

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.  
Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – Commission Meeting -9:00 a.m.  
Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> – Board of Canvass – 10:00 a.m.  
Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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