Director said he scheduled a KDEM Incident Command class (G402) geared towards elected officials regarding disaster events, i.e. tornadoes. The class will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Eureka Public Library. So far, he has commitments from Eureka, Madison, and Hamilton, and plans to reach out to school boards and other organizations. Vinson asked about catering a meal for the training and the commissioners said that they would like Vinson to provide sack lunches for the training. Vinson relayed that the county had taken delivery of a new 20kVa generator/light tower, that was purchased with Southeast Homeland Security Region funding. Vinson said the unit is one of seven and will be used for response and incidence support within the region. Vinson also noted that the security council are in discussion about soliciting bids for an electronic billboard as the next item from the funding. Vinson said the only downfall of receiving the emergency equipment is storage availability and mentioned the Sheriff's Office is in need of storage space to keep seized vehicles out of the weather, as well. Commissioner Hodge mentioned the need to build a building specifically to house some of the equipment. There was also discussion about getting a generator for the Matt Samuels Community Building, as County Fire Chief Doug Williams had mentioned the need for one after the last tornado. Commissioner Fox planned to ask the City of Eureka about splitting the cost.

Sheriff Samuels told commissioners there would be 70 Westar trucks in town staging at the Community Building as they make repairs from storm damage from the night before. Vinson explained that 69 mph straight line winds had laid over 20 power poles on the Lake Road north of Eureka. Samuels added that one of the deputy vehicles had been involved in an accident over the weekend and they were in the process of getting estimates of the damage.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau presented a proposal to the commissioners for purchasing a gym membership for approximately 18 part-time and full-time EMS employees only, in his department. Mongeau explained that due to the heavy lifting requirements of the job, it's important to know proper techniques of lifting and staying physically fit. The quote from The Gym was for \$1,600 for one year and will be paid from the EMS budget. Mongeau said he talked to KWORCC about possible grant funding, but was told there was nothing at this time, however KCAMP may offer a risk avoidance grant program. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve The Gym membership for the EMS Department in the amount of \$1,600, to be taken out of the EMS budget. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Thank you cards were read from VFW Post #2712 in Eureka and the James Sill Brown Post #124 in Madison for the recent county's purchase of Flag markers for area Veteran's graves.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley told commissioners the hot water heater that is used by the courthouse and jail is leaking from the bottom and needs replaced. Commissioner Fox made a motion to

approve a new 100 gallon hot water heater from Thornton, including installation, up to \$6,000. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds are to be taken from County General.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn for a worksession to discuss moving the commission room to where the extension room is currently housed to accommodate for a 5-person commission board.

At 10:35 a.m. commissioners reconvened and Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve ReEnvision's planning bid of \$2,500. They will come up with options to repurpose the current extension office to fit the commissioners' needs. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:36 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

May 6th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

May 23rd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
May 6, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve April 29, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman updated commissioners on repairs needed for the 770 grader. Chrisman gave commissioners information on an original quote of \$4,101.72, and additional repairs, plus labor \$1,200. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the quote to repair the 770 grader, not to exceed \$7,000. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman also told commissioners he received estimates for tearing out the two bridges and the repair on the wingwall and found out they need a permit to tear the bridges out. Chrisman said they will be receiving a permit that will last for 5 years. After some discussion on the bridges located on CC50 Rd at 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup>, Commissioners decided to wait on replacing the bridge at 70<sup>th</sup> for a while, as they are considering using a cement box versus a low water crossing, due to the mass amounts of water that passes through there, when there are heavy rains. Also it was still unclear the cost of Francis Chaplin's amount to tear the bridges' out and assist in cleanup. Commissioners decided to table the two bridges on 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> project until they have more information. Chrisman submitted an estimate from Criqui Construction, Inc. of Melvern for sheet piling and building a new wing wall on a bridge located north of 200<sup>th</sup> on FF Road, in the amount of \$25,225. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the bid to move forward with the project on the bridge north of 200<sup>th</sup> on FF Road, in the amount of \$25,225. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No weekly Treasurer's Report to review

Commissioners reviewed Fee reports.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$97,537.16. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$97,428.60. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve abatements. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township for a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License for Tri-Corner. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Counselor Paul Dean and the commissioners discussed the Greenwood County Code. Dean noted additional changes to the policy. After more discussion, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the amended Greenwood County Code and Health and Welfare, for signature next week, and to be published next week. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners revisited their previous discussion about Re Envision, as they had approved a contract last week of \$2,500, for options to repurpose the current extension office to accommodate the 5-person commission board. Appraiser Jami Clark was present for the discussion and mentioned she needs more square footage and uses the space, she has now, in the south hall for the equipment and records, but is willing to work with their plans. Concerns expressed by an employee present: (1) fiscal responsibility of spending \$2,500 to move people to other offices; (2) felt commissioners could still utilize the commission room, and move to a courtroom when there were more people present at commission meetings; (3) concerned about extension office being moved off campus from the courthouse, causing them to pay rent, we may have to subsidize. The commissioners clarified that the contract with Re Envision included (1) technology guidance, architectural and interior design services, and documentation for permitting and bidding; (2) concerned about exceeding maximum fire code's occupancy of 21, are not wanting to use courtroom and move the meeting around, commissioners want a room that can be used for another 30 years, with possible video capabilities that can be used for training, etc.; (3) there have been no decisions made about the possibility of the extension office moving from the courthouse.

Kingsley Property discussion was revisited as a letter had been received several weeks ago regarding the status of a piece of the old 400 Highway near Beaumont. County Counselor Paul Dean clarified that the road has never been abandoned/vacated by the county and remains an active township road. Kingsley Properties was interested in moving a fence line to the middle of the road and sharing the fence costs with neighboring property owners. Dean explained they need to rebuild their fence where it currently is, or petition to close the road.

Sheriff Heath Samuels told commissioners he is gathering bids from body shops in the county for a deputy's Dodge Durango that was damaged on April 27<sup>th</sup> in a non-injury accident on US 400.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented a bid to the commissioners in the amount of \$7,000 for a software called Redbook that is designed for the maintaining a record of real estate transfers, commonly recorded

manually, as one page per property. Information consists of transfer type, current owner, legal description, transfer date, and the book and page that the Register of Deeds has recorded the transaction.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

May 13th - Next Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.  
May 23rd - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital  
May 27<sup>th</sup> - Courthouse Closed in observance of Memorial Day  
May 28<sup>th</sup> - Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

C. Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
May 13, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve May 6, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners that the 770 road grader that had been approved at \$7,000 for repairs actually cost \$8,721.25, leaving a balance of \$1,721.25 due. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the additional amount of \$1,721.25 for the repairs on the 770 road grader. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman also reported that the #8 grader has also been repaired, but he has not received the invoice on it yet. Chrisman also told commissioners that June 14<sup>th</sup>, Hamilton High School seniors are holding a farm to table event and has requested to close down a block of Main Street, as that portion is maintained by the county. The commissioners approved the closing. Chrisman relayed he had talked to Mr. Crique regarding the wingwall project, on the bridge, located north of 200<sup>th</sup> on FF Road. Crique told Chrisman that on the demolition they will add another \$2,000 for relocation. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if he had talked to Francis Chaplin about the bridge projects located on CC50 Rd at 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup>. Chrisman said he talked to him the other day, but Francis, was busy and couldn't talk, so Chrisman would contact him again. Chrisman said he contacted engineer Michael Maris last week and he is going to call sometime today to confirm when he is coming this week. Maris is going to help fill out the application with the corp. for the bridges. Chrisman told commissioners they have been working on roads that are washed across and low water bridges and hauling debris off of the front of them. Chrisman updated commissioners on several of the bridges after the recent flooding. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman to look at a few bridges down by Daryl Lewis and the old Lilley place, when he gets a chance. Commissioner Hodge also mentioned several other places and culverts. Commissioner Fox reported that on 365<sup>th</sup> Road there are several potholes that need repaired. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie updated commissioners on the sign project on the northwest portion. Woodie relayed she received a letter of interest from Kirkham Michael, but it's not a bid yet. Woodie also presented an employee status change for Daniel Knox, as he has passed the 90 day mark. Commissioner Fox made a motion to move Daniel Knox from Tier II to Tier III and change his rate of pay from \$13.79 to \$14.30 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie presented two documents from Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson. The first was Resolution EP 19-03 (A local State of Disaster), Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution EP 19-03. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The second was an adoption of the Homeland Security, Region H, Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the adoption of the Homeland Security, Region H, Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kyle Rockhill, owner of Rock's 54 asked permission to use the courthouse lawn for inflatables for Eureka Days, held June 1<sup>st</sup>. Rockhill sponsored the inflatables last year and plans to do the same this year, as well. Commissioners approved the request.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented an invoice from Everitt Concrete, in the amount of \$3,011.00, for the concrete pad by Noxious Weeds and by the gas pumps at the Road and Bridge Department. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve paying the invoice in the amount of \$3,011.00 for the concrete pad. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Tri-Corner, dated 5-16-2019. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners signed the Greenwood County Code and Health and Welfare, as approved last week, with corrections. Commissioner Spradlin asked for several paper copies of the code to have them available for people that may have questions. Commissioner Hodge asked for clarification about the minimum number of people required to make a complaint, as he was concerned if it only took one person, they could make frivolous complaints. County Counselor Paul Dean explained that it only takes one person to initiate the process of investigation, as there may be a case where there might be only two residents within the 100 yard stipulation of each other. Dean added that a complaint only means the next step is to investigate and determine if there actually is a violation.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve amended payables in the amount of \$5,401.99. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox reported he sold the software he had incorrectly ordered, for the county, on eBay for \$265 of the \$325 purchase price. Fox added the county was able to purchase the correct software for under the retail price.

Commissioner Hodge reported that the Kingsley Property, an ongoing fence issue off of US400 is still not resolved. Hodge was told by both parties there is an old road that was used 30-40 years ago and is overgrown. The landowners would like to vacate the road and build a new fence down the middle. County Counselor Paul Dean explained that the next step would be for one of the parties to sign a petition to close the road. Once a petition is filed, a road inspection by the commissioners will be scheduled.

Two concerned Reece residents attended the meeting to complain about the condition of the Reece Road. They said it has been ignored and is in deteriorating shape. There was some discussion regarding the

road and commissioners and Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman explained that when the weather dries up the plan is to double chip/seal the road. The residents were also concerned about the ditches in Reece, as they are holding water. Commissioners referred them to their Township board regarding the ditches. There was some discussion on lack of funding for Townships, and need for more. Chrisman said he would go look at Reece Road as they are trying to work on priority road issues now, after the flooding.

Concerned citizen Doug Mitchell attended the meeting and expressed concerns about Christian Hills Bridge. Commissioner Spradlin told Mitchell that the county has the bridge at the top of the priority list and they are waiting to hear back from the state about their grant applications.

Sheriff Heath Samuels reported that Jail Administrator Tony Bauer recently graduated with a criminal justice degree. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a .25 cent per hour raise bringing his wage to \$15.96 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee verification for a full-time deputy, Jim Cude, starting at the end of the month at \$14.50 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey reported they are going to start four daily backups to an offsite location in Iola, at a cost of \$480 per year, which she explained was less expensive than a previous quote she had received. Ramsey relayed that in the event of another tornado, her office could be operational at another location within hours if needed. Also there will be three new server stations in her office. Commissioner Fox commented all the other offices should be doing offsite backups at least once a week. Ramsey also inquired about a timeline on the Re Envision process on establishing a new commission and asked if they were planning on a meeting for them to get together again to discuss the arrangements. Commissioner Spradlin said there wasn't a specific timeline yet, and Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley is gathering information.

County Clerk Kathy Robison reported AT & T does not provide contracts any longer for accounts with under 20 lines. The actual courthouse lines are Internet Voice Over lines, however the outlying departments, such as the Sheriff's Office, Health Department, Road and Bridge and Noxious Weeds, still utilize land lines. Commissioner Fox is working on other alternatives that would be more cost effective.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

May 20th – Next Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.  
May 23rd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital  
May 27<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of Memorial Day  
May 28<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

C. Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
May 20, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve May 13, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners that he met with engineer Michael Maris last Tuesday about the bridges on 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> and was told the low water crossings are doable but on 60<sup>th</sup> it needs to be built up, to keep it from washing from one side to the other. Maris said he will draw up a plan. There was some discussion about this being turned in on the first FEMA event, but we haven't heard anything yet. Also the mitigation grant was mentioned as a possibility for funding. Chrisman also reported he was with KDEM Thursday, and they are hoping they will talk with FEMA about not putting an end date on the last event, due to the current weather the county is still incurring damages from. Commissioner Fox asked if KDEM has decided on the status of the bridge on 100<sup>th</sup> Street. Chrisman said that KDEM told him that they feel FEMA will help with the project, but it's not etched in stone. Chrisman discussed some of the bridges that are currently under water. Chrisman reported that on their Federal Exchange Funds they are at \$90,000. It has mostly been used for contractors and demolition expenses. Chrisman also mentioned that if FEMA doesn't help with the bridge north of Quincy they could use Federal Exchange Funds. Chrisman told commissioners he has the bill on Truck #8 that has been at the shop. The total amount to fix the truck is \$4,305.79. The rear-end was out in the truck. Chrisman also informed commissioners that they got some asphalt patched. Commissioner Hodge mentioned that he noticed there was some gravel done at Christian Hills area.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Several representatives from Salt Springs Township were present. There was a discussion regarding current business practice, etc. Commissioner Spradlin suggested they need to have meetings. County Counselor Paul Dean told them they need to hold an "open meeting" one time a month.

County Counselor Paul Dean mentioned that during the Brown/Daley trial, regarding a road in Salt Springs, in Section 15 & 16, there were references that (1.) it was a public road, (2.) that blading was being done, on what was thought at the time to be a private road, by the township operator "as a courtesy" to local farmers. Dean emphasized that we do not do blading "as a courtesy" to local farmers, they should only be blading public roads.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$143,959.22. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$98,523.69. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ty Wheeler with Kansas Legal Services presented a 2020 budget request for \$3,000, same as the 2019 budget request.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson presented a disaster declaration (EP19-04) for signature, in preparation for more flooding this week, as the state likes to have the declarations as soon as possible.

Commissioner Fox revisited the AT & T phone bill situation. County Clerk Kathy Robison recently presented phone invoices to the commissioners that had shown the phone lines that were once \$27 per line are now over \$100 per line. Most of the courthouse uses an internet/voice-over phone service, except for Road and Bridge, Ambulance, Fire Department, Health Department, Noxious Weed, and Sheriff Department. Those are the departments that are effected when the contract recently expired. Commissioner Fox suggested running a short haul radio to connect the courthouse to Road and Bridge and burying a line to EMS and the fire station, allowing those buildings to connect to the courthouse's fiber optic internet, therefore allowing voice-over phones instead of landlines. Commissioner Fox located a 170' tower, from Baldwin City, on Purple Wave auction they could use. The bid on Monday was \$10 and the auction closes June 5<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Fox said he will continue to research options.

Commissioner Fox also mentioned he spoke to Emprise Bank, in Eureka, about using the south part of their building for a potential KSU Research and Extension Office. He was told the furnace in that part of the building is not functioning. Commissioner Fox thought maybe the county could help fix/replace the furnace and rent the space. Commissioner Fox said he plans to follow up.

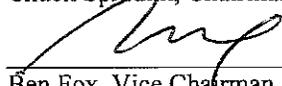
Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson relayed the 402 Class for elected officials will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Eureka Public Library. Vinson told commissioners he was considering inviting the potential commissioners in the upcoming election, as there will not be another training like this for awhile. The commissioners thought it was a good idea.

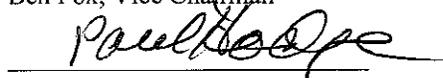
At 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

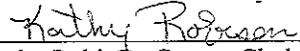
Calendar:

May 23rd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital  
May 27<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of Memorial Day  
May 28<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
May 28, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve May 20, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman said that a bridge on 360<sup>th</sup> between Q and R is closed; bridge at the Landfill is closed, so the Landfill is closed indefinitely; and a bridge on L between 180 and 200 is closed indefinitely. Road and Bridge has a fence out. Chrisman reported that Truck 5 is going back to McPherson for repairs and that Truck 2 is temporarily down. Chrisman said he is checking on a box culvert for 360<sup>th</sup>. There was some discussion on a Federal Highway program that may assist on help with paying for the box culvert. The project must exceed \$5,000, then it will help pay a percentage of the project.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$837.52. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to extend the disaster declaration EP19-04, that was signed last week, due to the flooding in Greenwood County. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson reported that nine volunteer Fire Departments, several sheriff's officers, wildlife parks, KDOT, and several other people were out at sunset Friday night, to put barricades out on all of the roads. Sheriff Samuels relayed there were not enough barricades, as some were lost in a storm a couple of weeks ago and have not been replaced yet. Samuels expressed frustration as the officers had to use patrol cars to barricade some of the bad roads, and they were unable to ticket some of the people that drove through dangerous waters, as there was no barricade across the road.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson mentioned there may be complaints over the county's decision to evacuate Fall River because of the releasing of water at the dam. Vinson explained that when he was contacted by the Corp. of Engineers regarding the amount of water that was to be released, he contacted a hydrologist, who told him that the houses immediately below the dam would be flooded. Vinson also asked about the City of Fall River and the hydrologist said that they did not know. With that information, it was decided to evacuate. The water got within twenty feet of structures, but Vinson said now knowing how much water was released and how close the water got will help them gauge future evacuation situations.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson told commissioners he would like to start looking at the possibility of an Emergency Operation Center (EOC). Vinson said after the two tornadoes and several storms he has thought the county would benefit from one centralized location to manage incidents, including technology availability, communications, housing accommodations for visiting emergency personnel and parking provisions. Several locations around Eureka were discussed, however no decisions were made at this time.

County Fire Chief Doug Williams asked Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson to request an additional camera for the county's drone, as the large one they currently have has infrared technology, but the zooming quality is too weak. It is unable to distinguish between a human or wildlife. After some discussion regarding the use of the drone, by many different departments, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of an add-on camera unit with 30X zoom capability, in the amount of \$2,999. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson noted that all townships in the county are participants in the FEMA reimbursement process, except for Lane and Salem. Vinson noted he has not been able to contact anyone in Salem, however, in the past they have chosen not to participate.

A group of representatives from the local Greenwood County Extension Council and other interested parties approached commissioners regarding their interest to join the Rolling Prairie District, comprised of Elk and Chautauqua Counties to form a three-county extension district. Those present were Jannette Luthi, local Extension Council; Greg Davis, on the local Extension Council and the State Extension Advisory Council; Arlene Edwards, and Joni Booth, from the local Extension Council; Jim Lindquist, K-State Extension Specialist; Shari Kaminska, Elk County Commissioner; Jamie McNutt, Southeast Kansas Extension; Lindsay Shorter and Jane Whitson, Greenwood County Extension Agents. Some points brought up by the representatives for investing in becoming a three-county extension district were joining resources with other counties and providing other services, as we would be moving from two agents to four. The group urged the commissioners to sign a resolution to move forward with the districting immediately. Commissioners were hesitant, as they explained it would raise the taxes and they all agreed they felt that decision should be left to the voters. There was some discussion regarding the taxing and procedures, between the group and commissioners, however, the commissioners told them they were generally in favor of the districting, but still felt it should be a decision for the voters of Greenwood County. County Counselor Paul Dean will draft a resolution to add a question to the upcoming November election regarding a three-county extension.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey had planned to use her tech funds to purchase the new computers and server she recently needed to update in her office, but asked permission to use equipment reserve money instead for those purchases so she can use tech funds to digitize and microfilm records. Also she would like to use equipment reserve funds to purchase a new copy machine, as hers is outdated. The commissioners gave her approval with all of those requests.

Appraiser Jami Clark asked about the status of Re Envision, the consulting company, hired for the new commission room project. Commissioner Spradlin asked if anyone had heard from them and said that Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley was supposed to be meeting with them. Clark also reported that we are having trouble with the internet. Commissioner Fox said he would examine everything after the meeting. Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley joined the meeting and reported that the Re Envision consultant said he had not received the email, but he would like to have a conference call next Monday with the commissioners and Findley for some ideas.

Sheriff Samuels asked commissioners if, due to the shortage of barricades, they would authorize the purchase of wood and supplies from the Road and Bridge budget and he would have the inmate work crew build them so there were more for the next emergency. The commissioners approved the request.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel with County Counselor Paul Dean for employee performance. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

Emergency Preparedness Director Levi Vinson said he has been talking to Sheriff Samuels and Undersheriff Cox and they would like to create a network of weather stations and have them throughout the county so everyone will know what's going on. Vinson is looking at information on different packages, you can find a good one for around \$200, but you must have wi-fi. Vinson will present more information at a later time.

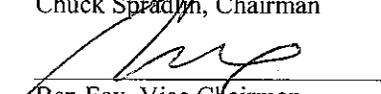
At 11:12 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

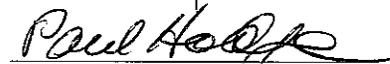
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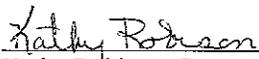
June 3rd – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

June 27th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
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Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Special Meeting  
May 30, 2019

Commissioner Spradlin opened the special meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Those present were Chairman Chuck Spradlin, Vice-Chairman Ben Fox, Member Paul Hodge, and County Clerk Kathy Robison, Jen Thomsen, Eureka Herald, and several Department Heads.

County Clerk Kathy Robison told commissioners she checked on the status of the Kansas Legal Services distribution for last year, as Ty Wheeler was here last week with their budget request and mentioned they had not received the payment. Robison explained we had not paid last year's distribution, but we had not received a request from them to make the distribution, for the funds. Robison asked if the 2018 funds should be distributed since the auditor has been here and the 2018 books have been closed. The commissioners thought it probably wasn't supposed to be paid after the books are closed, but suggested conferring with County Counselor Paul Dean.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for employee evaluation. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decisions were made, Commissioner Spradlin said it was an "information only" session.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion for a 20 minute executive session for personnel employee evaluation with Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrell Chrisman, Road and Bridge Office Manager Janet Turner, Undersheriff Randy Cox, and Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 15 minutes was added to the executive session. Another additional 15 minutes was added to the executive session.

After returning from the executive session, Commissioner Spradlin said, "There was a lot of discussion about employee performance at all levels and we have some solid ideas that Darrel is going to be considering and we made no decisions."

There was also some discussion on using contractors to bid major jobs, or use them in emergency events.

Commissioner Fox mentioned that Re Envision would like to do a video-conference, Monday at 11:00 a.m., as a preliminary to discuss ideas.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

June 3rd – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

June 27th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
June 3, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve May 28, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve May 30, 2019 special minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman presented estimates on low-water crossings for two bridges located 60<sup>th</sup> street, west of J Road, in the amount of \$97,340.00 and 60<sup>th</sup> street, east of G Road, in the amount of \$46,920.00. Still no estimate for 70<sup>th</sup> street at this time. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman the status on the permits for the bridges. Chrisman relayed that he hasn't heard anything from the Corps of Engineers yet. There was some discussion on FEMA funding possibly helping with the projects. Road closed signs have been posted. Going to 180<sup>th</sup> & L and taking the little horns out and putting bigger horns in. Chrisman told commissioners that Zach Marshall is working on the Landfill Bridge and hopefully it will be back open Wednesday. Reported they are working on tin horns on GG and 190<sup>th</sup>. Chrisman reported that they did receive \$90,000 in Federal Exchange Funds last Thursday. Office Manager Janet Turner asked what account the commissioners would like the funds to be deposited in. Commissioners recommended Special Highway for future chip/seal projects.

Commissioner Spradlin made a 10 minute executive session for personnel employee performance with Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman, Road and Bridge Office Manager Janet Turner, and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Spradlin announced there has been some discussion about the need to create a new position to assist Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman, due to massive amount of flood damaged roads and bridges. Commissioner Spradlin pointed out that having an assistant supervisor will free Chrisman up to handle FEMA issues and management duties. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve promoting James Dakota Chamberlain from Equipment Operator to Assistant Road and Bridge Supervisor. Chamberlain's rate of pay will be \$15.80 per hour effective 06/09/2019. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor reported that Kenworth is bringing a 2014 10-speed automatic truck, with high mileage, to look at tomorrow.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$163,093.68. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$98,183.03. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to appoint Dale Kirkham to the Greenwood County Zoning Board. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Salt Springs Treasurer Lloyd Newkirk and road grader Harold Sullens were in attendance. Commissioner Hodge explained that the township now has two part-time road graders and not enough work for both of them. Commissioner Hodge wondered the possibility of having them grade some of the county roads within Salt Springs township, as there are 26 county miles and 35 township miles in the area. Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman said he would consider it but he needs to do some research. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson mentioned that he would recommend, if they do this, to have them grade on only RS (Rural Secondary) roads because FEMA would likely not reimburse us, during an event, if the county road was not maintained by the Road and Bridge Department. Vinson said the RS roads cannot be claimed on FEMA events, so they would be okay, to be maintained by the township graders. Road and Bridge Office Manager Janet Turner said that KDOT provides funding for RS roads, so it may be the same case. Vinson said he would do some checking.

Joe O'Rourke and Tara Cunningham with New Beginnings presented their 2020 budget request of \$28,000 which is the same as last year's request. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> New Beginning will be merging with Tri Valley. They will remain in the same building and offer the same services. O'Rourke also mentioned they still need one or two board members from Greenwood County.

Undersheriff Randy Cox told commissioners the handler for the second K9 for the county is at training this week and as long as the bonding process is successful, they will need to pay the second half of the payment for the dog. The original purchase price was \$6,800, so the second half due, is \$3,400. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve making a payment out of Sheriff Department Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$3,400 for the second half payment for the K9. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau told commissioners the DKXL race came through the county and he added extra staffing on call, but everything went well. Mongeau also reported that Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley has been out at the Ambulance barn doing some repairs and installing door seals. Mongeau remarked he would like to get some new carpet, as their's was ruined during the last storm. Undersheriff Randy Cox remarked they had water damage from a leaking window. Mongeau also said he would like to replace a 19 year old ambulance, that is the oldest in the fleet, and is currently stationed in the southern part of the county. Mongeau mentioned the ambulance before this last one was purchased by borrowing the money from the county and making payments to repay it. Mongeau noted that after this one was replaced, the rest of the ambulances were new enough and in good enough condition that they could re-use the boxes and mount them on new trucks when it came time to replace them. Mongeau also asked about progress with the work on the Madison communications tower that had been obtained from Mediacom. Mongeau said that in the last discussion with commissioners, they had asked him to get bids from companies other than the company that had done all the county's tower needs for

many years. Mongeau said he would like to stick with Hayden Tower, as they are reputable and dependable. Commissioner Fox asked County Counselor Paul Dean if they were required to get bids on a project such as this. Dean replied no, not for services. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel for employee performance with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson told commissioners that, in the past, Salt Springs has helped spreading rock, as a "favor". However, when Road and Bridge is overwhelmed, like with the current flooding events, FEMA will reimburse the county if they need to pay someone contract labor as long as it is over \$5,000. Vinson had talked to Salt Springs about invoicing the county for the services they have provided, so the township can be reimbursed by FEMA.

At 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There will be a meeting at the Road and Bridge office between the Commissioners and Waylon Arndt with Re Envision via telecomm equipment at 11:00 a.m. regarding developing plans for the new commission room.

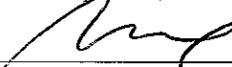
Calendar:

June 10th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

June 27th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital



Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

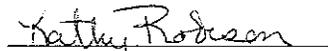


Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:

  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Work Session  
June 3, 2019

Commissioner Spradlin opened the work session at 11:00 a.m. at Road and Bridge, via telecomm equipment with Waylon Arndt with Re Envision in Kansas City, MO.

Those present were Chairman Chuck Spradlin, Vice-Chairman Ben Fox, Member Paul Hodge, County Clerk Kathy Robison, County Counselor Paul Dean, Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley, Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson, Madison News Tammy Seimears.

The meeting was the first part of developing plans for the new meeting room that will be used by commissions for their weekly meetings. Commissioners reviewed items they wanted to see in the room, including furniture needs, audio/video equipment and emergency exit requirements.

The worksession ended around 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Meeting  
June 10, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Commission Meeting Minutes

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman asked commissioners if they had made a decision on the annual bridge report inspection that Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie had sent them. Commissioner Spradlin said they received the inspections and two bids to do the annual bridge inspections. One bid was from Michael Maris, in the amount of \$15,311; the second was from Kirkham Michael, in the amount of \$18,655. Commissioner Fox made a motion to accept the bid from Michael Maris, in the amount of \$15,311. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman also shared a quote for the bridge on 360<sup>th</sup> between R & L, north of 180, 185<sup>th</sup>. The quote is for the box and the gaskets, but does not include installation. Chrisman is going to contact a couple of other companies for bids. Chrisman reported they have been working on washouts on bridges; the wingwall project on FF Road may be on hold for a couple of months, as the contractor is very busy; Truck 5 needs a repair that is not a warrantable item; the landfill is open; talking to contractors to get flat rate per ton, he has heard back from a few of them. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if he's needed any help with cleanup. Chrisman told them he has used Zach Marshall to work on a few bridges and tin horns. Commissioner Spradlin asked Chrisman and Emergency Management Director what we do in the county for flood plain maps or knowing where the flood plains are? Chrisman said he hasn't been privy to it. Vinson said Greenwood County has not been mapped for flood plains. Commissioner Spradlin said that due to building permits, they have to look at land and assess if it's in a flood plain, for building, sometimes it's fairly obvious, but there's times it is not (when property is next to creeks, etc.). Vinson said FEMA is in the process of starting creating flood plain mapping for several counties, including Greenwood. Commissioner Spradlin asked him to follow-up with them and see where they are with the process. Commissioner Spradlin told Chrisman they have discussed what's been going on at Road and Bridge and they are pleased with the results. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to increase Chrisman's pay by \$3,000. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman told commissioners that he is looking at a couple of trucks right now. Chrisman thanked the commissioners.

Ann Carpenter, Director of Juvenile Services, presented Resolution 19-04, and an Interlocal Agreement between Butler, Elk and Greenwood Counties. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 19-04. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioners reviewed the May Fee Report.

Citizen Shawn Borst told commissioners about a ditching problem on G Road north of 110<sup>th</sup> Street, which leads to his pasture. Borst said the road is impassible, even on a four-wheeler. Commissioners said they would let Road and Bridge know.

A zoning meeting was held June 5, 2019 for AT & T to place a tower on the east edge of Reece. The Greenwood County Zoning board met to determine whether to let it pass, however, two citizens showed up with questions, and the AT & T contact was unavailable by phone, so the meeting has been rescheduled.

Kailey Fitzmorris, Treasurer for the Extension Council, presented their 2020 budget request in the amount of \$116,000.00. The same amount as last year's request. Commissioner Fox asked for clarification on the state statute regarding the proposed district, as currently the county is statutorily required to provide a location for the Extension Office but if the counties were to create a district, they would no longer be required to provide housing for the office. The board members present confirmed this information. Two weeks ago the Extension Board had discussed the commissioners signing a resolution to district with Elk and Chautauqua counties. The commissioners decided it would be best to place a question on the November ballot and let the voters decide. Jannette Luthi presented copies of the state statute regarding the proposed districting procedures to commissioners and noted that she wanted to clarify the procedural timing of implementing the proposed district. Luthi explained the process, and said if it doesn't pass they would have to wait until the next election after November, which would be August. The commissioners decided to stay with their earlier decision to allow the public to decide, as districting will create a new tax entity.

Later in the meeting, the districting conversation came up again. County Counselor Paul Dean asked the commissioners if they wanted the fact that the new district would create a separate taxing entity included in the question on the ballot. The commissioners said they thought voters should know and have the chance to decide. Dean also reviewed the state statute regarding a mill levy cap if the district is formed.

Alan Johnson with the 4H Foundation presented their 2020 budget request in the amount of \$13,750. Same as last year.

Sheriff Heath Samuels relayed that they had a jail inmate death Friday and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation was working the case. Samuels told commissioners he didn't see any issues.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey asked commissioners about the progress on planning the new commissioner room, and if there was a budget set for the project yet. Commissioner Spradlin replied they were still in the beginning stages of planning and didn't have any figures at this time. Ramsey mentioned other areas in the courthouse that need upgrading with carpeting and painting. Commissioner Spradlin commented he would like to see a list of needs presented, as he had not heard from any department heads on any other upgrade issues.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau talked to the commissioners about the AT&T phone bill, as the monthly bill has skyrocketed since AT & T does not provide contracts any longer for accounts with under 20 lines. Also the Outlying departments effected such as the Sheriff's Office, Health Department, Road and Bridge and Noxious Weeds still utilize land lines, where the courthouse has Internet Voice Over lines. The current bill from EMS and Road and Bridge totaled \$895. Mongeau shared if something isn't done soon, they may be forced to cancel the land line and just use cell phones. How to handle faxes would still be a problem. Commissioner Fox told Mongeau he had been corresponding with AT & T about the situation, but "We're at the low end of the food chain and they don't care." Commissioner Fox is also looking into alternative phone plans.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to appoint Don Haun to serve as Salt Springs Township Clerk. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

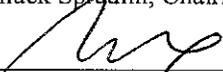
At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

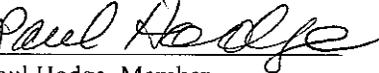
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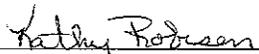
June 17th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

June 27th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
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Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
June 17, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve June 3, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve June 3, 2019 work session minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported he has several calls in to contractors regarding putting the concrete boxes in; still looking for box bids; found 70 plastic barricades on PurpleWave with lights, last time he checked the bid was \$1,450. Chrisman said buying them new would cost close to \$12,000. Chrisman is also getting quotes on grader tires; told commissioners that July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. there will be an on-site field check on the Bitler Bridge and Chrisman and a commissioner need to be present. Commissioner Spradlin said he originally had planned on being there, but will not be able to attend so Commissioner Hodge will go instead. Chrisman relayed they are still working on bridges and roads, but hopefully next week at this time, they will have all of the low-water crossings done.

Harold Engle, who owns property by the bridge, near 360<sup>th</sup>, which washed out in the flooding event last month, was present at the meeting to discuss the need for the bridge's replacement. He shared there are four families that live west of it. Engle created a temporary bypass around the bridge, but it will not hold long. The commissioners asked Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman what he thought about that. Chrisman said he has contacted several contractors, but has not heard back from them. One that he did talk to will not be able to look at it for two weeks. The commissioners encouraged Engle to stay in touch with Chrisman about the progress of the project. Boxes take 2-4 weeks and so far, we only have one bid. Commissioner Fox asked if that is one of the bridges that FEMA may help us on. The 360<sup>th</sup> bridge will not be on this event, but the L Road will. Chrisman remarked they are still cataloging items from the October event.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve special payables, dated June 17, 2019, in the amount of \$10,926.93. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$233,744.34. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$103,118.74. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kenneth Stener asked the commissioners permission to close one block of 131<sup>st</sup> street in Reece for a Fourth of July party from 1 p.m. to 12 a.m. The commissioners gave their approval.

Appraiser Jami Clark presented a bid from R & S Digital for Response Books that are used by the Fire, Ambulance, and Sheriff Departments to locate addresses since switching to E911. The current books we have are outdated. The bid on the books would be \$2,500, but with maintenance, it is \$3,100, with a \$600 per year charge. Clark suggested the maintenance to start out with, and then maybe someone local, could learn how to maintain it. Undersheriff Cox asked Clark if she was going to have it linked with the Sheriff's Office program, so dispatch can tell them what page to turn to for directions. After some discussion Clark said she thought that was a feature that was offered and she would check on that. She also said the main issue is to make sure everyone is trained on how to use the books properly. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve that Appraiser Jami Clark move forward with the bid from R & S Digital to revise the Response Books in the amount of \$3,100. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds will come from the Appraiser Equipment Reserve Account.

Amanda Cunningham, Crosswinds CEO, presented their 2020 budget request in the amount of \$46,000. Their 2019 budget request was \$41,000.

Keila Sherman and Luke Westerman, with Greenwood County Conservation District, presented their 2020 budget request in the amount of \$25,000. Their 2019 budget request was \$18,000.

Linda Snyder and Nancy Mock presented the 2020 budget request for the Council on Aging in the amount of \$120,504. In 2019 their budget request was \$89,461.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel to review employment applications with Appraiser Jami Clark and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

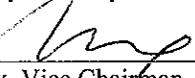
At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

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

June 27th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
June 24, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve June 10, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve June 17, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported he got a second bid on the boxes that was a bit higher, \$12,834 higher, than the other bid. They discussed contractors and equipment that will be needed to unload and set the boxes. Commissioners discussed ordering the boxes now to get started on the project. The first bid was \$31,946.25, plus shipping. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Wichita Concrete Pipe bid in the amount of \$31,946.25. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman relayed that the truck at McPherson is done and the cost is \$2,856.05. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the repair of the truck at McPherson in the amount of \$2,856.05. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman announced that Greenwood County did win the barricade bid on Purple Wave in the amount of \$2,530. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the purchase of 70 barricades on Purple Wave in the amount of \$2,530. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman told commissioners that they are dealing with typical washouts and the landfill will be temporarily closed until they can get the road repaired. Chrisman discussed wanting to get some help with working on approaches on bridges and low water crossings. Commissioner Hodge told Chrisman that he would like to make a suggestion. He told Chrisman the area of 90<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Streets and M and P Roads should be maintained by the county, as the county trucks use those roads most of the time. Chrisman said they try to get out there and grade the roads some. Commissioner Hodge mentioned a road in Piedmont that needs a tinnhorn replaced. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie presented an employee verification to hire Daniel Butler at the Landfill at \$13.79 per hour, starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the employee verification. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman mentioned eventually they would like to make Recycling and Landfill one position and then the person in that position now could drive a truck or grader, as he has a CDL. There was a discussion about the current recycling trailer and truck and the need for new ones. Chrisman is currently looking for replacements.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve special payables, dated June 24, 2019, in the amount of \$140.11. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox talked about a proposed solution for the internet situation out at Road and Bridge, Ambulance, and Noxious Weed Departments. The proposal is to bury a fiber optic line between Road and Bridge and Noxious Weed to connect them for internet service through Mediacom. The cost for equipment and installation will approximately be \$1,024.96 and the monthly charge will be \$139.95, for the first year. The contract period is for three years. Commissioner Fox said the best place to install the connection would be in the Ambulance building, which is linked to Road and Bridge and Noxious Weed already. Commissioner Fox also updated everyone on the AT & T phone bill situation. The contact he had been working with is no longer with the company, but he has a new contact. Also the amount per line has been lowered to \$55 per line. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to proceed with Mediacom for internet service for Road and Bridge/Ambulance/Noxious Weed. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Catherine Cash attended the meeting and told commissioners that a road grader had left a really big wind strip on P Road and knocked a really big rock up on the road that damaged her car. Cash said she talked to office staff at Road and Bridge Department and they turned a claim in to the county's insurance company, but it was denied because she drove across the wind strip on a road that was being maintained. County Counselor Paul Dean explained that the county's insurance company is really for the county's liability claims, and he doesn't know enough about her claim.

Court Administrator Hugh Zavadil, District Court Clerk Tami Evenson, and Chief Judge David Ricke presented the Court Services 2020 budget request in the amount of \$106,050, the same amount as the 2019 budget request.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau introduced Tommy Lewis with Hayden Tower Services in regards to the Madison Tower. Lewis relayed that the first two projects will involve inspecting the tower's six anchors and completing tower mapping and a structural analysis. After some discussion about the benefits of owning the tower, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve proceeding with the project on the Madison Tower with Hayden Tower Services in the amount of \$14,350. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson presented his 2020 Emergency Management budget request in the amount of \$92,754, a \$5,000 increase from the 2019 budget request. 2020 Noxious Weed Budget request in the amount of \$158,990, a \$10,000 increase from the 2019 budget request. 2020 Household Hazardous Waste budget request in the amount of \$18,000, same as 2019 last year. Vinson also informed commissioners that President Donald Trump declared the recent flooding events throughout Kansas to be a national disaster. The incident period began April 28 and does not currently have an end-date. The declaration includes 53 counties in

Kansas and those counties can begin submitting claims for reimbursement. Vinson plans to continue working with KDEM and various municipalities in the county to prepare the claims.

Mary Harrison with the Health Department presented the 2020 budget request in the amount of \$298,450, an increase of \$16,000 from 2019 budget request.

Sheriff Samuels said there will be a sale coming up on Purple Wave and it closes July 29<sup>th</sup>.

County Counselor Paul Dean presented Resolution 19-05 (Advisory Question, to be placed on the November 2019 ballot, in regard to Greenwood County Extension joining the Rolling Prairie Extension District), for their review, before presenting it to the Extension Office.

At 10:34 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to recess until Re Envision arrives with plans to review, for the possibility of a new commission room. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

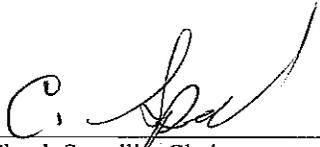
At 11:05 a.m. commissioners reconvened to meet with Re Envision consultants in the Extension Office to review the plans and discuss ideas for a new commission/ meeting room.

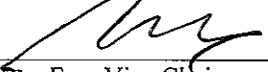
At 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

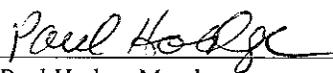
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June 27<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital  
July 1<sup>st</sup> – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.  
July 4<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of Independence Day

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
July 1, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve June 24, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve and sign Resolution 19-05 (Advisory Question, to be placed on the November 2019 ballot, in regard to Greenwood County Extension joining the Rolling Prairie Extension District). Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No weekly Treasurer's Report.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported he has a bid from Leiser Construction for the box bridge project, however, he doesn't have bids from McPherson yet. Engineer Michael Maris is going to be here today to discuss the project. There was some discussion about how to prepare, set, and if the box needs a heading and wing walls. Chrisman also reported he is expecting to receive a couple of more bids. Chrisman told commissioners they are still working on washouts; they will be shutting down Rock Creek Cove to replace the road tomorrow and Truck 5 is back in the shop. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie told commissioners that it's time for the Off-System Bridge Grants again. Woodie mentioned that we received the grant last time for the Bitler Bridge so it will be pretty unlikely we will get it this time. Woodie reviewed the list with Engineer Michael Maris, who selected a couple of bridges, he thought should be on the application. Woodie presented a cost-estimate worksheet for the signing project in the north part of the county comparing hours, "KDOT says it will take 592 hours", "Kirkham Michael, says they will complete it in 522 hours". Woodie also relayed that there will be a field check coming up for the southwest portion of the signing project that will be coming up July 21<sup>st</sup> or August 1<sup>st</sup>, and commissioners are welcome to attend if they want, but they are not required. There will be a field check July 19<sup>th</sup> at Bitler Bridge @ 9 a.m., X Road north of 190th. Commissioner Hodge asked the status of 100<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Woodie said they are going to be discussing that with Engineer Maris, as well, and are getting ready to begin collecting bids for the project. Woodie reported that she has been working on October FEMA event.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$184,631.81. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$97,197.67. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel to discuss "potential new hires" with Appraiser Jami Clark and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the session. An additional 5 minutes was added to the session.

No decision was made.

County Attorney Joe Lee presented the Attorney Office's 2020 budget request in the amount of \$245,190.50. Their 2019 budget request was \$199,606.

Connie Cahoone, Tina Rae Scott, and Tiffany Lazar presented the 2020 SOS budget request in the amount of \$4,000. Their 2019 budget request was \$3,150.

County Appraiser Jami Clark presented the Appraiser's 2020 budget request in the amount of \$347,599. Their 2019 budget request was \$322,104.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session for personnel with Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley and County Counselor Paul Dean for Employee Evaluation.

No decision was made.

At 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners adjourned for a work session regarding the Greenwood County Health and Welfare Code. The work session ended at 10:47 a.m.

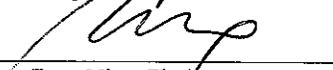
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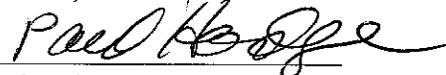
July 4<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of Independence Day

July 8<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

July 25<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
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Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
July 8, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve July 1, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Heath Samuels mentioned the increases in budget amounts and how departments figure insurance for employees. There was a brief discussion on the subject, and the commissioners said that was something to consider.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman presented two bids. (1.) Larcom & Sons, in the amount of \$32,500 for concrete box installations on L Rd, south of 200<sup>th</sup> Street and 360<sup>th</sup> Street between Q Rd and R Rd, includes headers and wingwalls. (2.) Coffman Construction, in the amount of \$17,500 for concrete box installation, on 360<sup>th</sup> Street between Q Rd and R Rd, not sure if this bid includes headers. Chrisman reported that Ladd Bridge is still under water. Also north off of 54 is still under water. Chrisman reported that crews are still fixing washouts; looking at getting bids on grader tires, but don't have final numbers yet. County Counselor Paul Dean asked Chrisman if Engineer Michael Maris has given him any description on how the header is to be installed. Chrisman told Dean not at this point. Dean suggested we get a description from him. Chrisman said he would be talking to him next week, as he will be doing bridge inspections. Chrisman also told commissioners they are fixing the Landfill bridge.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a CMB License for the Eureka Pro Rodeo. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve an employment verification for Jared Helkenberg as a Data Collector for the Appraiser's Office at \$15.00 per hour, starting July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox presented an agreement from Mediacom to provide internet service to Road and Bridge, Ambulance, and the Noxious Weed Departments. The site that it will be connected from will be the Ambulance Department, which is linked to Road and Bridge, and the plan is to bury a fiber optic line from Road and Bridge to Noxious Weed. The agreement lists Greenwood County Ambulance Services as the Customer, but has Commissioner, Chuck Spradlin, listed for signature. Commissioner Fox asked County Counselor Paul Dean if Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau needed to be on the agreement, as well. Dean agreed, as he explained it's good practice to have more than one person on agreements like these, in case someone leaves. Commissioner Fox also mentioned that there is a 30 day satisfaction period in the agreement, if we do not approve of the service, we can get out of the agreement in the first 30 days.

Commissioners viewed weekly Treasurers Report.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau presented the 2020 EMS budget request in the amount of \$575,591. The 2019 budget request was \$560,521.

Fire Chief Doug Williams presented the 2020 Fire Department budget in the amount of \$254,914. The 2019 budget request was \$244,943.

**Road and Bridge** Office Professional Janet Turner presented the 2020 budget request in the amount of \$2,309,388.31; 2019 request was \$2,108,346.46. **Solid Waste** 2020 budget request in the amount of \$57,158.24; 2019 budget request was \$49,335.18. **Recycling** 2020 budget request in the amount of \$53,383.24; 2019 request was \$46,290.18. **Special Bridge** 2020 budget request in the amount of \$164,500; 2019 request was \$152,500.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for employee specific performance with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioners received a request for consent to assign Tower Sublease Agreement from Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to American Towers LLC. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the assignment of the Agreement from Pioneer to American Towers LLC. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

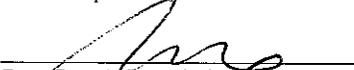
At 10:37 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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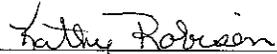
July 15th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

July 25th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
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Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
July 15, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve July 8, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they still need bids on the landfill. Chrisman discussed information he learned from Engineer Michael Maris about the headers and concrete box bridges. Chrisman reported he found a 2011 Ford F3350 with about 80,000 miles as a potential recycle truck for sale. He also found a 2006 dump truck on Purple Wave. Also the Bitler Bridge site viewing has been changed to July 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Hodge asked if there was going to be a FEMA meeting this week. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie replied that there was one scheduled Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. regarding the spring event, being held at the Greenwood County Hotel. Chrisman mentioned a Peterbilt truck for \$65,000 with low mileage. Crews are putting in tin horns on H Road. Woodie told commissioners a bridge design for 100<sup>th</sup> & U Rd is due to be turned in by July 29<sup>th</sup> and they are working on that; working on landfill bridge bids; townships have been requesting culverts of various sizes, so will be ordering some; also need bids approved for box bridge projects at L & 180<sup>th</sup> and 360<sup>th</sup> Street between Q Rd and R Rd for FEMA. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve accepting the bids from Leiser Excavating for both box bridge projects, located at L & 180<sup>th</sup> for \$26,600 and 360<sup>th</sup> Street between Q Rd and R Rd for \$30,460.85. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed weekly Treasurers Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$211,511.78. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$110,813.16. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners were given Resolution 19-06 (ROZ) Rural Opportunity Zone. Commissioner Spradlin asked County Clerk Kathy Robison to explain what the resolution pertains to. Robison explained that Rural Opportunity Zone is a student loan repayment program that the county can sign and pay on a student's loan and ROZ will match it for four years, then the student has to live in your county for that five years for you to consider paying it. Employers can also choose to participate in the program. Robison stated that the county does not have to participate, but they need to sign the resolution if employers in the county wish to participate in the program. Commissioners decided to table Resolution 19-06 until a representative from Rural Opportunity Zone is able to attend the meeting to discuss the program with them.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$699.92. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin signed the Mediacom contract for internet service package discussed the last two weeks for Road and Bridge, Ambulance, and Noxious Weed Departments. Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau's name was added to the contract for signature, as well, as his office is the connection site for the project.

Appraiser Jami Clark presented a quote from R & S Digital Mapping in the prorated amount of \$2,750 for updating about 60 map books, primarily used by emergency responders. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve \$2,750 for map books from R & S Digital Mapping. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Joy Jensen shared information pertaining to the economic impact that Field Trial participants make on our county businesses each year. Jensen also told commissioners about the "annual dinner" and other meals that are prepared and pin they receive. Jensen requested monetary assistance, for the dinner as it benefits the community/county's economy. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve \$1,500 for the Field Trials from Economic Development. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Register of Deed Marsha Ramsey presented the 2020 budget request in the amount of \$137,517. The 2019 budget request was \$153,220.

**Treasurer** Donna Olson presented the 2020 budget request in the amount of \$188,558.50. The 2019 budget request was in the amount of \$173,110. The 2020 **Motor Vehicle** budget request is in the amount of \$70,816.82. The 2019 budget request was \$66,468.92.

**County Clerk** Kathy Robison presented the 2020 budget request in the amount of \$173,020. The 2019 budget request was \$168,366. The 2020 **Election** budget request is in the amount of \$119,986. The 2019 budget request was for \$114,750.

Sheriff Heath Samuels presented the 2020 budget request in the amount of \$1,447,165.30. The 2019 budget request was in the amount of \$1,418,407.62.

Sheriff Heath Samuels noticed an error when reviewing his pay plan, as his detention officers were not making appropriate wages. So the following pay-rate changes were given to the commissioners for approval. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve changing Ryan Musgrove from \$10.44 to \$10.90 per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve changing Douglas Stewart from \$10.44 to \$10.90 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Jeremiah Andrews from \$10.34 to \$10.90 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Heath Samuels talked to commissioners about the benefits of building a new facility, as the current one frequently has leaks that threaten to ruin expensive technology and equipment. They would prefer for the facility to remain where it is to be close to the courthouse and have a jail that would allow them to house inmates from other counties, which would bring in a steady stream of income which would help them pay off the project faster. Samuels suggesting eventually forming a committee to discuss the project.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for employee performance review with Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley reported that Thrasher had been by and inspected the building. Findley explained that they looked at the concrete out front, the end of the building that looked like it was coming down, and sidewalks. Findley discussed mobilization fees, procedures, and relayed their findings. Commissioners asked if Findley is planning on getting other bids and Findley stated he is in the process of getting them. No decisions were made.

At 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

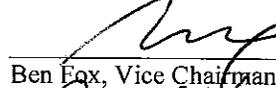
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July 22nd – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

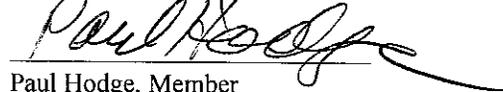
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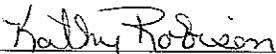
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
July 22, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve July 15, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed weekly Treasurers Report.

Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie told commissioners that FEMA has always said they only cover minor collective roads because the State of Kansas gives us funding to cover major collective roads, but they have changed their policy. Woodie said with all of the damage this spring they have changed the criteria so she will be going out and reporting on six sites they have. One of the criteria is that you have to have \$5,000 worth of damage. Woodie also reported they found a 2011 Ford F350 flatbed truck for recycling, with 79,400 miles. The cost of the vehicle is \$19,999. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of the truck for recycling. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie relayed they received a bid from Willow Creek Construction, of Fall River, for the replacement of the landfill bridge, in the amount of \$15,574. No one else has sent a bid in. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to accept the bid from Willow Creek Construction to replace the landfill bridge, in the amount of \$15,574. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie also submitted three culvert bids: (1.) J & J Drainage Products Co., in the amount of \$17,180; (2.) Welborn, in the amount of \$20,765.62; and (3.) Coyote Culvert, in the amount of \$22,911.60. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> bid from J & J Drainage Products Co. in the amount of \$17,180. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they are planning on looking at semis this week. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman about a section on C Road that needs attention by Beaumont. Chrisman said they would take care of it. Commissioner Hodge also asked about N Road. Chrisman told him a slab would probably be better than a tinhorn. Commissioner Hodge also reported a place on 50<sup>th</sup> and P Rd that needs something done, Chrisman said he would go look at it. Chrisman also told commissioners that he had talked to McPherson Concrete regarding the draft they are working on for the box bridges. They should have something soon.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$778.68. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a conditional use permit for a new AT&T tower in Reece that had been approved by the zoning board. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Barbara Anderson talked to the commissioners about the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program. The program was designed to increase the population in certain counties while helping students pay their student loans. In the agreement, the program, will pay new county residents \$3,000 per year for five years, for their student loans. Half the money comes from the county and the other half is from the state. Anderson discussed that employers can also participate. They discussed Resolution 19-06, which pertains to the Rural Opportunity Zone Program and Anderson explained that if they decide to opt in at 0 then any business in the county can use this program to benefit the county by possibly increasing the population and helping students pay back their student loans. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 19-06 to allocate 0 a year for the Rural Opportunity Zone student loan repayment program. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners received a letter from Kenneth Van Cleave regarding Johnson grass within the county. Commissioner Spradlin asked Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson if he had seen the letter and what the protocol is for Johnson grass now. Vinson said that it is an issue, and there is really only one chemical that can get rid of it but it is very expensive, so most people don't want to use it. Vinson also mentioned that Sericea Lespedeza is more of a problem than Johnson grass, as there is more of it in the county now and the cattle will not eat it, but they will eat Johnson grass, so it can be baled. There was a discussion between the commissioners, Noxious Weed Director, and Sheriff Heath Samuels regarding the "minimum standards" the City of Eureka has decided to enact at the airport after the 2019 spray season, which restricts aerial operators to not operating on the apron, the concrete approaches to the runway, and having to operate out of a hanger for their chemical spray needs. They discussed how it would affect the weed population by substantially reducing the amount of aerial spraying in the county. They discussed concerns about the agriculture and livestock industry and commissioners asked County Counselor Paul Dean to check in to look into the situation for them.

Commissioner Hodge asked to speak, and mentioned he had received several phone calls over the weekend and referred to an email from Re-Envision, the design company drawing the plans up for the multipurpose room with a \$60,000 budget. Commissioner Hodge stated, "I for one don't think that amount of money is going to work." Commissioner Hodge added that with people coming in with budgets that are needing more money, he felt there were better places to spend the money. "For the expense it's going to cost and what we're going to get out of it, I think we need to forget that," he said. Commissioner Spradlin pointed out other reasons for developing the new quarters, other than just for a commission meeting, such as; a meeting room for emergency services that would provide technology needs during FEMA events and other emergency functions. There was a brief discussion about the room and uses for funding.

Commissioner Fox relayed that he finally heard back from an AT & T contact about the issues with the phone bill, and he was given some quotes: \$60 per line and \$15 for unlimited long-distance, totaling \$75 per month or \$35 per line, \$5 unlimited long-distance, and \$10 hotspot, totaling \$50 per month, with a \$50 one-time charge for hotspot.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve an employee pay rate change for EMS Administrative Assistant Kristina Olson from \$11.92 per hour to \$13.79 per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Undersheriff Randy Cox presented two bids for a new truck. One in the amount of \$32,001, which the dealership will deliver for free and payment just needs to be received within the first 21 days. The second one was in the amount of \$32,663 and the dealership will deliver for \$300 and needs payment, upon delivery. Commissioner Fox made a motion to proceed with the purchase. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson brought up the process for noxious weeds, which includes a formal letter from the county stating the violation and giving a timeline for the property owner to eradicate the issue. If not sprayed, the county has the authority to spray it or contract a sprayer and send the property owner a bill. If not Paid, the county may assess the bill to the owner's taxes. Vinson said the county usually does not follow through with spraying or contracting the work, but he recommended starting this year.

Emergency Preparedness Director Levi Vinson reported there were 14 out of the 15 townships participating at the FEMA kick-off meeting, as well as the county, and the cities of Hamilton and Severy. The city of Eureka did not attend. Their damages are suspected to be over \$100,000. The city of Madison did not feel like they had any damage.

At 10:34 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners held a work session following the commission meeting.

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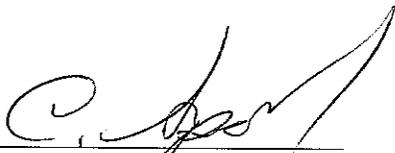
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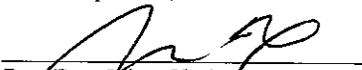
July 29th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

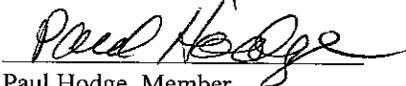
Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – Primary Election – Eureka City Only – Matt Samuels Bldg. – 7 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> – Board of Canvass – 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
July 29, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve July 22, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$118, 835.22. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$106, 278.05. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Office Manager Janet Turner discussed the culvert bids that had been approved the week before... J & J Drainage was re-added and is actually higher than the Welborn bid, in the amount of \$20,765.62. Commissioner Spradlin suggested that they recognize the difference in pricing and make a motion to approve the Welborn bid. Commissioner Fox made a motion to purchase the culverts from Welborn for \$20,765.62. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Spradlin stated that this motion basically cancels out the motion made last week for J & J Drainage. Turner also presented an agreement between KDOT and Greenwood County for the Northwest part of the county for signature to initiate the second phase of the project. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they received the drawings on the boxes and Engineer Michael Maris will be here tomorrow so Darrel will have him look at them. Discussed putting culverts in and waiting on AT & T. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if he had contacted Willow Creek about the landfill project. Chrisman said he tried to contact him but hasn't heard back from him, but will try again this morning, so he can get the information on social media regarding how long the landfill will be closed. Commissioner Hodge asked if a contractor can put fiber optic down the middle of a road. The question was turned over to County Counselor Paul Dean. County Counselor Paul Dean said there is a County Resolution that states they need to bury it in the right-of-way 4 feet deep below the crow line. There was some discussion about an electric dump-bed trailer for recycling, in the amount of \$13,677, which includes freight. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the dump-bed trailer. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds are to come from the Solid Waste Reserve Fund. Turner relayed that Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie asked her to tell the commissioners that she is holding a Solid Waste Management meeting Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. , and at least one commissioner needs to be present. Chrisman reported they went to the Bitler Bridge viewing and it went well.

Commissioners viewed weekly Treasurers Report.

Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross shared information about a grant to make the Health Department more ADA compliant. Ross applied and the application was accepted. The grant has agreed to award the Health Department with \$12,290 to do the parking lot, sidewalks and front door to be ADA compliant. They will reimburse the Health Department when the project is complete. The project must be completed by the end of September. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Health Department proceeding with the grant to make the Health Department ADA compliant. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds will come out of the Health Department Equipment Reserve account and be deposited back into there when it is reimbursed by the grant.

Fire Chief Doug Williams told commissioners that they recently had to spend \$3,000 for truck tires. Williams also shared that they received the \$9,000 grant from Forestry that they receive every year, and it can be applied to previous purchases for the county. Williams also mentioned they were wanting to build a truck for Reece and Neal to meet ISO standards, but found this truck for \$40,000, which would be less expensive than building a truck. The pump on this truck is smaller, but Williams has a pump to replace it, and can use the smaller one somewhere else. Williams added this truck would just need the larger pump, some toolboxes and emergency lights put on it and could be put into service pretty quick. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the fire truck from Bayle Hebb in the amount of \$40,000. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds are to be taken out of the Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund.

Sheriff Heath Samuels presented two quotes for a 30'X 40' metal storage building to be constructed at the impound lot. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the bid from Koop Fence and Barn for \$29,900, which includes an overlay and extension of the concrete slab that is currently there. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve an employee verification for Justin Mead as a corrections officer in the Sheriff's Department at \$13.00 per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson gave the commissioners information on an invasive grass called old world bluestem, that is similar in appearance to native grass, but its effects are very negative. The treatment for old world bluestem grass kills all growth in the treated area, including natural grass and is more expensive than others, at approximately \$30 per acre. Vinson said the growth of old world bluestem will impact Greenwood County's strong cattle industry, if left untreated. Vinson presented an updated 2020 budget request, reflecting a new full time hire to

spray weeds, sell chemical and work with landowners. The amount of the revised budget request is \$197,436. Vinson also said he stopped employees from mowing ditches this week, as the bluestem is seeding and is easily spread by mowing. It has not been officially declared a noxious weed by the state, but Vinson said it could be heading that direction.

At 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners adjourned to have a work session with the department heads and the County Accountant Phil Jarred to discuss budgets.

Calendar:

- Aug 5<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.
- Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – Primary Election – Eureka City Only – Matt Samuels Bldg. – 7 a.m.- 7 p.m.
- Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.
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ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

Special Commissioner Meeting  
July 31, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the special meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge and Shannon Gant, Deputy. Paul Dean, County Counselor was not present.

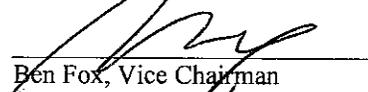
Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman presented two bids for dump trucks out of Rose Hill. Chrisman remarked that they have low mileage, are in good shape, and low-volumn wet kits. The Peterbilt is \$65,000 and the Kenworth \$68,000. Commissioner Hodge asked if there was a warranty on the trucks, but Chrisman said there wasn't but it has a good engine and a standard transmission. Commissioner Spradlin asked if we would be getting rid of some equipment and Chrisman said yes, we would be getting rid of the '03 Peterbilt we currently have that has had some problems. Commissioner Spradlin asked about their budget. Office Manager Janet Turner said they have \$103,000 in Special Machinery at this time. Chrisman said he would like to take the \$65,000 truck amount out of Special Machinery and the \$68,000 truck out of the regular Road and Bridge budget. The commissioners thought that sounded good. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of both trucks. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

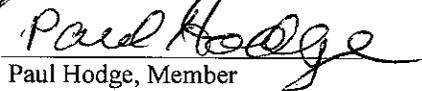
At 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners adjourned for a work session to discuss the budget.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
August 5, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve July 29, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve July 31, 2019 special minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the landfill will be closed from August 19-28<sup>th</sup> to put the low water crossing in and let it cure. Michael Maris told Chrisman that the abutment wall of the southeast and southwest corner of the Christian Hills bridge has cracked and shifted out. Maris said he thinks the bridge is still sound, but will have KDOT inspect it, as well. Crews are putting in culverts; and Chrisman gave the commissioners quotes on grader and truck tires. He had a quote from Rock's 54 in Eureka (truck tire \$440 each / grader tire \$800 each) and a company out of Salina (truck tire \$410 / grader tire \$760). They decided to accept the bid from Rock's even though it was a little higher, as it was a local vendor. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the bid from Rock's 54 in the total amount of \$3,520 for 8 truck tires and \$9,600 for 12 grader tires. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Hodge and Commissioner Fox asked if Reece Road was going to get chip/sealed. Chrisman said they were hopeful, but it would be expensive. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie told commissioners she has been collecting bids. Chrisman said he talked to McPherson Concrete about the boxes for the two box bridges. Woodie said she has bids for the bridge design for the one down by Hazel Russell, on 100 and U. Three bids were submitted to the commissioners for review for the bridge on 100<sup>th</sup> & U. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the bid from CFS, Cook Flatt & Strobel, in the amount of \$44,000. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie reminded them the Solid Waste meeting is 8 a.m. Thursday and verified that a Commissioner Hodge would be present.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve waiving the county portion of the tipping fee at the county landfill with the exception of waiving the state fee. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve special payables, dated August 5, 2019, in the amount of \$3,472.42. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next years' audit and budget contract was reviewed from Jarred Gilmore and Phillips, PA. They decided to table it until next week so County Counselor Paul Dean can review it as well.

Commissioners discussed the fire budget and changing the amount. County Clerk Kathy Robison said they need to publish a vote and a resolution in the newspapers. Commissioners asked Robison to contact Accountant Phil Jarred. Commissioners decided to table it until next week until County Counselor Paul Dean was present.

Appraiser Deputy Dawn Larcom presented a quote for the I-7 series annual contract renewal, which expires in October. The contract covers the hardware, software and tape maintenance for \$3,265.07 per year. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the contract and amount of \$3,265.07. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson told commissioners that a company in Kansas has developed a camera that will detect Old World Bluestem grass from the air. The camera costs \$30,000. Vinson reported that it is being flown over some of the properties in Greenwood County for testing.

Appraiser Jami Clark presented a letter of resignation after 25 years of service to Greenwood County. Her last day will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>. After a job description is developed, commissioners will begin the hiring process.

Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson reported that the county's email domain had been out of order since Saturday, making it impossible to send and return emails. It was initially thought that the service period had expired and not been renewed, however after checking, it was paid for earlier this year. The IT department is checking in to the situation.

Commissioner Hodge asked if the other commissioners had any ideas for the vacant position on the Greenwood County Hospital Board. Commissioner Fox said he had been working on it but not too many people want to be on a board. Commissioner Hodge said he had mentioned the position to Patty Austin and Dick Rucker. Hodge relayed that Rucker seemed interested in the position, so he would contact him again.

Sheriff Samuels reported that the inmates flooded the jail and sheriff's office over the weekend: ceiling tiles, carpet, some deputy desks and some computer towers upstairs were damaged. There may be substantial water damage to the fire alarm system as well, as it is connected in with the main courthouse system. They are still gathering estimates on the damages. Samuels is just thankful it did not affect the dispatch equipment. Commissioner Spradlin asked if there were still plans for a new jail. Sheriff Samuels said he still has feelers out. Commissioner Fox asked what the options were for inmate housing during construction. There was a discussion on options for housing inmates during construction. Samuels said he would like to form a committee to express ideas and options for a new jail and Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley will be on that committee, as he has lots of knowledge of the current layout of the grounds and building.

At 10:04 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners adjourned to have a work session.

Calendar:

Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – Primary Election – Eureka City Only – Matt Samuels Bldg. – 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
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ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

C. Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
August 12, 2019

Greenwood County Commissioners, Chuck Spradlin, Ben Fox, and Paul Hodge met August 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. as the Board of Canvassers for the 2019 Eureka City Primary Election. Also present was Shannon Gant, Election Deputy.

The Canvass was completed at 10:07 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Shannon Gant, Deputy

C. Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman  
Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman  
Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
August 12, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Shannon Gant, Deputy, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve August 5, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the dump truck is in McPherson where they are checking samples to make sure there is no gas in the truck. Chrisman said they have checked the Road and Bridge cameras and no one at their department has put gas in the truck so that is not the problem. Chrisman spoke to Randy at Foley and asked him about installing injectors. It is a non-warranty item so they will have to wait and see how that works out. Chrisman told commissioners that a crew placed a tinhorn on State Street. We got the two trucks home Friday and are pleased with them. Commissioner Fox asked how the electrical project was going out at the Road and Bridge Department on the new service? Chrisman said nothing yet from Don, the electrician. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie presented an employee verification for Robert Cohen as an Operator / Truck Driver @ \$13.13 per hour, starting 8/12/2019. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve Robert Cohen as an Operator / Truck Driver @ \$13.13 per hour for Road and Bridge. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie presented a second employee verification for John Schouten as an Operator Truck Driver @ \$13.13 per hour, starting date, to be determined (tbd). Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve John Schouten as an Operator / Truck Driver @ \$13.13 per hour for Road and Bridge. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie also presented a contract from Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers for signature, the contractors selected for the bridge project on 100th & U. Woodie presented three core sample bids for the Bitler bridge to choose from: (1) Capital Geotechnical Services \$5,805; (2) Terracon \$ 5,975; (3) Geosource \$11,500. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Capital Geotechnical Services in the amount of \$5,805. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Woodie reported that a large culvert washed out in Quincy Township on 180<sup>th</sup> between EE & FF50. Woodie had three bids: (1) Coyote Culvert \$5,145; (2) Welborn Sales \$5,152; (3) J & J Drainage \$6,650. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the bid from Coyote Culvert in the amount of \$5,145. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No Treasurers Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$200,912.68. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$99,661.82. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin brought up the discussion about the Rural Fire District 2019 budget exceeding the state cap by approximately \$15,000 and explained the Notice of Vote and Resolution 19-07 that was prepared to levy property taxes in support of the 2020 Greenwood County Rural Fire District No. 1 budget. Commissioner Spradlin read the Notice of Vote aloud and asked the other commissioners what their votes would be, as well as voting himself. The outcome: 3 In Favor votes from the commissioners and 0 Against. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 19-07 (A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Greenwood County Rural Fire District No. 1 governing body with respect to financing the annual budget for 2020). Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the 2020 budget for publication. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed an ad for the county appraiser position and discussed options for paper placement. After some discussion, Madison News is going to have it posted statewide through the Kansas Press Association for \$900. It will also be featured in both of our county newspapers.

Commissioner Spradlin talked to Commissioners Fox and Hodge about the "Fire Culture Questions" that Jeff Davidson, Watershed Specialist had sent. Davidson would like to come to a commission meeting and ask questions regarding the county's burn bans and prescribed fires, etc and tape the meeting. Commissioners all agreed if they do that meeting it would be good to have Fire Chief Doug Williams present to answer those questions.

Concerned citizen Doug Mitchell talked about the need to repair Christian Hills Bridge and the shape it is in. Commissioners told him it has been on their priority list for quite a while and they apply for grants every year for it, as well. They thanked him for coming in.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel employee performance review with Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

At 9:52 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> – Board of Canvass – 10:00 a.m.  
Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.  
Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

C. Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
August 19, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve August 12, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve August 12, 2019 Board of Canvass minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported contacting a company he's been working with to purchase concrete boxes to install near Madison at 360<sup>th</sup> Street between R and Q Roads, and another on L Road, between 180<sup>th</sup> and 200<sup>th</sup> Streets. Chrisman said the company "dropped the ball". Madison News Reporter Tammy Seimears and County Counselor Paul Dean both reported complaints they had received from citizens in the Northern Greenwood County area regarding the delay in the construction work on the bridge on 360<sup>th</sup>, between R and Q Roads. Commissioners asked Chrisman to contact the company to help expediate the process. Once the drawings are ready, County Engineering Consultant Michael Maris will review them and the sites will be prepared for the boxes. Chrisman also has plans to get bids to fix Meng crossing that recently washed out. Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie reported that County Engineering Consultant Michael Maris turned in the grant applications last week for the bridges the commissioners had selected. Woodie said she thought 4 or 5 bridges had been selected. Woodie relayed they received a bid for chip/seal on Reece Road from APAC. They are still planning on getting a couple of other bids, as well. Commissioner Fox suggested contacting the City and asking if they are doing a project soon, to help save money. Woodie presented a 3-way agreement for the northwest portion of the county pertaining to the High Risk Rural Road signage grant with KDOT we have been participating in this year that reimburses the county at 100% for project expenses. Commissioners signed four copies of the agreement. Chrisman reported they had the meeting between Michael Maris and KDOT and the mediator.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an abatement in the amount of \$820.14. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an audit preparation contract, with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, P.A., in the amount of \$15,900. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a budget preparation contract, with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, P.A., in the amount of \$1,400. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners gave an update on a road viewing, that was scheduled last week, for a piece of Road 250 near Beaumont (Kingsley Properties). Dave Murfin sent a request to defer any decision regarding the abandonment of the road until he could attend a meeting on either September 3<sup>rd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners agreed to wait until September 3<sup>rd</sup> to make their decision.

Fire Chief Doug Williams sent an e-mail to the commissioners over the weekend in regard to county's latest Insurance Services Office (ISO) ratings. Williams reported that Madison, Virgil, Fall River, Hamilton, Severy and Eureka all continued or improved their ISO ratings. On November 1, Greenwood County's rating will be a 5/5X. The rating used to be class 9. The lower rating could help homeowners by lowering the cost of insurance.

Two citizens asked commissioners for an update on GG Road in Salt Springs Township, which was subject of the Brown vs. Daley litigation. County Counselor Paul Dean said that Road and Bridge will work on the road after the flooding projects have settled down. The road will then be turned over for the township to maintain.

Commissioner Hodge asked Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson if the county could hire someone to mow hazardous Johnson grass along CC50. Vinson couldn't think of anyone in the area, but also said he was hesitant to mow right now, for fear of spreading Old World Bluestem. Vinson also mentioned he is looking for a printer.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to for a 5 minute executive session for employee performance evaluation with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded The motion. The motion carried. Another 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

Sheriff Heath Samuels reported that the inmate work crew will be working with the "Myreka" group, painting light posts along Main Street in Eureka. Samuels also told commissioners he is talking to an architectural company about possibly building a new jail in the future. They are interested in talking to commissioners at a future Monday morning meeting. Samuels said he would get it scheduled, but did not yet have a date.

At 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

Aug 22nd – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital  
Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
August 26, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Commission Meeting Minutes.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported the drawings were finally completed for the concrete boxes to be installed at 360<sup>th</sup> Street between R and Q Roads near Madison and on L Road between 180<sup>th</sup> and 200<sup>th</sup> Streets. Chrisman said County Engineering Consultant Michael Maris has already approved the plans, and Chrisman will call the company today to arrange the date to have the boxes installed as soon as possible. There was a brief discussion about delivery and site prep. Chrisman will make the arrangements and continue to communicate with the Commissioners. Chrisman also relayed they are continuing to do regular maintenance; the new trucks have arrived, the belly-dump needed to be aligned; they have permission to tear a box-bridge out and put a 4-foot horn in the space, at a Township's request, it's a little woodtop bridge; Commissioner Spradlin asked if Road and Bridge was helping Noxious Weed with mowing since there was an issue with Johnson Grass recently in several areas of the county and visibility. Chrisman said yes they were in the process of transporting mowers to Severy for the Labor Day Celebration. Commissioner Spradlin asked Chrisman if he was aware of the Johnson Grass problem in the Virgil area and Chrisman said he was not but they were planning to help the Noxious Weed Department with mowing until they got things straightened out/caught up. Chrisman said the bridge at the Landfill has been poured and they hope to have it up by Wednesday. Chrisman also discussed some other bridge projects they will be working on.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$364,731.66. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$104,968.83. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Shawn Harding with HMN Architects out of Overland Park shared information with the Commissioners regarding the possibility of building a new jail. Harding has been part of multiple jail projects in Kansas, including Dodge City, Rooks County, Chautauqua County, the new Butler County Jail, and others. "The discussion has to start some place," commented Commissioner Spradlin. Commissioner Fox said the jail facility has been an issue for years. adding, "This can has been kicked down the road a long time." The subject has been addressed many times over the years due to flooding caused by inmates, because the jail is above the Sheriff's Department Office space, and Dispatch, and when inmates have done this it has caused damages that have cost the county money to fix the issues. Harding mentioned how unusual Greenwood County's setup is with inmate housing situated above the offices. Sheriff Heath Samuels said with recent flooding he feels the jail situation is becoming more urgent. After more discussion. Samuels and the commissioners talked about the committee Samuels would like to put together to be formed for the to advise on the need for the jail. Samuels said, "I know we need it, you know we need it, I want the community to know we need it." The commissioners agreed about the committee and told Samuels to move forward with it. The committee will be comprised of different representatives from all areas of the county. Commissioner Spradlin volunteered to represent the Commissioners on the committee.

Commissioners heard from two concerned Piedmont citizens regarding the poor condition of their roads. Both parties reported roads being so rough they're tearing vehicles up, including a school bus. Commissioner Spradlin noted that the roads belong to the township so the county really doesn't have jurisdiction. Commissioner Spradlin asked County Counselor Dean if the county can step in on a matter like this. Dean replied if the roads were impassable, the county could step in and repair the roads, sending the bill to the township, but just to instruct the township to maintain the road was out of the scope of the county. Commissioner Hodge said he would volunteer to attend the next Otter Creek township meeting to see if he could help work it out. Commissioners suggested the residents gather a group of concerned individuals to attend the next township meeting to express their issues.

Commissioners noted that they need to appoint a hospital board member to fill the vacancy left when Baord President Pam Brown moved out of the County.. They had several candidates in mind but have not spoken with all of them. They decided to table the appointment until the next commission meeting after they've each had time to speak with potential candidates.

Maintenance Building Supervisor Jason Findley was present to discuss carpet specs for the new commission/multi-purpose meeting room that will be located in what is now the current Extension Office. Findley had met with a local carpet vendor Alan Johnson for a bid for the requested flooring and told the Commissioners that removing the old carpet will be done in-house in order to save money. Commissioner Spradlin mentioned if they were going to be bidding carpet now would be the time to look at other areas of the courthouse that needs it as well. Findley plans to gather the information and expand the bid. There was

more discussion in relation to the project. The Extension Office will be moving into some offices that are currently in use by the Appraiser's Office, down the hall towards the County Attorney's Office. The Appraiser's staff is going to be moving their equipment into their current quarters in order to free up the office space for the Extension Office. There was also a discussion about the initial design bid and how it was high and the commissioners agreed there were items on the bid that did not need to be replaced or costs could be cut to save money on the room in other areas too, such as: repainting the existing walls, instead of resurfacing them; purchasing federal surplus furniture and equipment and putting off building a secondary exit until a later date. Commissioners agreed they need a desk to accommodate five Commissioners, new chairs and some electrical modifications at the minimum but a big chunk of the initial proposal was not necessary.

Extension Council President Arlene Edwards and Extension Agent Lindsay Shorter asked commissioners to remove a question on the November ballot regarding extension districting. The question would have asked voters whether commissioners should move forward with districting Greenwood County K-State Research and Extension with Chautauqua and Elk Counties. Arlene Edwards explained, "We don't feel we've had the opportunity to educate the public." Extension Agent Lindsay Shorter added that with all of the other items on the ballot they wanted to save the question for a future election and have more time to educate voters. At the council's request, Commissioner Fox made a motion to rescind Resolution 19-05. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross presented a page from the county handbook with the policy on timekeeping procedures. Ross told commissioners her employees' times were "getting shaved" in the payroll office and they were not being compensated accurately for time worked. She noted that recently, 12 of 17 shifts and 9 of 11 shifts had lesser time than was turned in. She stated that in order to avoid that happening any further, she had elected to submit total hours worked for her department instead of turning in start and end times as the handbook specifies. Administrative Assistant Brandi Starr was also in attendance and told commissioners that her hours were affected. Commissioner Spradlin told Ross and Starr they needed to wait until the executive session to discuss the situation. Starr remarked she wanted it discussed in open meeting as she thought other employees may need to check their time. Spradlin interrupted her and said he was not in agreement of discussing it in open session and firmly asked them to wait until the executive session scheduled later in the meeting.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 15 minute executive session for employee evaluation with County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 5 minute executive session for employee evaluation with Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross and County Counselor Paul Dean. County Clerk Kathy Robison joined them after that session for an additional 5 minute executive session. After that session Ross and Robison left and the Commissioners and Dean had an additional 5 minute executive session.

Commissioner Spradlin stated the earlier claim of "shaving time" was not substantiated and was not true. Spradlin explained that the issues pertained to the county policy of time rounding, which is permitted. When an employee has plus or minus minutes to their actual work time, the time is rounded using a formula to the nearest 15 minute mark. It was the consensus of the commission board that the time card in question had been rounded correctly. The commission board also decided the Health Department must purchase a time clock to accurately record times in and out. The purchase price of the time clock is \$319. Commissioners will review the hours in question if needed to make sure they were appropriately recorded.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau reported that three county EMT's had enrolled in Advanced EMT (AEMT) training at their own cost and initiative. The training will run through December. Mongeau will be working toward grant funding for reimbursement for course costs.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson presented an employee verification for Jennifer Carson as a full-time Noxious Weed Technician at \$13.50 per hour. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the employee verification for Jennifer Carson at \$13.50 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. As she adds certifications, she will increase her wage by .50 per hour, with a potential hourly wage of \$15.00 per hour. Vinson said she will be spraying, mowing and working with sales in the scope of her job. Commissioners asked if she was able to monitor inmate crews, as the previous person in that position did. Vinson explained that she could only supervise female crews, according to state statute, thus she would not be including that in her job duties. Vinson also presented bids for a networking copier for the Weed/Road and Bridge offices through a networked access system. Bids ranged from \$2,689 to \$5,322.80 for different models. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of the different models. Commissioners decided Vinson should obtain more bids before making a decision.

Commissioner Spradlin reiterated the situation with tall Johnson grass obscuring visibility near Virgil. Vinson replied that he was addressing problem areas in the county including the Virgil area. "It's enough that it needs to be a priority," urged Spradlin, referring to the Virgil situation. Vinson replied that they would address it by the end of the week.

County Clerk Kathy Robison informed commissioners she had been told by the Kansas Department of Revenue-Property Valuation Division (PVD) that the county is required to hire an acting appraiser to function in the absence of former Greenwood County Appraiser, Jami Clark. Commissioners are in the process of hiring an appraiser and are advertising, but must have an interim appraiser in place, according to the PVD.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for a specific employee evaluation with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After the executive session, commissioners took a 10 minute break to approach a candidate and when they convened, they announced they would appoint Shawna Griffiths, current personal property appraiser in the Greenwood County Appraiser's Office as the Personal Property Appraiser. Her pay will change from \$13.44 per hour to \$14.44 per hour, effective 8/26/19. The \$1.00 pay rate change is with the understanding that the commissioners will complete their initial review of applicants to fill the position. State statute requires a permanent replacement to be in place within six months of a vacancy with credentials. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to appoint Shawna Griffiths as acting Appraiser with the \$1.00 raise per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox mentioned he spoke to someone at AT&T regarding the phone situation he has been trying to resolve. They had offered a plan that included WiFi that adds \$5.00 month to your bill but saves you \$35.00 off of each line that you are paying now. However, he found out recently, that if you use the WiFi, they charge you \$40.00 more. Commissioner Fox said a possibility would be to add the WiFi plan but not use it, just have it for the benefit of getting the price reduction on the phone bill.

At 11:27 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.
- Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
September 3rd, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve August 19, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve August 26, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported he had one proposal for a low-water bridge on 10 and north of 30<sup>th</sup>, in the amount of \$17,950, with Willow Creek Construction. They requested half-down to begin the process. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the bid from Willow Creek Construction in the amount of \$17,950, with the agreement to pay half-down to begin the process. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. The funds will come out of the Special Bridge fund. Chrisman also relayed that Dakota Chamberlain has passed his 30 day probation period as Assistant Road and Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve James Dakota Chamberlain's pay rate from \$15.80 per hour to \$16.30 per hour, effective 9-1-2019. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman also relayed that he talked to County Engineering Consultant Michael Maris and there is a "Small Bridge Replacement Grant". Maris is writing up a grant for the one at Madison because it is only at best a 5-10 year replacement repair, so the grant would be helpful. Chrisman told Commissioners they are going to test drill at the Bitler Bridge where the abutments will go and are working with the landowner on the fencing issues when they have to go through the pasture to insure cattle security. Chrisman said he visited with Danny from McPherson Concrete, who was on his way to Wichita, and the guy that was in production was in the barn, but Danny told Chrisman the "production man" should be able to tell us when our boxes will be ready. Danny will contact Chrisman in the morning to let him know the details. Chrisman talked to Tim Leiser last week and told him to start prepping the sites, as the bridge are already closed.

Commissioners reviewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Spradlin relayed during budget review and discussions the Commissioners saw two department salaries that should be adjusted to be competitive/comparative with other departments. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve an increase in pay of \$2,000 per year for Register of Deeds, Marsha Ramsey, effective now. This year the pay will be pro-rated. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve an increase in pay of \$3,500 per year for Sheriff, Heath Samuels, effective now. This year the pay will be pro-rated. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners Hodge and Fox have a prospective candidate for the Greenwood County Hospital Board, but will contact him again to confirm if he will be interested before appointing him to the position.

Commissioner Spradlin announced they would be discussing the decision on Kingsley Properties Road closing. Commissioner Spradlin asked if there were any comments or if anyone had heard anything from anyone. Commissioner Hodge said he had not been contacted from the individual who was supposed to be at the meeting. Mike Frederick was present and said he has not spoken to him forever, but he talked to his representative and had good dialogue with him for 3 or 4 years then it just went away. Commissioner Spradlin asked County Counselor Dean if he had any input on the subject. Dean said he thought it looked like a road that could probably be vacated. Frederick said, "It had occurred to him that maybe the Murfins had an interest in getting a Quit Claim for the road that is on their pasture on both sides that is unfenced." County Clerk Kathy Robison told him they would have to file a petition for that, Commissioners would decide if it were feasible or not, then it would have to be published in the paper. Commissioner Spradlin noted that it can be done. County Counselor Paul Dean explained that when a county closes a road that it is closed. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to vacate the Kingsley Road. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Frederick asked, "So I get documentation of that; once I have that I can order a survey to establish the middle of the road?" Commissioner Spradlin asked County Counselor Dean to comment. Dean explained that he would get a survey to establish where the property line exists. Frederick asked Dean if he was able to begin to do removal of an old fence and do a new fence on the Kingsley side. After a very brief discussion County Counselor Paul Dean mentioned it is okay for him to be on his personal property but he needs to consult with his own personal attorney on this matter.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel policy/employee evaluation review with County Clerk Kathy Robison and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel employee evaluation review. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commission Fox mentioned basically scams have gotten out of hand, and talked about different kinds plaguing our society; microsoft scams, IRS, social security, various email, etc. Reiterated you should never give any personal information and never open any emails that look suspicious.

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

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

Sept. 26th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital



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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
September 9th, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve September 3rd, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the Toronto rock quarry was in production; relayed that they were in the process of finishing and cleaning up some of the little bridges for FEMA projects that have been going on; said that KDOT is breaking ground on the Willow Creek Bridge, just north of Hamilton on P at 280<sup>th</sup> or 290<sup>th</sup>. Chrisman relayed that they asked to use a county road as an alternate route around the bridge during construction. The proposed route is possibly 220th Rd east of P Rd. The Bitler Bridge project is still pending as the people in charge of the core samples never contacted him. Chrisman said he would contact them. Chrisman said he would be calling a representative regarding the Project sheet that had been given to the commissioners, to answer some questions; such as, will it cover a number of projects or just one? This is a Project that County Engineering Consultant Michael Maris has been involved with, and Chrisman reported that he would be at the meeting next week with his Bi-Annual Bridge Report. Chrisman also told Commissioners he contacted Danny Hepp with McPherson Concrete and told him he needed an answer by noon today on when they would be getting the concrete boxes.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for an employee performance review with Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

No weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$165,962.33. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$106,588.03. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve an employee verification for Leah Hobbs as a part-time EMT for the EMS Department at \$11.51 per hour, effective August 30, 2019. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a prepaid propane contract from SEK Coop out of Yates Center for 2,700 gallons at \$1.25 per gallon for a total of \$3,375. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a prepaid propane contract from MFA, Chanute for \$1.39 per gallon for a total of \$834. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jamie Lindamood talked to the commissioners about the "Myreka Initiative" to help beautify Eureka and told them about a project they recently had done with the help of the Sheriff's Department and the inmate work program. Lindamood explained volunteers would work on Main Street this weekend and asked commissioners for permission to paint the courthouse lawn gazebo. She also asked if they would purchase the paint. Lindamood had asked if the county would consider a donation to aid in the group's efforts as well. Commissioners agreed to purchase the paint for the gazebo but decided to wait on a determination on a donation for a later meeting. Lindamood added that she is working on getting bids for banners to hang on the light poles downtown and would have more information and a funding request at a future meeting.

Commissioners received a letter from HMN Architects regarding a proposal for a new jail and plan to discuss the matter at the meeting next week. Jamie Lindamood asked if commissioners planned to get multiple bids for the project, as her architecture firm may be interested in bidding. Commissioner Spradlin said the project, is in the early stages, so they would very much be open to all bids. Dale Samuels of Eureka added several comments in support of a new jail. Commissioners thanked him for his comments.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 5 minute executive session with Shawna Griffiths, acting Appraiser for new personnel. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a 5 minute executive session for legal clarification with Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau updated Commissioners on the former Mediacom tower in Madison that the county had been offered instead of it being torn down. The tower has equipment placed on it to enhance communication in the north end of the county. Mongeau stated that the Engineer's report, they just received, said it was in normal condition for its age. Now they will proceed to the next step which is the structural analysis. Mongeau commented he didn't have an exact quote for the structural analysis stage of the inspection but thought it was in the area of \$4,000. Commissioners all agreed to proceed with the next phase.

At 10:09 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

Sept. 16th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

Sept. 26th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

C. Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
September 16th, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No commissioner meeting minutes.

During the Road and Bridge report, Michael Maris with Elite Engineering Services, LLC presented the county's bi-annual bridge inspection report. The county was not accepted for the state's off-system bridge grant program this year, but has received three in the past. Christian Hills Bridge remains at the top of the county's priority list. Maris relayed that 28% of the bridges in the county were structurally deficient. Maris noted that the state average was 34%.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session for an individual employee job performance review with Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee status change for Janet Turner to Office Manager in the Road and Bridge Department from 13.19 per hour to \$14.00 per hour, effective date 9-16-19. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman relayed that he had two employees leave last week; they have been working on a bridge project that has been delayed due to rain; Chrisman also told commissioners that two concrete boxes for the bridge at 360<sup>th</sup> Street between R and Q Roads, and another on L Road, between 180<sup>th</sup> and 200<sup>th</sup> Streets, will be delivered on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve \$100 for the annual Trick or Treat Main Street event. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey presented information about E-Recording. Ramsey explained that 30 counties in Kansas are set up to accept electronic records. The software cost is \$3,100, with a yearly fee of \$192, to be dispersed out of the Register of Deeds Technology Fund. A \$5 fee, charged by the software company, will be added to each electronic document submitted. Ramsey said that hard-copy documents will still be accepted, but once the new software is installed, they will be able to receive electronic records as well. Ramsey discussed space issues and said that maybe at the beginning of 2020, her office will stop binding the hard-copy documents, and instead only file them on the computer. Ramsey also explained there would be a computer workstation for individuals to search for documents. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve The E-Recording software for the Register of Deeds Office with the funds to come out of the Register of Deeds Tech Fund. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee status change for Michelle Conard to Deputy Register of Deeds from \$13.50 per hour to \$14.00 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bob Week of Fall River presented the commissioners with a petition signed by 27 residents of Salt Springs Township, requesting the resignation of township trustee Delbert Trummel, a.k.a. Delbert Trimmell. The petition, presented to commissioners by Bob Weeks of Fall River, requested a trustee be able to, "1) Communicate with citizens effectively 2) do adequate planning 3) manage budget effectively 4) supervise personnel 5) perform effectively during emergencies such as floods and storms." It concluded with, "We do not feel that Mr. Trummel can effectively perform these tasks as a servant of the people of Salt Spring Township." Weeks mentioned that he was concerned about their FEMA funding due to communication issues with Trummel, a.k.a. Trimmell. County Clerk Kathy Robison consulted with the State Attorney General's Office in regards to the petition and explained that it may not stand, as additional requirements were needed per state statute. Robison also relayed that Trimmell is up for re-election in November 2020. He was not present at the meeting.

Harold Sullens, part-time road grader for Salt Springs attended the meeting to also voice his concerns regarding Delbert Trimmell, as trustee of Salt Springs Township, and to report that he is not being paid for grading work for the township. County Counselor Paul Dean recommended that Sullens file a claim with the Kansas Department of Labor.

There was a brief discussion held about the proposal from HMN Architects, about designing a new jail. The proposal states they will charge \$2,000 to complete a preliminary study and give a cost estimate. Sheriff Heath Samuels discussed getting other bids from other firms and not moving forward with any architects until a committee is formed with representatives from all over the county.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a bid from Judd Everitt to tear out and replace a 25'x20' section outside the east courthouse entrance and install a drain, in the amount of \$2,475. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson approached commissioners about creating a full time position that was budgeted for next year, but due to not filling the part time position this year, he has enough money to sustain an earlier start date for a full-time hire. The employee will be able to supervise inmate crews for cutting trees, etc. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve pursuing a full-time new hire for the Noxious Weed Department. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a two-year contract for phone service with AT&T. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 5 minute executive session to discuss personnel duties for non-elected official with EMS Director Brian Mongeau and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion for a 15 minute executive session for an attorney-client consultation regarding the hospital with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 15 minute executive session with County Counselor Paul Dean, and consultation with County Clerk Kathy Robison and acting Appraiser Shawna Griffiths, for reviewing Appraiser applications. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was added to the executive session.

Following the executive session, Commissioner Spradlin announced they plan to invite one candidate for an interview.

At 11:18 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

Sept. 23rd – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

Sept. 26th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST:

Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

C. Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman  
Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman  
Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
September 23, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison, County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve September 9, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve September 16, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the Road and Bridge report, Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners that Michael Maris with Elite Engineering Services, LLC, contacted him this morning and said there is a new cost-share grant program from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), that may be able to assist with the replacement of the Christian Hills Bridge. KDOT would cover 75% of the construction costs and 25% would be the responsibility of the county. One hundred percent of engineering costs will be the responsibility of the county, as well. If the bridge that is currently there is left, in order to keep the bridge open during construction, and a new bridge is built along side the old bridge the cost will be around \$1-1.5 million. If the bridge is taken out and closed for five months, it should save the county \$200,000-300,000 on the project. There was discussion on the grant, and bridge closure, commissioners were not in favor of closing the bridge. There was also discussion on whether the grant would cover the 75% added expense to leave the bridge open during construction. Chrisman stated he would get more information. The grant application has to be in by November 11, 2019. Chrisman mentioned he is in the process of trying to contact Bettis Asphalt regarding a project one year ago, but will need to talk to County Counselor Paul Dean, as well.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a 15 minute executive session for personnel for an employee performance review with Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 5 minute executive session to discuss benefits and employee performance with County Clerk Kathy Robison and Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a special payable (AT & T), dated 9-23-2019, in the amount of \$2,559.85. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables, dated 9-27-2019, in the amount of \$148,453.37. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll, dated 9-27-2019, in the amount of \$104,706.26. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson reported that while assisting the City of Eureka, the county's small drone crashed due to radio frequency interference, which caused a flyaway during landing. The drone flew a short distance on its own and collided with a brick wall. The drone has been sent off for repairs, which Vinson estimated to be \$200-300. He also noted that it was the small drone owned by the county and not the bigger one.

Sheriff Heath Samuels reported he is still working on the committee for the new jail proposal and has sent letters to potential committee members. Samuels is waiting for responses to move to the next phase.

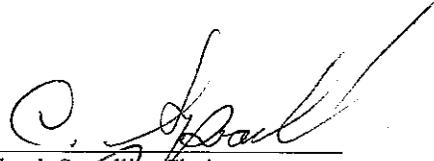
Commissioner Hodge received a complaint, from a resident living on P Road, regarding her neighbor's goats getting out and causing a nuisance. Sheriff Heath Samuels said a report had been filed last week by the same person, but the goats were not out when a deputy responded. Samuels encouraged the individual to continue reporting the incidents, so they will have a record of it happening. Samuels added that with the county statute, they now have the authority to seize the goats, if needed.

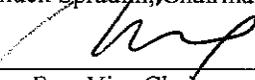
At 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

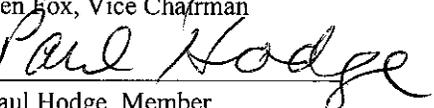
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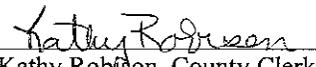
Sept. 30th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

Oct. 24th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

  
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
September 30, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Kathy Robison, County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean. Member Paul Hodge was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No commission meeting minutes.

During the Road and Bridge report, Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners that Dan Butler has passed his 90 days with Road and Bridge and has been doing good work, Chrisman presented an employee pay-rate change sheet. Commissioner Fox made a motion to change Dan Butler's pay-rate from \$13.79 per hour to \$14.29 per, as he has worked his 90 day period for landfill/truck driver. This will be effective September 30, 2019. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox made a motion for an employment verification for Kassadie Martin, starting October 7, 2019, at Road and Bridge at \$13.00 per hour, as Administrative Assistant. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman presented two bids for copiers that were previously discussed. After reviewing the bids and different features of the machines, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the bid from La Forge, for a copier, including fax feature, in the amount of \$3,068. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman informed commissioners he talked to Bettis Asphalt regarding the cracking on the asphalt overlay project they had done last fall located around Q Rd between 140<sup>th</sup> and US 54. Chrisman also told commissioners they were hoping to be done with debris projects; the box projects are still scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> with McPherson Concrete; talked to Tim Leiser regarding prepping 360<sup>th</sup> for the project; Chrisman mentioned they are allowing the Health Department to have a drive-thru flu clinic at the Road and Bridge Department October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Jamie Lindamood with the Myreka initiative showed commissioners a banner that read "Greenwood County," she explained they would like to have three banners made to hang in front of the courthouse. Lindamood asked commissioners if they would be willing to pay for the county banners, they will cost no more than \$1,000, and she is still working on the price. The commissioners were in favor of this. Lindamood said when she received a final quote she would bring it to them. Lindamood also mentioned she had contacted a Verizon representative regarding poor cell phone reception in downtown Eureka. Lindamood was told a new tower was being placed outside of Eureka, but to contact her city or county government, as there was a holdup at their end. There was discussion between the Commissioners, County Clerk Kathy Robison and Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson and they all agreed that the tower had been approved by the zoning board and approved at their level. Vinson said he would talk to his Verizon contact to get more information.

Commissioner Fox and Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson went to the Federal Surplus to look for furniture for the new commission/multipurpose room. They found a 10' table, at this time, that may work for executive sessions, and a couple of smaller desks that would be nice for the press, and County Counsel. Still looking for a bigger desk to accommodate five commissioners, and chairs. Commissioner Fox said he will take Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley to get his opinion.

Commissioner Fox said the City of Eureka is getting ready to have the floor at the Matt Samuels Building strip-sealed and waxed. They are requesting that we pay half. The cost is \$1,161.00. Commissioner Fox made a motion to pay half of the cost to strip-seal and wax the Matt Samuels Building floor. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 5 minute executive session personnel specific employee benefits with Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve an employment verification for Jerrid Baumgartel to work as a full-time employee in the Noxious Weed Department at \$15.25 per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Baumgartel will oversee inmate work crews, sell chemical, vegetation management, mowing and other maintenance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for personnel employee evaluation with County Clerk Kathy Robison. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a pay-rate change for Deann Mc Caffree, in the Clerk's Office from \$12.68 per hour to \$14.50 per hour. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session to discuss legal questions regarding the Greenwood County Hospital with County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Fox mentioned the need for the commissioners to attend the hospital board meetings and said he is planning to attend the upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 5 minute break to visit with an employee. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners reconvened from the 5 minute break.

After returning from the five minute break, Commissioner Fox announced that Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie requested to add 5.25 hours payroll to her November 8<sup>th</sup> payday check. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the motion. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:08 a.m. commissioners recessed until 11:00 a.m. for an interview with a potential candidate for a temporary Appraiser.

At 11:00 a.m. commissioners reconvened for an executive session with the potential candidate for Appraiser.

After returning, Commissioner Spradlin explained they had made a decision to hire Steven Thompson, who currently serves as the Linn County Appraiser, to serve on a temporary, parttime basis. Thompson will be hired as part-time for three months, beginning this week, while continuing to work at Linn County. He will be available to Greenwood County via phone and email throughout the week, and will also come to Eureka weekly, or as needed. Commissioners agreed to pay him \$2,500 a month with KPERS. Commissioners indicated they would re-evaluate the situation at the end of the three months. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve hiring Steven Thompson on a part-time, temporary basis for three months at \$2,500 per month with KPERS. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. After three months the situation will be re-evaluated.

At 11:38 a.m. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

October 7th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

October 24th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
October 7, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve September 23, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve September 30, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the Road and Bridge report Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners that they are fixing multiple washouts and will fix G Road from 110<sup>th</sup> and G south, because they have multiple rigs going into the Field Trials that bring money into the county. The crews are out taking pictures, as the township is out of money. Chrisman reported the box bridges are supposed to be on schedule and he would double-check on them. Chrisman said he thought Leiser was going to start the prep for the box bridge in the Madison area. Chrisman also reported that County Engineering Consultant Michael Maris has the proposal for the grant (cost-share program). The program opportunity for Christian Hills Bridge, would pay 75% of the construction costs, and the county would be responsible for 25%. Maris presented two options, one that would replace the bridge as-is, and one that would realign, building next to the current bridge in order to keep the travel route open. Commissioners favored the second option, which would cost approximately \$1.2 million (county responsibility \$426,250, including construction, design and other expenses). Grant proposal is due October 11, 2019. If awarded, construction is estimated to begin in March of 2021 and finished in October of 2021. Maris also told commissioners that the Fall River Bridge, on south K99, is due for total replacement in late 2021. The highway will be closed down during construction. EMS and Sheriff's Office expressed concern about lack of access to the south part of the county during the closure. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman about the low water crossing on N Road north of 30<sup>th</sup> Street, as it was installed recently, but has already washed out. Commissioner Hodge suggested tearing it out and replacing it again. The county paid a contractor \$17,400 for the work. No decisions were made, as more information was needed. There was some discussion on road grader training for the employees, Commissioner Hodge would like the county to pay for the training. Chrisman said he didn't know of any in the area, but would reach out to CAT, who has offered trainings in the past.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau talked with commissioners about a quote they received for replacing two fuel pumps at the Road and Bridge Department, to ensure county vehicles are filled with the correct fuel and make it easier to track the purchases as it would all be electronic. Commissioners wanted another bid before making a decision.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$214,367.48. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$104,989.52. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the Fee Report.

Commissioners received an employee verification for Kate McDonald for prn or as needed, nurse services for the Greenwood County Health Department. After a brief discussion, the commissioners decided McDonald could be hired as contract labor through the Health Department and didn't need to add her as an employee.

Shawna Griffiths, Appraiser's Office, informed the commissioners that Joe Roth, the commercial appraiser contractor had resigned as of August, 31, 2019. A bid from William McCully of McCully & Associates was presented for appraisal consulting services in the amount of \$17,500. These services are valid through the end of June 2020. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the bid for William McCully, in the amount of \$17,500, through the end of June 2020. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Greenwood County Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson updated commissioners on the hospital's monthly board meeting and current hospital financial's. Dickerson recently heard of a rural hospital that acquired a bond to pay off all the debt at once, then used the tax income (half percent sales tax passed to pay off payables) to pay the bond payment. The hospital attorney directed her to a company in Wichita that arranges loans for this purpose. The commissioners thought that it was worth looking into this solution.

Commissioners took a six minute break.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel with County Clerk Kathy Robison for an employee review. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Building Maintenance Director Jason Findley gave an update on the carpet for the new commissioner/multi-purpose room, which consists of squares that can be replaced if they become damaged. Commissioners asked him to try for a second bid. Commissioner Spradlin asked him to include other offices in the courthouses that need carpeting, as well. Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau said he was going to coordinate with the installation for carpeting.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 10 minute executive session with County Clerk Kathy Robison. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

At 10:43 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

October 14th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

October 24th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

ATTEST:

Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
October 14, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, County, and Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No commission meeting minutes.

Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross attended the meeting and asked commissioners about closing the Health Department from 10:30 a.m.-2:00p.m. during the drive-thru flu clinic that will be held Tuesday, at the Road and Bridge Department. There was a brief discussion about the event and that the hospital had been invited to participate, as well and use it as a health epidemic drill, which will help them meet an annual requirement.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 10 minute executive session for personnel for employee performance review with Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported he contacted someone from Foley and has scheduled a class for Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> that will teach road maintenance only. He will try to schedule a ditching class next. The class will involve classroom -type work, as well as hands-on application. Chrisman said he is planning on working on 120<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Fox suggested he should see if he could schedule the ditching class the very next day and do them back-to-back, if possible. Chrisman said he would check on doing that. Chrisman said they are finishing a project in Reece and they still have the S50 Road chip/seal project in Climax that needs to be done. Chrisman also added that they have free wood chips available.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of \$9,311.45. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the adjusted payroll in the amount of \$104,935.69. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners and County Counselor Paul Dean reviewed an informal request for a fence viewing on a recently vacated road in the county (Kingsley Property). County Counselor Paul Dean determined a fence viewing petition must be submitted as the next step.

Commissioners received a letter from the board of the Madison Township requesting the commissioners to appoint Harold Engle, Jr. as Trustee, to fill the vacant position. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to appoint Harold Engle, Jr. as Trustee of Madison Township. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Notice to the Township Board for Kerosene. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Register of Deeds Marsha Ramsey presented three bids to the commissioners for a copier: (1)CPI Technologies, \$2,895; (2) Century Solutions, \$3,374; and Modern Copy Systems, \$3,543. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the copier from CPI Technologies in the amount of \$2,895. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson told commissioners an electronic sign would not only be useful during disasters but they would be helpful for the county to own, with events such as Eureka's drive-thru flu clinic put on by the Health Department. Vinson discussed how they were powered and how a new sign ranges in prices from \$15,000-20,000. After some discussion, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson spending up to \$4,000 on an electronic sign. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 5 minute executive session with Sheriff Heath Samuels and County Counselor Paul Dean for legal.

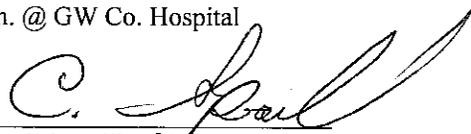
No decisions was made.

At 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

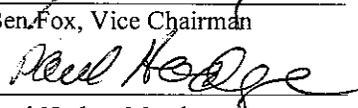
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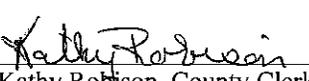
October 21st - Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

October 24th - GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
October 21, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve October 7, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve October 14, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported they will have grader school this week; Thursday will be Road Maintenance and Friday will be Road Ditching just east of town on 150<sup>th</sup> street. They will have about 30 minutes of classroom work then they will spend the rest of their time out on the road. Chrisman told commissioners that he has received a proposal for an inspection on the Bitler Bridge and left it with them. Chrisman said basic road and vehicle maintenance is what they have been up to lately. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if the township road graders could be involved in the training. Chrisman said he would call and check. Chrisman verified that south of Climax is done. Commissioner Hodge asked about a bridge on 30<sup>th</sup> west of Meng. Chrisman said it was a quick easy fix for Michael (Michael Maris, County Engineering Consultant). Chrisman said that after grader school, on Friday, they will take 3 or 4 graders up to the North end of the county and work on roads. Chrisman also updated the commissioners on the concrete box bridges. He reported there was a hiccup, and they are supposed to start making the boxes today. He does not have a date yet for delivery.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$171,646.76. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$102,546.40. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented a 2020 holiday schedule proposal, which included 12 holidays instead of the usual 10. Robison said she added Martin Luther King Jr day and Christmas Eve. Robison also told commissioners that the City of Eureka also follows this same schedule. No decisions were made.

County Clerk Kathy Robison also had given the commissioners some information regarding COLA for 2020 for consideration, for the upcoming end of year.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) license for Kerosene. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson, Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross, and Greenwood County Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson briefed the commissioners on the drive-thru flu clinic that was held last Tuesday at Road and Bridge. The event was planned by several county organizations including the health department and the Greenwood County Hospital and doubled as a simulated flu pandemic in order to fulfill a requirement for hospital Medicare/Medicaid compliance. Vinson and Ross both apologized to CEO Sandy Dickerson over a miscommunication regarding publicity and the event. Ross concluded, "Everybody did a wonderful job coming together." A total of 25 flu shots were given at the event.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session to discuss an employee evaluation. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from the executive session, Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a pay rate increase for Shawna Griffiths, Appraiser's Office, from \$14.44 per hour to \$16.00 per hour, and her title has changed to assistant appraiser and supervisor for the department. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 5 minute executive session with Sheriff Heath Samuels and County Counselor Paul Dean for legal.

No decisions were made.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 10 minute executive session with Kathy Robison. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Greenwood County Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson gave the commissioners several brief hospital updates, including that the loan to the county, in the amount of \$32,000, was paid in full, last week. Dickerson also asked for an update on the vacant hospital board member position. Commissioner Fox commented he's had a hard time getting anyone to commit, but he expects to have an appointment to recommend next week.

Commissioner Hodge suggested hiring Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie as a Road and Bridge FEMA consultant at \$20.00 per hour. Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson believed it would be beneficial, at least for the next few natural disasters, to help the new office employee become more familiar with the process. The commissioners agreed it would be a good idea, but said the specifics would need to be worked out by Road and Bridge.

Steve Wilkinson and Linda Snyder gave the commissioners information regarding loan programs through South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD). The loans are to help small business owners and landlords. They also mentioned a Commercial Rehabilitation Grant program to help building/business owners bring old buildings up to code.

Commissioners held a 30 minute recess.

After returning, from recess, it was determined incorrect information had been given to County Clerk Kathy Robison, by Jerry Hall, KAC, regarding Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) guidelines. It was determined that an earlier executive session between Kathy Robison and the commissioners was illegal and to rectify the illegal session commissioners and Robison explained what was discussed behind closed doors. The topic was regarding the clerk's salary, which has been the same as the treasurer's salary, based on an agreement made years ago with a prior commission board. The treasurer receives a base salary and an additional \$10,000 from the state each year. Instead of the \$10,000 from the state, the clerk position has received two \$5,000 payments each year from the county. Robison asked commissioners, if instead of the two large payments, the \$10,000 could be spread out throughout the year.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

October 24th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital  
October 28th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
October 28, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve October 21, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that Administrative Assistant Amber Woodie submitted her resignation as a full-time employee effective November 8, 2019 and is now a part-time FEMA Specialist to be paid \$20.00 per hour to close out their current open cases that she had worked. The events will be reimbursable by FEMA. Chrisman also reported that the concrete box culverts to replace the bridge west of Madison were supposed to ship that morning; Leiser Excavating has been hired to prepare the site for the boxes, commissioners felt he had plenty of time to prepare the site and they mentioned they hoped he would get the project done quickly, as several people have complained about the bridge being shut down so long. Chrisman also reported they had grader school Thursday (Road Maintenance), but were unable to do the scheduled Friday class (Road Ditching) due to the mud. He also has a truck going to Foley for a second opinion.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson asked commissioners to attend a KDEM (Kansas Division of Emergency Management) planning session this week to discuss the new funding model and to determine FEMA eligibility on the bridge at 100<sup>th</sup> and U Rd. KDEM wants to review the new litigation process with commissioners.

Treasurer Donna Olson shared information regarding a county fund specific CDBG Micro loans program through the state. The county has \$68,000 in the fund and since the last loan was made in 2011 the state is requesting that the funds be returned. It was promoted and utilized when the county had economic development. After some discussion, the commissioner would like to reach out to Linda Snyder, who is involved in the South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD), for more information.

Commissioner Spradlin revisited the clerk's salary discussion from last week. The clerk receives close to \$10,000 from the county for election services as additional pay and Spradlin would like to see it set at a steady \$10,000 and add it into her regular salary, to be paid out in bi-weekly paychecks. Commissioner Spadlin also mentioned that the Treasurer also receives roughly \$10,000 from the state for Department of Motor Vehicle duties. Commissioner Spradlin suggested paying the treasurer an additional \$1,000 from the county in order to compensate for the lack of COLA included in the state's payment. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve setting election pay for the County Clerk at a steady \$10,000 and adding it to her salary, to be disbursed in bi-weekly payments. The Treasurer will receive an additional \$1,000 to be paid by the county to compensate for the lack of COLA, included in the state's payment. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners revisited the COLA information that was presented by County Clerk Kathy Robison at last week's meeting and all three decided they would like to wait until closer to the end of the year to make the determination.

Commissioners revisited the 12 holiday proposal County Clerk Kathy Robison had suggested at the October 21, 2019 Commission Meeting. After a brief discussion, it was decided to revisit the idea at budget time, due to concerns for the emergency departments that pay time and a half.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 19-08 (Kingsley Properties). Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Greenwood County resident Melvin Casey expressed concerns over the Bitler Bridge that has been scheduled for replacement. The cost of the project is nearly \$1 million dollars, and Casey asked what the difference between the cost of that bridge and a low water crossing would be, as he explained he felt it was a low traffic area, where only about four to five people utilize the bridge. Casey also added that the bridge has been closed since Spring when the water was high and no one suffered. Commissioners noted the Bitler bridge had qualified for a KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) 80/20 grant and they were limited to applying for bridge projects that met KDOT's specifications. That bridge met the qualifications. Commissioners said they would have preferred the money go towards replacing the Christian Hills bridge which has substantially more traffic. They were concerned if they declined the grant funding for the Bitler bridge it would affect their chances for future grant awards. They plan to consult with County Engineering Consultant Michael Maris.

Melvin Casey suggested a different bridge to consider, south of Quincy that prevents traffic from accessing US54 whenever the lake levels are up. Casey thought it would be a better choice for replacement, or at least building a separate path for residents to access the highway. Commissioner Fox said he would go and view the area and bring information back to the other commissioners for consideration.

Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson said he spoke to a Verizon representative recently regarding a concern a citizen had shared that the construction of a new Verizon tower near Eureka was stopped because of the county or city. Vinson learned that the hold-up was actually with Verizon, as they had issues with paperwork on their end and are currently awaiting approval from the FCC. Then they will resume construction, which should significantly improve cell service in Eureka.

Sheriff Heath Samuels presented a letter to the commissioners from the Reno County Juvenile Detention Center regarding an increase to their juvenile housing charges, due to inflation.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to appoint Maurice Strecker to fill the vacant Greenwood County Hospital Board position. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

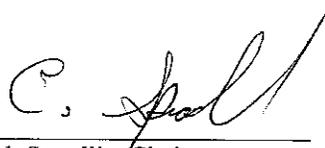
Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for employee performance review with Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve increasing Jerrid Baumgartel's pay from \$15.25 per hour to \$15.50 per hour, effective 10/28/19. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- November 4th – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> – General City/School Election @ the Matt Samuels Building/Hamilton Community Building/Sauder Community Center/ & Severy Methodist Church/ from &7:00a.m. -7:00p.m.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day
- November 12<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- November 12<sup>th</sup> – Board of Canvass for 2019 City/School Election @ 10:00 a.m.
- November 26th – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital



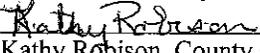
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Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



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Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
November 4, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Commission Meeting Minutes.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that a bridge had to be repaired east of Severy, at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and T Road last, week to avoid the bridge closure by KDOT. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve paying the amount of the bridge cost \$11,380.04 to Talkington Construction LLC, Madison. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman also reported that the boxes for 360th arrived this morning and he thought they would be set today.

No weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$100,739.98. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$186,980.09. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an employee verification for Monica Ashdown as a full-time clerk in the Appraiser's Office at \$12.00 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve an employee verification for Staci Wilson as a full-time employee in the Clerk's Office at \$11.00 per hour, to be reviewed after 90 days. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson told commissioners while searching Purple Wave for a Message Board he found a 2016 Chevrolet crew cab pickup truck worth \$30,000 and placed a bid of \$15,000. Vinson's bid was accepted, which is over his spending limit. The total amount was \$16,500, which included the auction fee. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the truck in the amount of \$16,500. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Vinson also purchased a message board in the amount of \$4,290, including auction fee cost. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of the message board in the amount of \$4,290. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Greenwood County Hospital CEO Sandy Dickerson presented a report and explained it to the commissioners. Dickerson mentioned the hospital anticipated making a payment to Medicare close to \$300,000, but they will also be adding a lucrative service line in the radiology department for nuclear medicine.

Treasurer Donna Olson asked the commissioners what they had decided to do with the Micro Loan program. Commissioner Spradlin said they were waiting to hear from Olson. Olson said she has been trying to contact Linda Snyder for more information. Commissioner Spradlin said he will talk to her and ask her to contact Olson.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau told commissioners that he is starting to get information about replacing the county's five defibrillator monitors, as the ones currently being used will be discontinued after December 31<sup>st</sup>. Mongeau is looking into grants to help purchase ones to replace the current defibrillator monitors. He will bring back more information to a later meeting. Mongeau also informed commissioners he will be talking to a contractor about building a covered entryway into the EMS station crew room, as it has sustained water damage in recent months.

Register of Deed Marsha Ramsey addressed the commissioners regarding a salary increase of \$2,000 she received in September of 2019, that was approved by commissioners in an effort to bring her up to a more competitive salary with the Clerk and Treasurer's salary. In addition to a base salary of approximately \$37,000, the Treasurer receives an additional \$10,000 from the state for motor vehicle responsibilities and the clerk's base salary is the same, plus an additional \$10,000 from the county for election responsibilities. At the time of the increase, Ramsey understood the \$2,000 in September to be a recurring increase or for every year for 5 years to total the \$10,000 the other two department heads are earning. Ramsey also asked them to accelerate the salary increase so that she would have the \$10,000 sooner. Commissioners felt they did not intend for an additional increase every year, but that it was a one-time raise. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the subject with the commissioners finally deciding they should look into how other County Register of Deeds are paid.

At 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

November 5<sup>th</sup> – General City/School Election @ the Matt Samuels Building/Hamilton Community Building/Sauder Community Center/ & Severy Methodist Church/ from &7:00a.m. -7:00p.m.

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Board of Canvass for 2019 City/School Election @ 10:00 a.m.

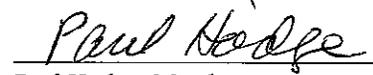
November 26<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Mtg. @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital



Chuck Spradlin, Chairman



Ben Fox, Vice Chairman



Paul Hodge, Member

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
November 12, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve October 28, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve November 4, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

For the Road and Bridge Report, Amber Woodie County FEMA Consultant, explained that the Bitler Bridge grant project is an off-systems bridge and the KDOT grant had special qualifications that the Christian Hills Bridge did not meet, but the Bitler Bridge did. The total project is estimated at \$885,000 with the county responsible for ten percent, approximately \$177,000. Of the County's portion, Ninety percent can be paid from Federal Funds Exchange from KDOT, resulting in the net cost to the county of approximately \$20,000. Woodie added a low water crossing would cost more than that to build. Woodie also said the Blakely Bridge on 30<sup>th</sup>, west of K99, northwest of Madison, received grant funding to replace. Of the \$200,000 project cost, the county is responsible for \$20,000-or ten percent. That cost is also eligible for Federal Funds Exchange for 90%, resulting in a net cost to the county of approximately \$2,000.

No weekly Treasurer's Report.

Fire Chief Doug Williams updated commissioners on upcoming changes to licensing requirements for first responders. The proposed legislation will require fire department responders to adhere to the strict licensing and oversight requirements that EMS departments have to uphold. Williams noted there is so much at risk, including large fines, they will have to make drastic changes to respond if it passes. Currently the fire department assists EMS with lifting assistance and other supportive duties. EMS Director Brian Mongeau agreed that the licensing regulations are "pretty cumbersome at times." Fire Chief Williams asked commissioners to reach out to legislators in opposition of the proposed law.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau reported he spent time last week looking into grants for the defibrillator monitors that he told commissioners will be phased out in 2021. He emphasized that they are in good working order at this time but the supplies will no longer be available to order. Mongeau is estimating a cost of \$150,000 to replace all five monitors.

The subject of the Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deed's Office salaries was revisited from last weeks' discussion. Commissioner Spradlin said he had spent some time checking around with other counties to see how they paid those three positions. After some discussion, Commissioner Spradlin explained he felt it was appropriate to increase the Register of Deed's salary by \$2,000 to \$38,910.

Commissioner Spradlin announced November is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Commissioner Spradlin said he had been diagnosed with prostate cancer several months ago, although he had no symptoms but was monitoring his PSA, a test to check for prostate cancer. "Where I'm at right now is in the early stages, very treatable," he said. "He added if he were to miss any meetings, it would be for testing or appointments." "I have a very good prognosis. You should never take cancer lightly anyways," he said.

At 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Board of Canvass for 2019 City/School Election @ 10:00 a.m.  
November 18<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
Board of Canvass  
November 12, 2019

Greenwood County Commissioners, Chuck Spradlin, Ben Fox, and Paul Hodge met November 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. as the Board of Canvassers for the 2019 City/School General Election. Also present were Kathy Robison, Election Officer and Deann McCaffree, Assistant.

The Canvass was completed at 10:30 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
November 18, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

Newly elected commissioners Roy Ballard (District 1) and Joe Morgan (District 4) were present to attend their first meeting as commissioners. Commissioner Ballard had been sworn in Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, after the Board of Canvass, and Commissioner Morgan was sworn in November 13<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Spradlin is now District 2, Commissioner Fox #3, and Commissioner Hodge #5.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Commission meeting meetings.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported doing minor bridge repair throughout the county. Finished pouring wing walls on 360<sup>th</sup> Rd. Reported putting bigger culverts on 175<sup>th</sup> and EE beginning next week, which will be a FEMA job.

Commissioners review Treasurer's report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$104,180.75.  
Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$191,029.40.  
Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners addressed the County Clerk's agenda regarding permission for Marshall Elementary students to decorate the courthouse lawn. Permission granted. County Clerk Kathy Robison presented a letter from the Senior Center for signature regarding matching funds for general public transportation in the amount of \$94,000 needed for the 2020 fiscal year.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve signing letter from Senior Center. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jason Findley presented a bid for the meeting room. A Brief discussion ensued regarding cost of materials and the desk that is to accommodate the five commissioners. No decisions were made.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau is going to attend a meeting, Tuesday, in Junction City for Fire and Ambulance.

Scott Day of Freedom Claims discussed Blue Cross and Blue Shield's current cost vs. proposed cost. Also discussed costs of new plan. All costs were reduced, with the exception of Delta Dental. Commissioners renewed for one more year. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve renewing the health insurance plan for one more year. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Heath Samuels shared that the Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant to apply to the purchase of a recording machine that can record phone calls and 800 radio frequencies. Samuels relayed that the counties portion would be \$17,996.80.

Commissioners held a 5 minute executive session for legal with Sheriff Heath Samuels and County Counselor Paul Dean. After returning from executive session, Commissioner Fox made a motion to allow Leon Devore to cash in vacation and sick time worth up to \$1,181. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

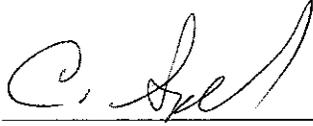
Roger Bechtel commended the county on repairs made in October to G Road, near his ranch. Bechtel requested that the commissioners consider allowing the county to take over the maintenance of 90<sup>th</sup> and between 90<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Road on G Road, as the Spring Creek Township does not have sufficient funds to make the necessary repairs. No decisions were made.

Shawna Griffiths, Supervisor of the Appraiser's Office, informed the commissioners the Appraisers Office is entering a busy season, as they are performing final evaluations and the office may be closed during certain times of the day until they are complete.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

November 25<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.



Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

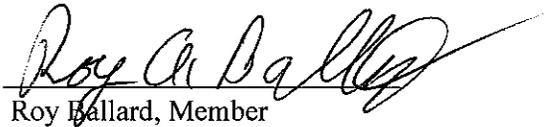


Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:   
Kathy Robison, County Clerk



Paul Hodge, Member



Roy Ballard, Member



Robert Joe Morgan, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
November 25, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve November 12, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve November 12, 2019 Board of Canvass minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve November 18, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that the bridge at 360 and R Road is open and passable; Judd Everitt turned in a bid on a bridge at Hamilton on Road W to repair a wing wall, the approach and toe wall, in the amount of \$18,500; Chrisman discussed several bridges that he will be getting bids on because they constantly wash out (ex: Lilly, Blakely, South EE & 210). Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson said that we need to get estimates on these bridges that constantly wash out and identify 12-15 of them to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant, which pays 75/25. Commissioner Spradlin asked for a timetable on the process. Vinson said it's a FEMA grant so once you submit the paperwork, you hear something in about three months. Chrisman reported that Jeff from KDEM should be coming soon regarding the debris removal Road and Bridge had done in October. Chrisman also related that he is also going to get with Jerrid Baumgartel, with the Noxious Weed Department, regarding the guardrail project and Baumgartel has some trees he wants to remove at Reece. Chrisman also told Commissioner Morgan they were working on the ditch and driveway he had reported at an earlier meeting. Commissioner Ballard told Chrisman that a lot of the bridges in his district still have debris upstream side and maybe the grader driver's should report that to him, for better maintenance.

No weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the Second Quarter Financial Report. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the Third Quarter Financial Report. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the 2020 Holiday Calendar. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the year-end dinner and approved having it on December 31<sup>st</sup> at the Matt Samuels Building at 1:00 p.m. and also approved closing the courthouse at 11:30 a.m. to finish year-end transactions. Letters will be sent to restaurants in the county for bids to cater the meal and they must be in to the Clerk's office by December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.. The bids will be opened in the Commission meeting Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, @ 9:30 a.m. The menu has been selected and is roast beef, baked potato w/sour cream and butter (on the side), corn, rolls, variety of desserts, water, and tea.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a \$75 year-end gift, less taxes, for full-time employees, and a \$37.50 year-end gift, less taxes, for part-time employees. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of \$8,714.04. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve an employee verification for Valerie Morris as a full time Administrative Assistant at the Greenwood County Health Department at \$11.50 per hour. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. After 90 days employment, Morris may receive a .50 raise, based on job performance per Health Department Director Vicki Ross.

Joy Jensen attended the meeting and thanked commissioners for their donation and support during the annual Field trials event. Jensen mentioned many monetary and edible funds that supported the event that makes it possible.

Commissioners went to a fence viewing, Monday, November 18, 2019 at 12:00 p.m., located at Section 35 Old County Road 24 or Road 250 Line between the N & S ½ of Section 35 beg the west right of way of Road C50 thence W 1 mile to the section of Section 34 & 35 all in Twp 27S, Range 8E, GW Co, KS. It was decided that County Counselor Paul Dean will contact both landowners and let them know the findings and give them a timeframe.

Discussion over the meeting room was revisited this week as Commissioner Spradlin shared that a couple of businesses contacted rejected the project due to traveling this far. However, Brazzle Builder's, Inc., from Madison had submitted an original bid for \$13,800, an estimate that included the construction of press, legal counsel, and clerk's desks, in addition to the now approved commissioner's desk, lectern, and platform. There was a brief discussion regarding funding and the samples for the desk, and areas where costs could be saved. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to accept the bid from Brazzle Builder's, Inc. in the amount of \$13,600. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. Commissioner Ballard voted "No".

Fire Chief Doug Williams asked approval to increase the volunteer fire fighter pay from \$15 per call to \$20. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve paying volunteer fire fighters \$20 per call starting January 1, 2020. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Williams also shared that the county was turned down for the regional bunker gear grant they applied for.

The Greenwood County Hospital Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. @ the hospital. Commissioner Spradlin said he would attend.

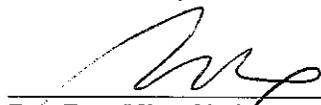
Commissioner Morgan brought up the subject of an individual he knows that would be interested in applying for the position of assistant to the Road and Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Spradlin asked Commissioner Morgan to go out to the Road and Bridge Department and discuss it with Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman.

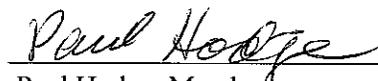
At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- December 9<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Bids for Year-End Dinner due in Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Bids for Year-End Dinner to be opened at Commission Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.
- December 26<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

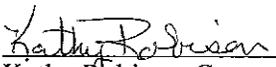
  
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Paul Hodge, Member

  
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Roy Ballard, Member

  
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Robert Joe Morgan, Member

ATTEST:   
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Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Commissioner Meeting  
December 2, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve November 25, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported he received an estimate from Judd Everitt on the bridge on W Road, just North of Hamilton, slightly, on the northern approach. The estimate includes: repair on the stem wall, and he's going to clean, pin it up, and pour it. The township is going to contribute some rip rap. Right now they are going to put some AB3 in to make it crossable. Currently they are at 330<sup>th</sup> and will need to repair it, as a large truck did some damage when it crossed over. Commissioner Spradlin said he would like to revisit discussion on the bridge at W Road. Commissioner Spradlin said, "We talked about the bridge this morning and it is a main north/south, and it seems it would be poor practice not to do anything with it." He added "And what they're talking about doing is the only fix we can live with." Commissioner Ballard and Commissioner Fox agreed. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve Everitt Concrete starting the bridge project at W Road, in the amount of \$18,500. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chrisman said they got the 7' tinhorn in on 177<sup>th</sup> and EE Road on the east side of the county; the bridge on 366<sup>th</sup> is open but they still have a little dressing to do; wing wall at L & 180<sup>th</sup> has been poured and they should start back-filling this week. Commissioner Morgan asked Chrisman if the rock at Hilltop had ever been tested. Chrisman said, "I haven't gotten a report on it lately, but they do test it, I think they are obligated to test it." There was a brief discussion on the quality of the rock at Hilltop with Commissioner Ballard stating this rock is a lot better after the crushing this time. Commissioner Ballard relayed that he is getting a few complaints regarding the Virgil road, right at Lamont, the first mile, pertaining to the potholes. Commissioner Hodge asked if both box bridges were completed and Chrisman said that they were still working on the one on L Road, just north of 180<sup>th</sup>, the bridge they had poured and still need to let cure, then back-fill. Commissioner Spradlin asked Chrisman if he was aware of the new CDL requirements, by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), that will go into effect January of 2020 involving Drug and Alcohol testing for employed CDL Drivers. Chrisman said that he had only received information from KAC regarding dues and also something pertaining to if you don't have an A class CDL by February 7, 2020, you will need to attend a class to obtain one. Commissioner Spradlin shared the new requirement with Chrisman. A new clearinghouse has been adapted to ensure that drivers do not conceal drug and alcohol usage and the county will be obligated to request records from them. All CDL drivers are required to register with the program, prior to Friday, January 6, 2020. Chrisman also relayed that Catapiller will be coming to do service on some of the equipment. Commissioner Morgan asked if Chrisman would be having a snow removal class. Chrisman remarked if we have some snow he would consider a class, and this spring he will be rescheduling a ditching class with Foley, as the original date did not work out due to weather.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$160,988.00. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$109,355.74. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Greenwood County Hospital CEO Sandra Dickerson attended the meeting to update the commissioners on the hospital's monthly board meeting and current hospital financial reports. Dickerson said they increased their cash on hand; accounts payable and accounts receivable, due to the census going up. The Home Health Financial Statement is a Cost Report because Home Health is a department that is "fee for service" rather than "cost-based reimbursement", so they had originally been looking at doing a reduction in services in that department. The Howard Clinic shows a \$760,000 loss, however the 340b payments they receive from the pharmacy are a revenue. Dickerson discussed the hospital census being down from last year this time and the contract for the Nuclear Medicine Program is with Lyon County instead of Burlington County, as she had earlier reported. Dickerson also relayed that the current CFO of the hospital has given notice, as she has another opportunity that the hospital cannot compete with.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to remove the HSA option from our Health Insurance (Plan 2). Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the abatements and adds. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was a brief discussion about a company that would like to do the tax sale for the county for a fee of \$10,000-\$15,000. County Counselor Paul Dean said he wouldn't recommend doing this because that amount is already budgeted

for the County Counselor to do this. The commissioners decided to continue having County Counselor Paul Dean do the tax sales.

Hamilton Resident Doug Mitchell attended the meeting to discuss how the Christian Hills Bridge is in bad shape and he stated that it is a really important bridge that has lots of traffic on it. Commissioner Spradlin told Mitchell that the bridge is a top priority on the list and has been for a long time and the county has been trying to get a grant for the bridge. Mitchell also discussed the meeting room and his concern regarding the expenses. Commissioner Spradlin explained the room had been budgeted \$60,000 in the year to be used for the meeting space and explained additional ways the commissioners intend for the room to be used.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Kingsley/Murphy viewing, and it was decided that County Counselor Paul Dean will do a resolution with the findings to both property owners and give them 90 days to comply. County Counselor Paul Dean said if they do not comply it would become a civil case between them.

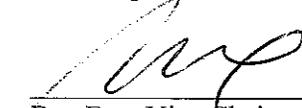
At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- December 9<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Bids for Year-End Dinner due in Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Bids for Year-End Dinner to be opened at Commission Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.
- December 26<sup>th</sup> – GW Co. Hospital Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. @ GW Co. Hospital

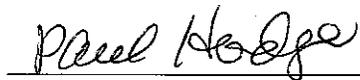


Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

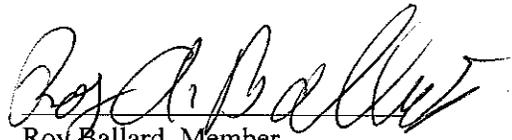


Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

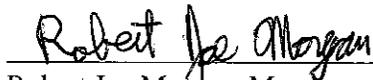
ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk



Paul Hodge, Member



Roy Ballard, Member



Robert Joe Morgan, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
December 9, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Paul Hodge, and Kathy Robison County Clerk. County Counselor Paul Dean was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve December 2, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve special payables in the amount of \$8,528.40. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman presented a rock testing report but informed the commissioners that he still needs information on Hilltop and Braden and needs to contact Patrick, out of Toronto and Martin Marietta. Also Chrisman relayed that Mike from KDEM said we should be receiving a check anytime for debris removal from the October 2018 event. Last Wednesday Greenwood County received approval for their RS Roads (Federally Subsidized Roads), roads that must have at least \$5,000 or larger worth of damage. Chrisman said the rough estimate was around \$70,000. So it will pay for the bridge on 360<sup>th</sup> and the other damages in the area, which was in about five spots. Commissioner Spradlin mentioned the Road and Bridge Department is doing a good job documenting damages from storms, etc. to make it possible to receive this kind of funding. Chrisman reported that the box on L Road, will not be completed but should be passable by this evening. Chrisman said they will be doing a joint run to the Federal Surplus in Topeka to look at a truck and some tools. Chrisman said the arch bridge on 60<sup>th</sup> is supposed to be taken out and he will consult with Engineering Consultant Michael Maris on what type of solution they can come up with. There was a brief discussion about options. Chrisman reported they received a hydrology report on the bridge on W Road and they put a 4' tinhorn in with riprap so it is safer. Commissioner Morgan said that Chrisman's guy did a wonderful job cleaning up the bridge at Reece; on Reece Road, south Reece, but reported that the weight sign is laying in the north ditch, on the east side. Commissioner Morgan said he didn't really pay attention to the west side. Commissioner Morgan added that he thought they needed to take a shovel and dig a trench on one side or the other and let the water out, because it's going to dam it up. Chrisman said he would go look at the bridge. Commissioner Morgan asked Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson if he brought them a sample of the bluestem grass. Vinson explained that in the summer and spring time old world bluestem grass is hard to identify, but in the winter it turns white vs. regular grasses that turn brown. Vinson told the commissioners he is sending out one of his Noxious Weed employees and having them map the areas where the grass is, so they know where to treat this spring and summer. Commissioner Fox asked if it has been designated a Noxious Weed. Vinson said he has made many contacts with the state to the Noxious Weed Specialists on declaring it locally, and he hasn't gotten any response from them yet. Commissioner Hodge told Vinson that he has received several compliments from his district on how good the area looks because of the tree trimming and they appreciate them doing it.

There was no Treasurer's Report to view at the meeting but it was going to be emailed to the commissioners.

Commissioner Spradlin asked the other commissioners if they had a chance to review the information, regarding the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), and gave them a brief overview of COLA. Commissioner Spradlin said they put 1.6% in the budget for a COLA to be effective on the first pay period in January 2020. There was a brief discussion regarding the COLA; Commissioner Hodge said it wasn't that he didn't think the employees deserved a raise, because he did, he just disagreed with the COLA; Commissioner Morgan said he agreed with the raise; Commissioner Ballard asked if they needed to make the decision today and asked if the employees received 1.6% last year, as well. Commissioner Spradlin explained that they actually received 1.4% last year and he asked County Clerk Kathy Robison if she agreed that it would be best to make the decision today. Robison agreed and explained that departments need time to start figuring the 1.6% raises into their budgets. Commissioner Spradlin explained they were able to plug it in to the county budget and were able to do it with no mil increase. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion for a 1.6% increase as a Cost of Living for 2020 based on the first paycheck in January. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. With a total of four votes for "Yes", and Commissioner Hodge voted, "No".

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley told commissioners that the fan in the heating unit at the storage building, located by the Road and Bridge Department, is no longer working. Findley reported that the fan motor, itself, is \$996.00, plus there would be labor. Commissioner Ballard asked if the motor was actually burned up and Findley confirmed that it had been checked and that was the issue. Commissioners told Findley to go ahead and replace the motor. Findley also asked if the commissioners wanted him to paint the paneling on the wall of the meeting room or replace it instead, but told them he couldn't guarantee how well the paint would cover, due to the slick surface. The commissioners decided to have the paneling painted and if it didn't work out they would decide to do something else.

Commissioner Fox asked about the electrical project at the Road and Bridge Department and the sewer line/fiber optic project also going on out at the Road and Bridge Department. Noxious Weed/Emergency Management Director Levi Vinson, said Fire Chief Doug Williams contacted the people responsible for the sewer line/fiber optic project and gave them a deadline and it is supposed to be completed in the next two weeks. Commissioner Fox commented that after the Road and Bridge Department is done then hopefully they can do the electric for the Sheriff's Department. Undersheriff Cox said that their electrical work has already been done, as the state had been in and it was past due. Commissioner Morgan asked Jason for a map of the county they could hang in the meeting room. Commissioner Spradlin relayed there are several different maps in the old commission room that show a lot of information about the county. Commissioner Spradlin also shared that the Madison High School had wanted to take the maps and redo them to make them look good. Findley said he would get a temporary map to use for now.

Undersheriff Randy Cox presented a new employee verification for Blake Dow Fisher as a jailer for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the employment verification for Blake Dow Fisher at \$10.25 per hour starting December 11th. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Undersheriff Randy Cox updated the commissioners on a vehicle they purchased from Shawnee Mission Ford, in the amount of \$32,767. Cox explained that, earlier in the year, commissioners had previously discussed the purchase of a Ford Explorer but due to the fact that the vehicle would not be available until the end of March, they settled on the purchase of a 2020 Ford Utility PI AWD. Cox informed the commissioners the new vehicle is \$400 less than the Explorer they had planned on purchasing. Also Cox explained upfitting of a vehicle, and that this one will be \$8,384.26, which is a little higher than usual, but the body of the Ford vehicle has changed, so they are unable to take any of the old equipment off and put it on this new one, as it will not fit. The funds are first to come from capital outlay and then equipment reserve. Cox also told commissioners that they will be selling a couple of vehicles soon on the Purple Wave auction, which will help put a little more money back in equipment reserve.

Commissioner Fox made a motion that we proceed with the Fence Viewer Order. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson talked to commissioners about upfitting the Noxious Weed truck that Jerrid Baumgartel drives with lights due to the vehicle frequently stopping and working along roadways. Vinson said the cost should be around \$1,000. Commissioners agreed that it should be done for safety reasons and told Vinson to proceed.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve an executive session for an employee performance review. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. After returning from executive session Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to change Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findleys' hourly rate of pay from \$14.96 to \$16.50 per hour, starting December 11, 2019. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Bids for Year-End Dinner due in Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Bids for Year-End Dinner to be opened at Commission Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Member

Roy Ballard  
Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan  
Robert Joe Morgan, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
December 16, 2019

Vice Chairman Ben Fox called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean. Chairman Chuck Spradlin was not present.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve December 9, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners that the bridge on L Rd between 200 and 185<sup>th</sup> is finished and open. Next they would like to start on the bridge by Hazel Russell's place. Chrisman reported that Judd Everitt is working on W Rd. He reinforced the footings, as previously discussed, and repaired the stem wall, but did not pour the decking as he was unable to get concrete Friday. This is the one located northwest of Hamilton, at the propane tanks. Chrisman said that's pretty much it other than routine maintenance; they are salting the asphalt right now, if the gravel gets worse, they will break out the blades. Administrative Assistant Kassie Martin presented the 2020 Solid Waste Management Plan for signature. It pertains to recycling and solid waste. Martin and FEMA Specialist Amber Woodie told commissioners it was basically the same as last year. They discussed the current space out at the landfill and how the purchase of the compactor was meant to help postpone opening a new cell for a while because that would be costly. Chrisman said they still have room in the current cell, as the compactor is doing a good job. Commissioner Morgan told Chrisman he was out at a bridge Saturday southwest of Reece and the weight limit sign is not up, nor has the trench been cut on both sides that he had suggested last week and also added that at 120<sup>th</sup> & M, there is no stop sign. Commissioner Ballard said that he received a call from a guy that said his new company truck has a camera on it, and it is recording everything they come across, like the new weight limit signs that are being put on bridges. The information is recorded and is showing that the limit is not adequate for the trucks to pass, however, there is no other route for the truck to travel so they still need to use the bridge. With the camera they are concerned, because of the record, in case of an incident. Commissioner Ballard asked who places the weight limit signs out. FEMA Specialist Amber Woodie explained the state does, and it has to do with the signage program they are involved with. There was a brief discussion on using box bridges in some of these areas, as the weight limit is higher. Administrative Assistant Kassie Martin told commissioners she also sent a quote to a few companies for a few sign posts but only two companies got back with her. The lowest bid was for \$6,750 and was for 600 posts of various types and sizes. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the 2020 Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Fox made a motion to accept the quote for the sign posts in the amount of \$6,750. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Morgan asked Chrisman if the engineer has looked at the road at FF and 200. Chrisman told him yes and that they are going to drive sheet piling in there and briefly discussed the plan for repairing the damage, which is the last one of the projects of the October 2018 event. Commissioner Hodge asked Chrisman if they ever got a bridge in the southeast part of the county cleaned out down on 65 and HH. Chrisman said he would have to check.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Donna Olson asked permission to return the Micro Loans funding that is being unused to the South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD), in the amount of \$68,423.17. Commissioner Fox made a motion to return \$68,423.17 to SCKEDD. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for Tri-Corner. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for Jim & Lila's Cafe. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a Notice to the Township Board for Tripco. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$232,307.76. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$119,913.65. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COLA raises were revisited this week; they were approved last week, and just needed signature, this week.

Commissioners viewed the Fee reports.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve and sign the contract with Freedom Claims. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The bids were opened for the year-end county dinner: Commissioner Fox announced that we received a letter from a restaurant declining to bid on the year-end county dinner; one from Copper Kettle @ \$11.00 per plate, and one from Red Brick BBQ & Bakery for \$890 for about 80 people. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to choose the Red Brick BBQ & Bakery to prepare our year-end county dinner held at the Matt Samuels Bldg @ 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Health Department Administrator Vicki Ross reported to the commissioners that she had a state survey done last week for vaccines and passed, but was told the vaccine refridgerator they are using is 10 years old, and cannot be guaranteed that it will not malfunction., because they are generally good for 10 years. The state said that if the refridgerator goes out and the vaccines are not moved to a different refridgerator quick enough, the county would be responsible for the vaccines that are destroyed and will have to pay to replace the destroyed vaccine. Ross asked if she had permission to start researching vaccine refridgerators, as the state currently has a reimbursement program, that if you purchase a state-approved fridge (pharmaceutical grade) and get it installed, they will reimburse you, \$2,500. This may be a limited time offer. Also while updating, the Health Department policies, Ross found out the Greenwood County Hospital does not have a pharmaceutical grade refridgerator, and that is where she would like to store her vaccines if she needed to in the event of an emergency. Ross asked commissioners if she could store the health department's 10 year old refridgerator at the hospital as a backup and allow the clinic to use it as well. Commissioners agreed it would be a good idea to get bids and take the old one to the hospital as a backup when the health department is finished using it.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau discussed a pay scale he is working on to give his employees raises. The pay scale will have four levels based on the employee's certification and their starting pay. The raise is then based on both years of service and by performance levels. Reviews will be conducted as scheduled, during which each individual employee will be assessed and it will determine whether or not they will be recommended for a raise. Mongeau believes this will provide the employee with incentive to better themselves. Also the pay scale would include "moving some of the folks who have the years of service to where they belong." Mongeau said he will seek approval, after the schedule has been finalized.

Building Maintenance Supervisor Jason Findley asked commissioners for a part-time person to be added to his department to do additional cleaning for the courthouse under 20 hours a week. There was a brief discussion regarding the request, then Commissioner Fox made a motion to authorize hiring a part-time employee (Mandy Stapleford) for cleaning under 20 hours a week. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$409.22. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

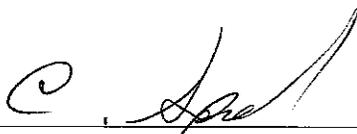
Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve adds in the amount of \$18.00. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners received a letter thanking them for work done on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, completed by Jerrid Baumgartel and his crew. The letter stated that, "It's nice to see the south end of the county, to see where some of our tax dollars are going." The letter concluded with, "Thank you all for a job well done."

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

Calendar:

- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Bids for Year-End Dinner to be opened at Commission Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Courthouse Closed in observance of Christmas Holiday
- December 31 – Commission Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- December 31 – Courthouse closes @ 11:30 a.m. to close year-end business / 1:00 p.m. year-end dinner @ Matt Samuel's Bldg for County Employees/Spouses/Children.
- January 1<sup>st</sup> – Courthouse closed in observance of New Year's Day

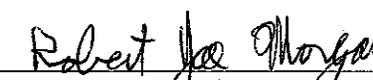
  
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Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

  
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Paul Hodge, Member

  
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Roy Ballard, Member

  
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Robert Joe Morgan, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
December 23, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve December 16, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners that last week they discussed the bridge on FF & just north of 200, and he talked to Steve Creeky who is planning on being here January 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> to put sheet piling in at the wingwall. Chrisman also told commissioners that Bettis Asphalt contacted him last Thursday about the asphalt they had a problem with, and are planning on coming back in the spring to repair the areas on Q Rd, between 130<sup>th</sup> and back to the north, to the city limits, by the rodeo arena and the warranty will cover the repairs. Chrisman relayed that Everitt Construction will be pouring the top part of the approach on the bridge on W Road northwest of Hamilton. Also Chrisman is meeting with Judd Everitt Thursday for our third and final bid on two different bridges, which would be the Lilley Bridge, and the Lewis Bridge, and those will be the last two low-volumn roads to be fixed for a while because Chrisman said the county needs to get Shell Rock approaches fixed, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and the north end of State Street fixed, which would be high-volumn roads. Chrisman said other than that they are doing routine maintenance and trying to keep potholes to a minimum. Commissioner Fox asked what the status was on the Hamilton/Virgil road complaint they had received lately. Chrisman explained he planned to patch a number of roads including that one using a different formula that seems to be working well. Commissioner Ballard mentioned several other bridges and roads in his district and there was a brief discussion regarding the area. Commissioner Hodge asked about Steve Creeky, who is coming in to do the sheet piling job, and Chrisman said that they are also going to take out the middle arch bridge, not on Don's, but the one on over. Commissioner Morgan asked Chrisman what his plans were to bomag the Reece Road. Chrisman said it was on their list to get done before spring, they have been trying to maintain it until they can actually get in there and grind it up.

Commissioner Spradlin signed the 2020 CMB License renewal for Jim & Lila's Café as of 12-25-2019.

Commissioner Spradlin signed the 2020 CMB License renewal for Tri-Corner as of 12-25-2019.

Commissioner Spradlin signed the 2020 CMB License renewal for Tripco as of 12-25-2019.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve amended abatements dated 12-16-2019, in the amount of \$660.64. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve adds dated 12-16-2019, in the amount of 136.64. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve abatements in the amount of \$283.06. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve an add in the amount of \$749.70. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau met with the commissioners and revisited the discussion on establishing a pay scale for the ambulance department based on years of experience and individual performance evaluations. Commissioners will re-visit the topic next week, after they have had time to review the proposed plan.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session for employee performance review with Emergency Management/Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson updated commissioners about the lighting package for the new Noxious Weed truck. There was a recent discussion regarding an estimate for a Road and Bridge truck amounting to \$5,000 for lights. Vinson told commissioner that they would plan to do the installation "in

house", as employee, Jerrid Baumgartel possesses the ability to do the wiring, experience received from his work as Severy Fire Chief.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a 10 minute executive session for employee performance review with County Attorney Joe Lee and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of creating an Amazon business account, to be utilized by all county departments.

No decision was made.

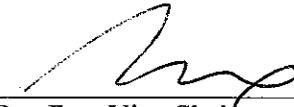
At 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Calendar:

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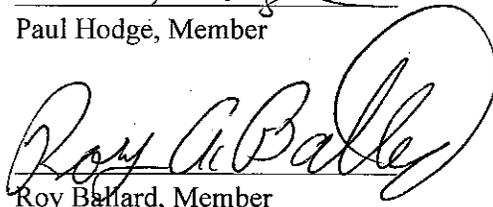


Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk



Paul Hodge, Member



Roy Ballard, Member



Robert Joe Morgan, Member

Commissioner Meeting  
December 31, 2019

Chairman Chuck Spradlin called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Paul Hodge, Kathy Robison County Clerk, and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve December 23, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman told commissioners they had worked on W Road and it is now opened up again. Chrisman also updated commissioners on other projects and told them about regular maintenance on roads and bridges they have been doing. Commissioner Ballard told Chrisman he received a call from someone living in the north end of the county that said they are doing a good job with grading the roads.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve a pay rate change for Kassie Martin to \$13.71 per hour. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners viewed the weekly Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$259,240.46. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$111,421.23. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve a payrate change for Arlene Edward to \$15.50 per hour. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve a payrate change for Jessica Baumgartel to \$14.45 per hour. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

\*The following budget transfers were approved and seconded and the motions carried. After the Transfer Amount will be a bracket to show which commissioner made the motion and who seconded it. Example:  
[Motion:Fox/Second:Spradlin]

Budget transfers were approved for the following departments: **County Attorney** (Resolution 19-12) \$6,000 to Attorney Equipment Reserve[Motion:Fox/Hodge]; **County Ambulance** (Resolution 19-10) \$73,000 to EMS Equipment Reserve[Morgan/Fox]; **Appraiser** (Resolution 19-11) \$10,000 to Appraiser Equipment Reserve[Fox/Ballard]; **House Hold Hazardous Waste (HHW)** (Resolution 19-16) \$10,000 to HHW Equipment Reserve[Hodge/Fox]; **Noxious Weeds** (Resolution 19-14) \$25,000 to Noxious Weed Capital Outlay[Fox/Ballard]; **Emergency Preparedness** (Resolution 19-13) \$6,000 to Emergency Preparedness Equipment Reserve[Fox/Ballard]; **County Health Department** (Resolution 19-15) \$10,000 to Health Department Equipment Reserve[Fox/Ballard]; **Solid Waste** (Resolution 19-25) \$12,000 to Solid Waste Equipment Reserve[Fox/Hodge]; **Recycle** (Resolution 19-24) \$4,000 to Recycle Equipment Reserve[Fox/Hodge]; **Road & Bridge (Special Highway Fund)**-Resolution 19-17) \$100,000[Fox/Ballard]; **Road & Bridge (Special Machinery)** Fund-Resolution 19-18) \$100,000[Fox/Hodge]; **Register of Deed** (Resolution 19-19) \$4,000 to ROD Equipment Reserve[Hodge/Morgan]; **Sheriff** (Resolution 19-20) \$25,000 to Sheriff Equipment Reserve[Ballard/Fox]; **County Election** (Resolution 19-23) \$4,000 to Election Equipment Reserve[Fox/Ballard]; **Courthouse General** (Resolution 19-22) \$5,000 to Courthouse Equipment Reserve[Fox/Morgan]. Budget number transfer 19-21 was voided.

Sheriff Samuels presented Raise sheets for the Sheriff's Department that includes the COLA for the 2020 budget.

There was a discussion about the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2020. Chuck Spradlin has served as the Chairman for 2019. Commissioner Hodge agreed to be the Chairman for the 2020 upcoming year. No action was taken, as it would not be in effect until January 13, 2020.

EMS Director Brian Mongeau presented more information on the new pay scale for the Ambulance Department. After some review, the commissioners told Mongeau they had no problem with the plan. Mongeau will present it again when he has completed the pay scale by including the employee information in the format.

Commissioner Fox made a motion for a 5 minute executive session for personnel employee performance review with Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau and County Counselor Paul Dean. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No decision was made.

Appraiser's Office Supervisor Shawna Griffiths told commissioners employee Jean Edwards informed her she planned to retire after 28 years of service with the Appraiser's Office and her last day would be Friday, January 3, 2020.

County Counselor Paul Dean will draw up a Resolution for Shawna Griffiths to be acting Appraiser for a 60-day time period.

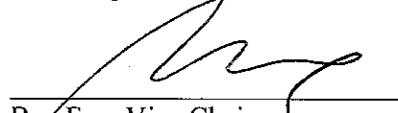
At 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Fox made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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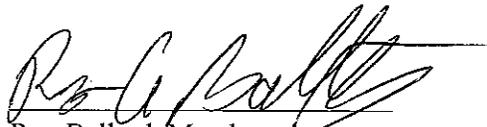
December 31 – Courthouse closes @ 11:30 a.m. to close year-end business /1:00 p.m.  
year-end dinner @ Matt Samuel's Bldg for County Employees/Spouses/Children.  
January 1<sup>st</sup> – Courthouse closed in observance of New Year's Day  
January 6th – Commission Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

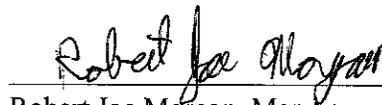
ATTEST: Kathy Robison  
Kathy Robison, County Clerk

  
Chuck Spradlin, Chairman

  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

  
Paul Hodge, Member

  
Roy Ballard, Member

  
Robert Joe Morgan, Member